

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: October Participating Labeler Codes - Dated 09/28/2020
Summary	CMS will make the following updates to the list of participating manufacturer labeler codes by October 1, 2020 . <u>Added:</u> 73292 NS Pharma, Inc. 72647 OAKRUM PHARMA LLC 73129 Origin Biosciences
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	2017 Benefit Year Closeout for the Coverage Gap Discount Program Invoicing Cycle - Dated 09/28/2020
Summary	This is a reminder of the upcoming closeout of the benefit year 2017 Coverage Gap Discount Program invoicing cycle which ends on January 31, 2021. PDE records reporting gap discount amounts for benefit year 2017 that require submission, adjustment, or deletion for any reason must be submitted by this date to be included in the 2017 benefit year's final CGDP invoice.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Operational Data Sharing (ODS) – Invitation to Listening Sessions - Dated 09/28/2020
Summary	CMS would like to know more about the customer experiences with ODS in the following functional areas: Prescription Drug Events, Risk Adjustment, Plan Payments and Premiums, and Enrollment and Eligibility. The sessions are scheduled for October 6, 7 and 8, 2020 @ 1 PM US EST.
Action	Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 Draft Program Audit Protocols for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) - Dated 09/29/2020
Summary	This memo provides organizations an opportunity to comment on the 2021 Draft Audit Protocols and Supplemental Questionnaire for MMPs. CMS

Action	<p>created this questionnaire to ensure compliance with three-way contract requirements in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare-Medicaid Plan Care Coordination Program Area • Medicare-Medicaid Plan Service Authorization Requests, Appeals, and Grievances Program Area <p>Questionnaire and email contact are included in the email. Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
CMS Email Title & Release Date	<p>Completion of the 2019 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation - Dated 09/30/2020</p>
Summary	<p>The payment reconciliation reports will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Thursday, October 29, 2020. If you cannot access these reports, please contact CSSC at 877-534-2772.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
CMS Email Title & Release Date	<p>2021 Star Ratings Marketing Template - Dated 09/24/2020</p>
Summary	<p>This is a reminder to alert plans that the 2021 Medicare Star Ratings marketing template will be available in HPMS along with the release of the 2021 Star Ratings on the Medicare Plan Finder. Plans may not release information on their 2021 Star Ratings through any means until the ratings have been released publicly and are live on the MPF. Links for additional guidance is included in the email.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.</p>
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Release of Notice of Intent to Apply for Contract Year 2022 Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMP), and Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D) and Related CY 2022 Application Deadlines - Dated 10/01/2020</p>
Summary	<p>Organizations should submit the CY 2022 NOIA by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on November 11, 2020. Entities must submit a NOIA for CY 2022 if they plan any of the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering a new product type • Transitioning an existing non- or partial network Private Fee for Service to a full network PFFS • Expanding the service area of an existing contract, including employer only service areas • Adding prescription drug benefits to an existing contract for the first time • Adding Employer Group Waiver Plan market to an existing individual-only service area for the first time • Adding individual market to an existing EGWP-only service area for the first time • Adding or expanding the service area of a Special Needs Plan

Action	Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Encounter Data System – Edit for Missing Admission Diagnosis Code and Risk Adjustment Model Run Impact - Dated 10/01/2020
Summary	This memo describes an update to an edit in the front-end processing system of the Medicare Advantage Encounter Data System. The edit was updated on January 6, 2020. The update to this edit may have affected diagnoses submitted for risk adjustment model runs. The update to the edit was promulgated unintentionally and rejected encounter data with a missing admitting diagnosis code on institutional inpatient records. The rejections occurred at the 277CA level of processing and returned an edit code of A6:>CSSC 232. MAOs may resubmit previously-submitted encounter data that were rejected as a result of the edit update. MAOs should resubmit these encounters by 8:00 PM ET on October 16, 2020 for the diagnoses to be considered for payment.
Action	Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2021 Essential Hospital Designation and Attestation - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	This memo advises Medicare Advantage organizations that offer Regional Preferred Provider Organizations how to request approval to designate non-contracting hospitals as essential hospitals. RPOs requesting essential hospital designation for one or more non-contracted hospitals must submit the table and attestation to CMS by Thursday, October 31, 2020.
Action	Not applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2021 Medicare CAHPS Survey - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	CMS would like to remind all Medicare Advantage Organizations, 1876 Cost Contracts, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, and Part D sponsors about the CAHPS Survey, the procedures for requesting additional sample, and the rules regarding the number of supplemental items. This memo also includes information on administering the survey in other languages (Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog) as well as the timeline and process for receipt of official CMS survey results
Action	Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2021 Readiness Checklist for Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, and Cost Plans - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	The CY 2021 Readiness Checklist from CMS summarizes key operational requirements for organization to review and perform their own internal audits for 2021 preparedness and eventual reporting purposes.

Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for additional details and items applicable to your plan. Any questions should be addressed to the appropriate individual(s) listed on the attachment Appendix A. Pharmastar will review and provide a list of the sections applicable to Pharmastar and supporting policy and procedures to how they will be handled.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Webinar Training Opportunity - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	<p>On November 10th, 2:30-3:30 PM ET there will be a panel discussion available to discuss the below key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify non-opioid pain management options available for individuals experiencing chronic pain • Describe key considerations for implementing a person-centered approach to pain management • Identify barriers to treating chronic pain during the COVID-19 pandemic <p>Link is included in the memo.</p>
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Proposed PACE Quality Data Monitoring and Reporting Requirements 30-Day Comment Period - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	CMS announces an opportunity for PACE organizations to comment on the proposed PACE Quality Data Monitoring and Reporting Requirements.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Navigation - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	CMS invites you to provide feedback on the HPMS navigation scheme. Through the annual HPMS customer satisfaction survey, concerns have been expressed with the HPMS menu system and the way in which modules are categorized. Link to online survey is included in the memo.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Special Needs Plans Model of Care Public Reporting - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	This e-mail is to notify Special Needs Plans (SNPs) that the contract year 2021 Model of Care (MOC) Public Reports are now posted on the SNP MOC website at: www.snpmoc.org . If you have questions, please contact https://dpap.lmi.org .
Action	Not applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Payment Adjustments to PACE Organizations for Calendar Years 2010 – 2020 - Dated 10/02/2020

Summary	CMS is notifying PACE organizations of a correction that will be made to the PACE payment rates for PACE participants who are ESRD beneficiaries for calendar years 2010 through 2020. This correction will result in PACE organizations receiving a positive payment adjustment from CMS. CMS anticipates that they that they will make the payment adjustment by December 2020. Refer to the monthly payment memos for the specific month in which your adjustments are made.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) and Risk Adjustment System (RAS) Updates - Dated 10/02/2020
Summary	The purpose of this memo is to provide additional information on the 410 edit correction, updates on several other RAPS and RAS processing updates: a processing issue with the 411 edit; an update to the diagnosis code reference data in the RAPS processing system; and the use of diagnoses from RAPS inpatient records in encounter databased risk scores. There is an email contact available as well as directions within the memo if any of your plan's records have been affected.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.

For the latest CMS response to COVID-19, please visit the CMS.gov website.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
November 9 th , 2020 12 PM ET	Deadline for the submission of the <i>Attestation of Data Relating to CMS Payment to a Medicare Part D Sponsor</i> .
November 11 th , 2020 5PM ET	CY 2022 NOIA submission deadline.
December 1 st , 2020	Deadline for submitting EPOC annual certification letter.
December 4 th , 2020 12 PM PT	Deadline for submitting MLR form to HPMS.
*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.	

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