

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Resuming Calendar Year 2020 Medicare Parts C and D Program Audit Activities – Dated 7/27/2020
Summary	CMS announced it has finalized its plan for resuming the routine Parts C and D program audit activities which were temporarily reprioritized due to the public health emergency. Engagement letters for the scheduled calendar year 2020 Parts C and D program audits have been sent as of July 27, 2020 however CMS reserves the right to conduct additional audits should the need arise.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 Online Enrollment Center (OEC) Record Layout Changes – Dated 7/28/2020
Summary	CMS provided notice of changes to the CY 2021 Online Enrollment Center (OEC) record layout used by the HPMS OEC Management module for enrollments effective on or after January 1, 2021 . The revised layout and a detailed list of changes are provided.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is prohibited from participating in the OEC.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Action Required: Annual Release of Part D National Average Bid Amount and Other Part C & D Bid Information – Dated 7/29/2020
Summary	CMS provided the determination of the amounts for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part D National Average Monthly Bid Amount, Beneficiary Premium, and Regional Low-Income Premium Subsidy Amounts • MA Regional PPO Benchmarks and EGWP Payment Rates • De Minimis Amount
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Summer Update Window for CY 2021 Formularies – Dated 7/29/2020
Summary	CMS is granting conditional approvals for CY 2021 formularies and is in the process of contacting organizations with outstanding formulary issues. Organizations will have the opportunity to make limited updates to their approved CY 2021 formulary submissions from 12:00 a.m. EDT August 6, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. EDT August 10, 2020 .

Action	Informational to PACE plans that utilize a formulary.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 Drug Pricing and Plan Benefits Previews – Dated 7/29/2020
Summary	CMS encourages organizations to preview their CY 2021 drug pricing data, plan benefits, and out-of-pocket cost estimate data prior to publication in the Medicare Plan Finder on October 1, 2020 . Preview windows will be open August 12-18, 2020 and September 8-11, 2020 as specified in the memo. Preview guidance and changes as well as a path link to the preview functionality are provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Although PACE plans do not have drug pricing data on Plan Finder, please refer to the memo for complete details to ensure all necessary contact information for your organization is accurately stated in HPMS.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Quality Withhold Updates for Medicare-Medicaid Plans – Dated 7/29/2020
Summary	CMS released information regarding Calendar Year (CY) 2019 and CY 2020 quality withhold analyses for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) impacts from the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE) and the Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 8.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Model Notice Corrections and Updates – Dated 7/29/2020
Summary	CMS announced corrections and updates made to clarify the standardized language that MAOs and Part D plans must use in their model templates. A summary of each issue, its location, and the required updates are provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of Request for Information (RFI) on Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances – Dated 7/30/2020
Summary	CMS requests input regarding implementation of Section 2003 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act). Comments must be received by October 5, 2020 .

Action	Informational to PACE. A link to the RFI is provided.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Cost Plan Evidence of Coverage (EOC) Model – CORRECTION – Dated 8/1/2020
Summary	CMS provided a correction to Item 13 from the July 29, 2020 HPMS Memorandum entitled “Model Notice Corrections and Updates” regarding the eligibility of individuals with ESRD to enroll in MA plans. A corrected excerpt of the affected section of the CY2021 Cost Plan EOC Model is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2021 Medicare Advantage Out-of-Pocket Costs & Premium Information for Rebate Reallocation – Dated 8/1/2020
Summary	CMS published CY 2021 Medicare out-of-pocket costs and premium information for Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) preparing bid submissions during the rebate reallocation. A path to the file on HPMS is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY2021 Final Actuarial Certification Deadline – Dated 8/1/2020
Summary	As part of the CY 2021 bid submission requirements, an actuarial certification must be submitted via the HPMS actuarial certification module for every Bid Pricing Tool uploaded to HPMS. Certifying actuaries were required to complete the initial certification process in June. All final certifications are to be completed by Monday, August 10, 2020 . If final certification is not submitted via HPMS, the bid(s) will not be considered for CMS review or approval.
Action	Applicable to PACE. PACE plans should review the status of this requirement with their actuaries. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) August 2020 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 8/1/2020
Summary	CMS released information about the August payment scheduled for August 1, 2020 and may require plan action on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Batch Input Transaction Data File Name • 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	Availability of Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) 2016-2018 Cohort 19 Performance Measurement Reports and Data – Dated 8/3/2020
Summary	CMS announced the release of the Medicare HOS 2017-2019 Cohort 20 Performance Measurement beneficiary level data. The HOS data are intended to support quality improvement activities and initiatives. Plans can obtain their data from HSAG by contacting the HOS information and technical support with the provided email address.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not participate in the Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) program.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	September 2020 Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) Enhancements – Dated 8/4/2020
Summary	CMS will implement changes to the Complaints Tracking Module (CTM) effective September 30, 2020 . Included are changes to the “Contract Assignment” date, the “Beneficiary Identifier” field, and the CTM search, plus the addition of a new field.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for details as PACE organizations are expected to monitor the CTM.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	First Plan Preview of 2021 Star Ratings Data – Dated 8/6/2020
Summary	CMS informed plans the of opportunity to preview Star Ratings data in HPMS prior to display on the Medicare Plan Finder. The first plan preview will be held from August 7-17, 2020 with a second plan preview in September. Plans should notify CMS of any data issues or errors to allow sufficient time for CMS to investigate and process the data corrections.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE plans do not participate in the MA plan Star Ratings.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 “Medicare & You” Handbook - Plan Data Preview – Dated 8/6/2020
Summary	CMS is providing plans the opportunity to preview how plan data will appear in the CY 2021 “Medicare & You” handbook. The preview period will be Thursday, August 13 through Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6 PM EDT . CMS suggest plans review their data as early as

Action	possible to ensure any updates are reflected in a timely manner in the materials and tools available to people with Medicare. Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Encounter Data Processing System (EDPS) Update to Edit 03140 – Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Surgery Procedure Code Missing – Dated 8/6/2020
Summary	CMS released information and guidance regarding an update to edit 03140 in the Encounter Data Processing Systems (EDPS). An issue was identified wherein Edit 03140 may have been posted in error, resulting in reject lines that should have been accepted for encounters between June 11, 2018 and July 19, 2020 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the email for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Registration: Risk Adjustment for EDS and RAPS User Group – Dated 8/6/2020
Summary	CMS will host a Risk Adjustment for EDS (Encounter Data System) and RAPS (Risk Adjustment Processing System) User Group on updates to the MAO-004 report (Phase IV Version 0) on August 27, 2020 from 2 PM to 3 PM ET . Registration with a valid 2020 or 2021 contract number from a represented organization is required by August 21, 2020 at 2 PM ET .
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

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Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
August 17, 2020 - August 24, 2020 5 PM ET	Submission Template Contract Year 2021 Opioid Safety Edits- Submission Window
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>	

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