

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Permissible Flexibilities Related to Oral Antiviral Drugs for Treatment of COVID-19 that May Receive U.S. FDA Emergency Use Authorization and are Procured by the U.S. Government – Dated 11/23/2021
Summary	CMS releases this guidance to inform sponsors of permissible flexibilities during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) regarding oral antiviral drugs available under the FDA Emergency Use Authorization. Specifically, CMS will permit sponsors to pay pharmacy claims for dispensing fees without enrollee cost sharing, and also to report prescription drug events (PDEs) for the dispensing fee claims.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Email Title & Release Date	Coverage Gap Discount Program: December Participating Labeler Codes – Dated 11/24/2021
Summary	CMS will update the manufacturer labeler codes for the Coverage Gap Discount Program by December 1, 2021. The update includes the following to be added: 82111 Edenbridge Pharmaceuticals, LLC 80203 Bioverativ US, LLC
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	Completion of the 2020 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation – Dated 11/26/2021
Summary	The payment reconciliation reports will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Thursday, November 30th, 2021 . If you cannot access these reports, please contact CSSC at 877-534-2772.
Action	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	2023 Quality Bonus Payment Determinations and Administrative Review Process for Quality Bonus Payments and Rebate Retention Allowances – Dated 11/29/2021

Summary	CMS made available to Medicare Advantage (MA) Organizations a process to review payment determinations based on quality bonuses. MA plans can request an administrative review of their Star Ratings for quality bonus payment determinations and rebate retention allowances by December 14 th , 2021.
Action	Informational to PACE as PACE does not follow the MAPD marketing guidelines and does not participate in payment adjustments linked to plan Star Ratings.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Long-Term Institutionalized Resident Report – Dated 11/29/2021
Summary	The fourth 2021 LTI Resident Report will be distributed to plans on November 30th, 2021 . Organizations will only receive an LTI report if they have LTI enrollees. The layout of the file is provided.
Action	Refer to memo for complete details.
CMS Memo Title & Release Date	Contract Year 2022 Essential Hospital Designation and Attestation – Dated 12/01/2021
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. RPPOs requesting essential hospital designation for one or more non-contracted hospitals must submit the table and attestation to CMS by Friday, December 10th 2021 .
Action	Not applicable to PACE. Refer to memo for details.

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