

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Announcement of Encounter Data System Updates – June 2020 – Dated 6/26/2020
Summary	CMS provided information regarding the release of system updates including the deactivation of four existing reject edits for encounter data to allow for recent changes to Medicare Advantage benefits.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the changes.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) July 2020 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 6/26/2020
Summary	<p>CMS released information about the July payment which is scheduled for July 1, 2020 and may require plan action on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Mid-Year Risk Adjustment Reconciliation • Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing • Extension of the Transition Period for Submitting MARx Batch Input Header Record • Sequestration
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for items that are applicable to your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Proposed Enhancements to the Bid Review Out-of-Pocket Cost Model and Request for Stakeholder Comments – Dated 6/26/2020
Summary	CMS requested comments on the proposed technical enhancements to the Bid Review Out-of-Pocket (OOPC) Model for Contract Year 2022 including updates to the Part D beneficiary cohort model and expansion of the Medicare Common Beneficiary Survey (MCBS) cohort. The survey will be open from Friday, June 26, 2020 through Tuesday, August 25, 2020 . Additional details and a link to the survey is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the out-of-pocket requirements.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 Part D Pricing File Submission (PDPFS) Module Enhancements – Dated 6/26/2020
Summary	CMS implemented changes and enhancements to the CY 2021 Part D Pricing File Submission module in response to feedback received from the industry. The list of changes and enhancements is provided.

Action	Informational as PACE plans do not submit pricing files to Medicare Plan Finder.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: July Participating Labeler Codes – Dated 6/26/2020
Summary	CMS will make the following updates to the list of participating manufacturer labeler codes by July 1, 2020 . Added: 00713 Cosette Pharmaceuticals, Inc 24201 Leucadia Pharmaceuticals 73535 MorphoSys US, Inc.
Action	Although the Coverage Gap Discount Program does not apply to PACE, the participating labeler codes are applicable because only brand name prescriptions with NDCs from these codes are accepted for Part D payment. Pharmastar has made the necessary software adjustments to accommodate for the updated codes.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Encounter Data Submission Performance Reports – June 2020 – Dated 6/30/2020
Summary	CMS announced the availability of an updated set of encounter data submission performance reports and technical notes available via the HPMS portal.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Posting of Quarterly 2020 Plan Benefit Data on www.cms.gov – Quarter 4 – Dated 7/1/2020
Summary	CMS released the CY 2020 approved plan benefit data on the CMS website. A link to the data is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	HPMS Crosswalk Exception Requests for Contract Year 2021 - Round 2 – Dated 7/2/2020
Summary	CMS announced an additional opportunity to request HPMS crosswalk exceptions for CY 2021 from Monday, July 6, 2020 through Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. ET via HPMS. Additional details, including a listing of the crosswalk exceptions and HPMS pathway, are provided.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Webinar Training Opportunity – Dated 7/6/2020
Summary	CMS has a training opportunity for plans to help in improving the quality and delivery of care to dual eligible participants. The training will be held on July 16 at 3-4 PM EDT .
Action	Informational to PACE plans. For individuals who are interested in participating in the training, refer to the email for complete details and the registration link.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Availability of 2019 Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) Electronic Data – Dated 7/6/2020
Summary	The 2019 Medicare Health Outcomes Survey-Modified (HOS-M) beneficiary level data is available for participating PACE organizations. Participating plans may retrieve their data by contacting HOS Information and Technical Support via email as specified in the memo.
Action	Applicable to the PACE plans that participated. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Part C and D Star Ratings: Members Choosing to Leave the Plan detail data available for review – Dated 7/6/2020
Summary	CMS announced that beneficiary-level disenrollment detail data is available for distribution to review prior to the first plan preview. Summary-level disenrollment data are currently available for review in HPMS. Instructions for requesting the files are included.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans do not participate in the MA plan Star Ratings.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Transition to New Risk Adjustment Mailboxes – Dated 7/6/2020
Summary	CMS has two new mailboxes for addressing questions related to encounter data and risk adjustment to better align the risk adjustment topics being received through the current mailboxes. The new mailbox for encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov is riskadjustmentoperations@cms.hhs.gov . The new mailbox for riskadjustment@cms.hhs.gov is riskadjustmentpolicy@cms.hhs.gov . The mailboxes will be available beginning July 13, 2020 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	PACE Organization Access to the Additional Beneficiary Information Initiatives (ABII) Web Portal for Contract Year (CY) 2020 – Dated 7/8/2020
Summary	CMS announced the ability for PACE plans to sign up for the Additional Beneficiary Information Initiatives (ABII) Web Portal for CY 2020. Access to the ABII web portal will allow plans to retrieve information that can aide the plan in making appropriate B vs D coverage determination of immunosuppressants for their participants. User access to the portal can be made by July 22, 2020 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Request for Comments on the Proposed Addendum to the Part C & D Enrollee Grievances, Organization/Coverage Determinations, and Appeals Guidance – Dated 7/8/2020
Summary	CMS is providing Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans and other stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the proposed Addendum to the Part C & D Enrollee Grievances. Comments on the Addendum are due by August 7, 2020 and should be submitted to the email provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans are not a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans.

For the latest CMS response to COVID-19, please visit the [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov) website.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
July 31, 2020	Deadline for 2015-2018 Direct & Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Resubmission
September 30, 2020 1 PM ET	Deadline for Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopening for CY 2015 PDE Data Submission
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

Please note that this information is provided to you in summary form for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal or regulatory compliance advice. It is your responsibility to consult with your Compliance Officer and/or legal counsel to determine applicability of any regulation or standards referenced herein to your organization and/or processes.