

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2021 Part C Reporting Updates for Applicable Integrated Plans and the Unified Appeals and Grievance Procedures - Dated 10/19/2020
Summary	CMS is issuing this memo to identify Part C reporting updates for Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans that are applicable integrated plans. Applicable integrated plans are fully integrated D-SNPs with exclusively aligned enrollment with a Medicaid managed care organization. Starting on January 1, 2021, organizations offering these plans are required to unify Medicare and Medicaid appeals and grievance procedures.
Action	Refer to memo for details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: November Participating Labeler Codes - Dated 10/27/2020
Summary	<p>CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by November 1, 2020. The update includes the following to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28595 Allegis Pharmaceuticals, LLC • 52440 Titan Pharmaceuticals
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	COVID-19 Vaccine Significant Cost Determination - Dated 10/28/2020
Summary	CMS has determined Medicare payment for COVID vaccinations administered during CY2020 and CY2021 will be made through the Medicare FFS program. This is because MA capitation rates for 2020 and 2021 do not include the projected cost for a COVID-19 vaccine. Therefore, given the significant cost determination, beneficiaries enrolled in MA plans will be able to access the vaccine without cost sharing at any FFS provider or supplier that both participates in Medicare and is eligible to bill under Part B for vaccine administration.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.

CMS Email Title & Release Date	COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkits- Dated 10/29/2020
Summary	This email from HPMS contains links for FAQs regarding the memo released on 10/28/2020 as well as a periodically updated “toolkit” that conveys critical information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2021 Program Audit Updates - Dated 10/29/2020
Summary	CMS sends out notification that the audit protocols used for the 2020 program audits will also be used for the 2021 program audits.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) November 2020 Payment – INFORMATION- Dated 10/30/2020
Summary	<p>CMS provided information about the November payment which is scheduled for October 30th, 2020 and may require plan action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CY 2019 Part D Payment Reconciliation • PACE ESRD Payment Error in November 2020 Payment • Sequestration • Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing • Important Notice Regarding ESRD • End-of-Year 2020 Part C Premium Processing (Transaction Code 78)
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and items that may be applicable to your plan.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2021 Resource and Cost-Sharing Limits for Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)- Dated 10/30/2020
Summary	The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is releasing guidance on the updated resource limits for individuals who apply and qualify for the low-income subsidy (LIS).
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Fall Actuarial User Group Call and Release of CY 2022 BPT Updates - Dated 10/30/2020
Summary	CMS will host an actuarial user group call on Thursday, November 12th 2020 . The purpose of this call will be to review the CY2021 bidding process, discuss potential changes for CY 2022 Bid Pricing Tools and corresponding instructions, and to respond to questions from industry actuaries who will be preparing CY 2022 bids.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Calendar Year (CY) 2022 for Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies – Part II- Dated 10/30/2020
Summary	On September 14, 2020 CMS released for comment proposed changes pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act to the Part C risk adjustment model used to pay for aged and disabled beneficiaries with a comment deadline of November 13, 2020 . CMS is extending this deadline and are continuing to solicit comment on those proposed changes until Monday, November 30, 2020 . In accordance with the Social Security Act, CMS is now notifying you of additional planned changes in the MA capitation rate methodology and risk adjustment methodology applied under Part C of the Medicare statute for CY 2022. Also included with this notice is a discussion of the annual adjustments for CY 2022 to the Medicare Part D benefit parameters for the defined standard benefit.
Action	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.
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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