

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	OMB-Approved Coverage Decision Letter for Applicable Integrated Plans – Dated 12/07/2020
Summary	The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the OMB-approved Coverage Decision Letter and form instructions for Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans that are applicable integrated plans to use starting on January 1, 2021 , but no later than January 15, 2021 .
Action	Refer to memo for details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	One-Third Financial Audits – Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Submission Instructions and Best Practices – Dated 12/08/2020
Summary	The Division of Financial Audit and Resolution (DFAR) has the responsibility of evaluating the corrective actions and the overall close-out process for the One-Third Financial Audits (OFAs). After an audit is completed, the audited organization will receive a notification email from the Health Plan Management System with instructions on retrieving the final audit report and responding to corrective actions. Instructions and best practices to aid organizations in completing successful Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) as a result of the OFAs are enclosed.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model Application Process for Calendar Year (CY) 2022 – Dated 12/09/2020
Summary	CMS released the Request for Applications (RFA) for the CY 2022 VBID Model, including the CY 2022 RFA for the Hospice Benefit Component of the VBID Model. This memo provides additional information and application details for Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) interested in applying to participate in the VBID Model, including offering the Medicare Hospice Benefit, for 2022. It also includes details on upcoming webinars. All VBID Model applications will be due on April 16, 2021 .
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Contract Year (CY) 2021 Part D Reporting Requirements and Technical Specifications – Dated 12/11/2020
Summary	CMS released the 2020 Part D Reporting Requirements. The link to the reporting requirements is provided.

Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Medicare Parts C and Part D Improper Payment Measures (IPMs) – Program Updates for Reporting Year 2021 – Dated 12/11/2020
Summary	This memo provides updates regarding The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)’s Part C and Part D IPM activities for Reporting Year 2021, which will be based on payments made in Calendar Year (CY) 2019.
Action	Refer to memo for details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Improving Prior Authorization Processes and Promoting Patients’ Electronic Access to Health Information Proposed Rule Listening Session - December 16 – Dated 12/14/2020
Summary	This email is a notification of the informational listening session on Wednesday, December 16 from 1:30 to 3 pm ET . Link is included within email to register.
Action	Refer to memo for details.

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Request for Timely Enrollment Updates

Due to the upcoming holidays, Pharmastar is asking plan Enrollment Departments to send any member enrollment/disenrollment and changes, if it is available, as timely as possible. Please forward this information to your organization’s Enrollment Department along with the Pharmastar email address: enrollment@pharmastarpbm.com.

Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
December 31, 2020	2021 Readiness Checklist- <i>review and have all applicable items in place for 2021</i>
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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