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DATE: June 19, 2020
TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations, Cost Plans, and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors
FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group
SUBJECT: Release of Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Data Form and Filing Instructions for Contract Year 2019

Each Medicare Advantage (MA) organization, cost plan, and Part D sponsor is required to submit MLR information to CMS for each contract year pursuant to the regulations at 42 CFR §§ 422.2460 and 423.2460. This memorandum announces the release of the MLR Data Form and filing instructions for Contract Year (CY) 2019.

The MLR Data Form and filing instructions for CY 2019 may be obtained in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) beginning Friday, June 26, 2020 at: HPMS Home > Plan Bids > Medical Loss Ratio > CY2019.

The expected timeline for CY 2019 MLR submission is as follows. Another memorandum will be released later this year to serve as a reminder and to confirm the CY 2019 MLR timeline.

- The upload functionality for completed CY 2019 MLR Data Forms will be available in HPMS beginning Friday, November 6, 2020.
- CY 2019 MLR Data Forms must be submitted in HPMS by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Friday, **December 4, 2020**.
- The attestation functionality for CY 2019 MLR Data Forms will be available in HPMS beginning Monday, December 7, 2020.
- CY 2019 MLR attestations must be submitted in HPMS by 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on Wednesday, **December 16, 2020**.

The reporting requirements for CY 2019 MLR were revised by the final rule titled “Contract Year 2019 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage, Medicare Cost Plan, Medicare Fee-for-Service, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Programs, and the PACE Program” (83 FR 16440), which contained policy changes applicable beginning in contract year 2019, which revise the MLR calculation to include in the MLR numerator all expenditures related to fraud reduction activities (including fraud prevention, fraud detection, and fraud recovery) and Medication Therapy Management (MTM) programs.

Additional guidance regarding the MLR reporting requirements may be found at:
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Advantage/Plan-Payment/MedicalLossRatio.html>.

Questions related to the guidance in this memorandum may be sent to MLRreport@cms.hhs.gov.

Technical questions may be addressed to the HPMS Help Desk at hpms@cms.hhs.gov.

MLR guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) will be released separately; questions related to MMPs may be sent to MMCOcapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov. Thank you.