

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Coordination of Benefits (COB) File Update – Dated 03/26/2021
Summary	The upcoming Annual Full Replacement COB-OHI file will be available to plans on May 24th, 2021 . At such time, the daily COB OHI notification files will be put on hold while the full replacement files are being generated. The daily COB OHI notification files will resume once the full replacement files are completed. Any plans that do not have at least one beneficiary with a COB change will receive a daily COB-OHI file to report that there were no COB changes for the plan. The file layout for the COB-OHI No Report is provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Plans are to review the daily COB-OHI files and the full replacement COB-OHI files and verify the OHI with its participant. Plan to notify Pharmastar of participants who do have OHI to ensure prescription drug claims are adjudicated appropriately.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Continuation of the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Reports and PDE Analysis Reporting Initiatives for the 2021 Benefit Year – Dated 03/26/2021
Summary	CMS announced the continuation of the PDE Reports and PDE Analysis initiatives for 2021 benefit year that support CMS’s efforts to improve the accuracy of PDE data. Information on the reports and the actions expected from participating sponsors is provided.
Action	Applicable to PACE. To add/change user authorization to access the PDE Analysis Reporting Web Portal, refer to the memo for additional details and instructions. Pharmastar can assist plans with the reports from the portal. Additionally, if your plan would like someone at Pharmastar to have access to the web portal, please reach out to your Client Support Specialist.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	2021 Data Validation of Medicare Part C and Part D Reporting Requirements Data – Dated 03/26/2021
Summary	CMS announces the 2021 Data Validation will begin on April 1, 2021 . More information will be provided when the 2020 Data Validation web-based training becomes available.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from the Part C reporting requirements and waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Addendum to Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies: List of Private Fee-for-Service Network Areas for 2023 – Dated 03/29/2021

Summary	CMS is issuing this Addendum to the CY 2022 Rate Announcement to announce that the list of PFFS network areas for 2023 have been published on the CMS website. Link is included on the memo.
Action	Applicable to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) April 2021 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 03/30/2021
Summary	CMS released information about the April payment which is scheduled for April 1, 2021 and may require plan action on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CY2019 Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Reconciliation • Hospice Data Cleanup • Missing LEP for 2021 • 2021 Frailty Score Update • Sequestration • Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing
Action	Applicable to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2021 Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Income and Resource Standards – Dated 03/30/2021
Summary	CMS provided updated income and resource standards for individuals who apply for the low-income subsidy for Medicare Part D. The 2020 Poverty Guidelines and description of the methodology CMS used to update the resource limits for 2021 is provided.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Update to Risk Adjustment Processing System (RAPS) – ICD-10 Reference Data & RAPS Edit 450 – Dated 03/30/2021
Summary	The purpose of this memorandum is to inform organizations about an off-cycle update to the RAPS ICD-10 reference data. In response to the need to capture more information about post-COVID related conditions, CDC has released additional ICD-10 codes. Refer to memo for the list of codes.
Action	Applicable to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2021 Data Validation of Medicare Part C and Part D Reporting Requirements Data – Dated 03/30/2021
Summary	The 2021 DV cycle will take place from April 1 - June 30, 2021 for 2020 data submitted for the following reporting sections by March 31, 2021. The deadline for reviewers to submit annual DV review findings to CMS is June 30, 2021 . Please follow the link for related documents.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from the Part C reporting requirements and waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: April Participating Labeler Codes- Dated 03/31/2021

Summary	<p>CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by April 1, 2021. The update includes the following to be added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45629 – Aveo Oncology • 81203 – Dicerna • 72245 – Forte Bio-Pharma LLC • 73604 – Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals Corp. • 55670 – Mckesson Medical-Surgical • 70677 – Strategic Sourcing Services LLC • 72603 – Northstar RX LLC • 78670 – UWSM, LLC
Action	<p>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.</p>
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>Technical Assistance/Training Opportunities and Resources- Dated 04/01/2021</p>
Summary	<p>CMS announces the following technical assistance resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REMINDER-Webinar: Strategies for Health Plans to Support Access to COVID-19 Vaccines for Vulnerable Populations • Webinar: Promoting Disability-Competent Care during COVID-19 • Webinar: Diabetes Care Assessment, Planning, and Management during COVID-19 • REMINDER-New Resources for Integrated Care COVID-19 Vaccination Blog <p>Please refer to memo for date/time of each webinar or blog.</p>
Action	<p>Applicable to PACE.</p>
CMS Email Title & Release Date	<p>2022 Part D Reporting Requirements - 60 day Comment Period – Dated 04/01/2021</p>
Summary	<p>CMS announced an opportunity for Part D sponsors to comment on the proposed Part D Reporting Requirements document. There is a link provided within the email.</p>
Action	<p>Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the Part D reporting requirements.</p>
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	<p>2020 Call Center Monitoring Performance Metrics for Timeliness Study, Quarter 4- Dated 04/01/2021</p>

Summary	CMS released the elements and studies on the Part C and Part D call center monitoring for 2020 Quarter 4.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the email for further details.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Stand-alone PDP Contract Consolidation Requests for CY 2022 – Dated 04/02/2021
Summary	CMS requests that stand-alone Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) sponsors submit a formal request to CMS, on plan letterhead in PDF format, identifying any contracts to be consolidated for CY 2022. Additionally, sponsors are asked to submit the attached Excel template to provide details of the intended crosswalk.
Action	Informational to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2022 Medicare Parts C and D Annual Calendar – Dated 04/02/2021
Summary	CMS releases a calendar listing a timeline for important operational dates for all organizations and sponsors. Please refer to calendar for dates that may apply to your contract.
Action	Applicable to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Office Hour: 2022 Payment Design of the Hospice Benefit Component of the VBID Model – Dated 04/05/2021
Summary	CMS will host office hours on April 13 th , 2021 from 4-5 PM ET to provide a brief review of the payment methodology of the hospice benefit component of the VBID model.
Action	Informational to PACE.

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Important Date Reminders

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June 29, 2021	2020 PDE Submission Deadline
June 30, 2021	2020 DIR Deadline
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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