

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of the Non-Renewal/Service Area Reduction Module in the Health Plan Management System – Dated 04/26/2021
Summary	CMS released the updated Non-Renewal/Service Area Reduction module in HPMS. It will be available on April 26, 2021 . Plans can request a NR or SAR for CMS’s review and approval in the module no later than June 1, 2021 .
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Release of the Contract Year 2022 Service Area Verification Functionality – Dated 04/26/2021
Summary	CMS announced availability of contract year 2022 Service Area Verification (SAV) functionality in HPMS. Part D sponsors should begin reviewing their entire contract service area and applicable attributes and must concur or non-concur by bid submission deadline.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Part D Senior Savings Model Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Reporting Guidance - Dated 04/27/2021
Summary	CMS provides clarifying PDE reporting guidance to Part D sponsors participating in the Part D Senior Savings Model to response to FAQ’s from sponsors.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Announcement of the July 24, 2021 Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Program (MARx) System Software Release – Special Election Period (SEP) Reason Code – Dated 04/27/2021
Summary	This announcement provides information regarding a system change scheduled for July 24, 2021 for the enrollment and payment systems within MARx. Refer to memo for screenshots and further details.
Action	Applicable to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) May 2021 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 04/28/2021
Summary	CMS provided information regarding the September 2020 Medicare Advantage /Prescription Drug Payment that is currently scheduled for receipt April 30th, 2021 .
Action	Applicable to PACE.

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Closing the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) for Benefit Year 2014 – Dated 04/28/2021
Summary	CMS will close the DDPS to PDE data with dates of services (DOS) for benefit year 2014 which will take effect on July 1, 2021 . Any PDE data submitted with DOS for 2014 after June 30, 2021 will reject with a PDE edit code of 788. An updated PDE edit code spreadsheet will be posted on the CSSC website prior to the effective date of the change.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the closing of the 2014 PDE data.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Final Medicare Part D DIR Reporting Guidance for 2020 – Dated 04/28/2021
Summary	<p>This announcement provides final guidance for sponsors CY 2020 DIR (Direct and Indirect Remuneration). With the exception of two technical changes (see below), the guidance will be the same as last year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In DIR #8C (Amounts Received from Pharmacies comments field), Part D Sponsors are directed to separate each pharmacy price concession noted in the comments with a pound sign (#). 2. In DIR #9C (Amounts Paid to Pharmacies comments field), Part D Sponsors are directed to separate each pharmacy incentive payment noted in the comments with a pound sign (#).
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Guidance for the Part D Payment Reconciliation Reopening for Calendar Year 2016
Summary	CMS will perform a program-wide reopening for the 2016 Part D Payment Reconciliation. The reopening will include CY 2016 PDE data submitted and accepted through 1:00 PM ET September 30, 2021 . CMS will continue to accept CY 2016 PDE data after the September deadline; however, the data will not be considered in the reopening. For 2016 DIR changes, CMS will open the gates in HPMS for the resubmission of the 2016 DIR reports for Payment Reconciliation from July 1 through July 31, 2021 .
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details on the reopening and related deadlines.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: May Participating Labeler Codes – Dated 04/30/2021
Summary	<p>CMS will make the following updates to the list of participating manufacturer labeler codes by May 1, 2021.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69087 Clarus Therapeutics • 79952 ADC Therapeutics America <p>Deleted:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69482 Encore Dermatology
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	CY 2022 Medication Therapy Management Program Guidance and Submission Instructions – Dated 04/30/2021
Summary	CMS provided guidance to plans regarding the CY 2022 Medication Therapy Management Programs on the important dates, changes and information regarding submission and attestations.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE is waived of the requirements of the Part D Medication Therapy Management Program.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Process for Requesting an HPMS Crosswalk Exception for Contract Year 2022
Summary	CMS announced an additional opportunity to request HPMS crosswalk exceptions for CY 2021 from July 8, 2021 through July 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ET via HPMS. Additional details, including a listing of the crosswalk exceptions and HPMS pathway, are provided.
Action	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Retail Pharmacy Network Access and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacy Access Analysis Results for Q1 CY 2021 – Dated 05/03/2021
Summary	CMS made available the retail pharmacy access analysis for AEP and Q1 CY 2021. To access the data, the path link in HPMS is provided. The data will be used to identify plans that are not meeting the retail pharmacy access standard requirement.
Action	Informational to PACE.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	CY 2022 Plan Connectivity Data Submission and Verification – Dated 05/03/2021
Summary	CMS released a reminder to complete the data entry and the email submission contracts for CY2021, Organizations are instructed to print, sign, scan, and email all PCD data exchange information, per the instructions on the PCD screen, and email the signed documents to the MAPD Help Desk at MAPDHelp@cms.hhs.gov .

Action

Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.

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Important Date Reminders

Date	Item
June 29, 2021	2020 PDE Submission Deadline
June 30, 2021	2020 DIR Deadline
July 31, 2021	2016 Part D Payment Reconciliation Deadline
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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