

MEDICARE PART D REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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Introduction

In December 2003, Congress passed the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, Improvement and Modernization Act (MMA), allowing coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the Medicare Part D benefit. In accordance with Title I, Part 423, Subpart K (§ 423.514), the Act requires each Part D sponsor to have an effective procedure to provide statistics indicating:

- 1) the cost of its operations;
- 2) the patterns of utilization of its services;
- 3) the availability, accessibility, and acceptability of its services;
- 4) information demonstrating it has a fiscally sound operation; and
- 5) other matters as required by CMS.

The purpose of this document is to assure a common understanding of reporting requirements and how these data will be used to monitor the prescription drug benefit provided to Medicare beneficiaries. CMS will use the following terminology to ensure consistency in these reporting requirements:

- Part D sponsor –an organization which has one or more contract(s) with CMS to provide Part D benefits to Medicare beneficiaries. Each contract is assigned a CMS contract number (e.g. H# or S#).
- Plan – a plan benefit package (PBP) offered within a Part D contract (e.g. Plan ID #).

This document lists reporting timeframes and required levels of reporting. Data elements may be reported at the Plan (PBP) level, or the individual Contract level. These requirements are subject to change at the discretion of CMS. According to Subpart O, sanctions may be imposed on Part D sponsors who fail to comply with these reporting requirements.

The following criteria were used in selecting reporting requirements:

- 1) Minimal administrative burden on Part D sponsors;
- 2) Legislative and regulatory authority;
- 3) Validity, reliability, and utility of data elements requested; and
- 4) Wide acceptance and current utilization within the Industry.

Sponsors are required to undergo data validation to have some of their Part D data audited. Each Part D sponsor shall provide necessary data to CMS to support payment, program integrity, program management, and quality improvement activities. Additional reporting requirements are identified in separate guidance documents throughout the year. Guidance has been separately released for data validation, formulary, TrOOP, coordination of benefits, payment and 1/3 audit, and low income subsidy.

Part D sponsors may also be required to submit other information as defined by requirements in the application, guidances, or other documents (e.g. pharmacy access and formularies) during the annual contract bidding, application, or renewal process. Information is also required to be submitted throughout the contract year as allowable changes are made (e.g. formulary changes).

In each of the sections that follow, the method of submission (e.g. entered into or uploaded via the Health Plan Management System (HPMS)) and the level of reporting are specified following the reporting timeline. Reporting deadlines may occur in the subsequent calendar year. Unless otherwise specified, drug utilization data should include all covered* Part D drugs, including compounded drugs.

PACE Organizations offering Part D coverage are exempt from these Part D reporting requirements.

Medicare Advantage (MA) Organizations and Medicare Cost Plans (1876 plans only) that offer Part D benefits will be required to comply with all reporting requirements contained herein, with the exception of the Employer/Union-Sponsored Group Health Plan Sponsors reporting section.

Medicare/Medicaid Plans (MMPs) should refer to the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Model Reporting Requirements for additional reporting guidance. Some MMP measures may have specific timelines that may be different.

*Covered Part D drug as defined by Section 1860D-2(e)(2) of the MMA. Drugs offered under enhanced or supplemental drug benefits by sponsors are not covered Part D drugs.

Section I. Enrollment and Disenrollment

CMS provides guidance for Part D sponsors' processing of enrollment, disenrollment, and reinstatement requests.

Both Chapter 2 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual and Chapter 3 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Manual outline the enrollment and disenrollment periods (Section 30) and enrollment (Section 40), disenrollment (Section 50), and reinstatement (Section 60) procedures for all Medicare health and prescription drug plans.

CMS will collect data on the elements for these requirements, which are otherwise not available to CMS, in order to evaluate sponsors' processing of enrollment, disenrollment, and reinstatement requests in accordance with CMS requirements. For example, while there are a number of factors that result in an individual's eligibility for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP), sponsors are currently unable to specify each of these factors when submitting enrollment transactions. Sponsors' reporting of data regarding SEP reasons for which a code is not currently available will further assist CMS in ensuring sponsors are providing support to beneficiaries, while complying with CMS policies.

Section 1 Enrollment, elements 1.A-1.O must include all enrollments. Disenrollments must not be included in Section 1 Enrollment. Section 2 Disenrollment, elements 2.A-2.F, must include all voluntary disenrollment transactions.

Reporting timeline:

| | Period 1 | Period 2 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Reporting Period | January 1 – June 30 | July 1 – December 31 |
| Data due to CMS/HPMS | Last Monday of August | Last Monday of February |

Data elements to be entered into the HPMS at the Contract level:

1. Enrollment:

- A. The total number of enrollment requests (i.e., requests initiated by the beneficiary or his/her authorized representative) received in the specified time period. Do not include auto/facilitated or passive enrollments, rollover transactions, or other enrollments effectuated by CMS.
- B. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment requests complete, as defined in guidance, at the time of initial receipt (i.e. required no additional information from applicant or his/her authorized representative).
- C. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment requests that were not complete at the time of initial receipt as defined in guidance, and for which the sponsor was required to request additional information from the applicant (or his/her representative).

- D. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment requests denied due to the sponsor's determination of the applicant's ineligibility to elect the plan (i.e. individual not eligible for an election period).
- E. Of the total reported in C, the number of enrollment requests received that are incomplete upon initial receipt and completed within established timeframes.
- F. Of the total reported in C, the number of enrollment requests denied due to the applicant or his/her authorized representative not providing information to complete the enrollment request within established timeframes.
- G. Of the total reported in A, the number of paper enrollment requests received.
- H. Of the total reported in A, the number of telephonic enrollment requests received (if sponsor offers this mechanism).
- I. Of the total reported in A, the number of internet enrollment requests received via plan or affiliated third-party website (if sponsor offers this mechanism).
- J. Of the total reported in A, the number of Medicare Online Enrollment Center (OEC) enrollment requests received.
- K. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment requests effectuated by sales persons (as defined in Chapter 3 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual).
- L. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment transactions submitted using the SEP Election Period code "S" related to creditable coverage.
- M. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment transactions submitted using the SEP Election Period code "S" related to SPAP.
- N. For stand-alone prescription drug plans (PDPs) only: Of the number reported in A, the total number of enrollment transactions submitted using the SEP Election Period code "S" that coordinates with the Medicare Advantage Disenrollment Period.
- O. Of the total reported in A, the number of enrollment transactions submitted using the SEP Election Period Code "S" for individuals affected by a contract nonrenewal, plan termination, or service area reduction.

Elements 1.P. through 1.S. apply only to MA organizations approved by CMS to offer seamless conversion enrollment:

- P. The total number of individuals included in the advance notification for seamless conversion enrollment for effective dates occurring within the reporting period.
- Q. Of the total reported in 1P, the number of individuals whose Medicare eligibility is based on age.
- R. Of the total reported in 1P, the number of individuals whose Medicare eligibility is based on disability.
- S. Of the total reported in 1P, the number of enrollments submitted to CMS.

2. Disenrollment:

- A. The total number of voluntary disenrollment requests received in the specified time period. Do not include disenrollments resulting from an individual's enrollment in another plan.
- B. Of the total reported in A, the number of disenrollment requests complete at the time of initial receipt (i.e. required no additional information from enrollee or his/her authorized representative).

- C. Of the total reported in A, the number of disenrollment requests that were not complete at the time of initial receipt, as defined in guidance, and for which the sponsor was required to request additional information from the enrollee (or his/her representative).
- D. Of the total reported in A, the number of disenrollment requests denied due to the sponsor's determination of the enrollee's ineligibility to elect to disenroll from the plan (i.e. individual not eligible for an election period).
- E. Of the total reported in C, the number of disenrollment requests received that are incomplete upon initial receipt and completed within established timeframes.
- F. Of the total reported in C, the number of disenrollment requests denied due to the enrollee or his/her authorized representative not providing information to complete the disenrollment request within established timeframes.
- G. The total number of involuntary disenrollments for failure to pay plan premium in the specified time period.
- H. Of the total reported in G, the number of disenrolled individuals who submitted a timely request for reinstatement for Good Cause.
- I. Of the total reported in H, the number of favorable Good Cause determinations.
- J. Of the total reported in I, the number of individuals reinstated.

Section II. Medication Therapy Management Programs

The requirements stipulating that Part D sponsors provide Medication Therapy Management (MTM) programs are described in Title I, Part 423, Subpart D, § 423.153. For monitoring purposes, Part D sponsors will be responsible for reporting several data elements related to their MTM program. Data will be uploaded in a data file.

Reporting timeline:

| | YTD |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Reporting Period | January 1 - December 31 |
| Data due to CMS/HPMS | Last Monday of February |

Sponsors are required to target beneficiaries for the MTM program who meet specific criteria as specified by CMS in § 423.153(d). Some sponsors also offer enrollment in the MTM program to other members who do not meet the specific CMS targeting criteria.

The following information will be collected for each beneficiary identified as being eligible for the Part D MTM program, whether based on CMS' specifications or other plan-specific targeting criteria within the reporting period. Regardless of this designation, the corresponding MTM services delivered to each beneficiary (such as targeted medication review or Comprehensive Medication Review) must meet CMS definitions. The reported beneficiaries must receive MTM services that meet or exceed CMS' MTM program requirements.

- A. Contract Number.
- B. HICN (or MBI) or RRB Number.
- C. Beneficiary first name.
- D. Beneficiary last name.
- E. Beneficiary date of birth.
- F. Met the specified targeting criteria per CMS – Part D requirements. (Y (yes) or N (no)).
- G. Beneficiary identified as cognitively impaired at time of comprehensive medication review (CMR) offer or delivery of CMR. (Y (yes), N (no), or U (unknown)).
- H. Beneficiary in a long term care facility at the time of the first CMR offer or delivery of CMR? (Y (yes), N (no), or U (unknown))
- I. Date of MTM program enrollment.
- J. Date met the specified targeting criteria per CMS – Part D requirements.
Required if met the specified targeting criteria per CMS – Part D requirements.
(May be same as Date of MTM program enrollment)
- K. Date of MTM program opt-out, if applicable.
- L. Reason participant opted-out of MTM program (Death; Disenrollment from Plan; Request by beneficiary; or Other). Required if Date of MTM program opt-out is applicable.

- M. Offered annual CMR. (Y (yes) or N (no)). Required if met the specified targeting criteria per CMS – Part D requirements.
- N. If offered a CMR, date of (initial) offer
- O. If offered a CMR, recipient of (initial) offer (Beneficiary, Beneficiary’s prescriber; Caregiver; or Other authorized individual).
- P. Received annual CMR with written summary in CMS standardized format. (Y (yes) or N (no)). Required if offered annual CMR.
- Q. Date(s) of CMR(s). (If more than 1 CMR is received, report the date of the initial CMR.) Required if received annual CMR.
- R. Date CMR written summary in CMS standardized format was provided or sent. (If more than 1 CMR was performed, report the date the initial CMR written summary was provided or sent.)
- S. Method of delivery for the annual CMR. (Face-to-face; Telephone; Telehealth consultation; or Other). (If more than 1 CMR is received, report the method of delivery for the initial CMR). Required if received annual CMR.
- T. Qualified Provider who performed the initial CMR. (Physician; Registered Nurse; Licensed Practical Nurse; Nurse Practitioner; Physician’s Assistant; Local Pharmacist; LTC Consultant Pharmacist; Plan Sponsor Pharmacist; Plan Benefit Manager (PBM) Pharmacist; MTM Vendor Local Pharmacist; MTM Vendor In-house Pharmacist; Hospital Pharmacist; Pharmacist – Other; Supervised Pharmacy Intern; or Other). Required if received annual CMR.
- U. Recipient of initial CMR. (Beneficiary, Beneficiary’s prescriber; Caregiver; or Other authorized individual). Required if received annual CMR.
- V. Number of targeted medication reviews. Required if met the specified targeting criteria per CMS – Part D requirements.
- W. Date the first TMR was performed.
- X. Number of drug therapy problem recommendations made to beneficiary’s prescriber(s) as a result of MTM services. (For reporting purposes, a recommendation is defined as a suggestion to take a specific course of action related to the beneficiary’s drug therapy. If the same recommendation is made to multiple prescribers or repeated on multiple dates, then that recommendation should only be counted and reported once. Examples include, **but are not limited to**: Needs additional therapy; Unnecessary drug therapy; Dosage too high; Dosage too low; More effective drug available; Adverse drug reaction; or Medication Non-compliance/Non-adherence).
- Y. Number of drug therapy problem resolutions resulting from recommendations made to beneficiary’s prescriber(s) as a result of MTM recommendations. (For reporting purposes, a resolution is defined as a change or variation from the beneficiary’s previous drug therapy. Examples include, **but are not limited to**: Initiate drug; Change drug (such as product in different therapeutic class, dose, dosage form, quantity, or interval); Discontinue or substitute drug (such as discontinue drug, generic substitution, therapeutic substitution, or formulary substitution); Medication compliance/adherence).

Section III. Grievances

According to MMA statute, all Part D sponsors must provide meaningful procedures for hearing and resolving grievances between an enrollee and the sponsor, including an entity or individual through which the sponsor provides benefits. A grievance is any complaint or dispute, other than a coverage determination, or appeal about any aspect of the operations, activities, or behavior of a Part D organization, regardless of whether remedial action is requested. Part D sponsors are required to notify enrollees of their decision no later than 30 days after receiving their grievance based on the enrollee's health condition. An extension up to 14 days is allowed if it is requested by the enrollee, or if the Part D sponsor needs additional information and documents that this extension is in the interest of the enrollee. An expedited grievance that involves refusal by a Part D sponsor to process an enrollee's request for an expedited coverage determination or redetermination requires a response from the Part D sponsor within 24 hours.

Sponsors should:

- Report data based on when the enrollee/appointed representative is notified of the the grievance decision.
- Report data based on the date the grievance decision was made.
- Track multiple grievances by a single complainant and report as separate grievances.

Sponsors should not:

- Report requests for coverage determinations, including exceptions, or redeterminations inappropriately as grievances.
- Include CTM data when reporting grievances.
- Report general inquiries or questions that do not include a complaint as grievances.
- Exclude any grievances filed by beneficiaries or their appointed representatives from this reporting section.

Sponsors will report quarterly data on an annual basis. Data files to be uploaded through the HPMS at the Contract level, following templates provided in HPMS.

Reporting timeline:

| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Reporting Period | January 1 - March 31 | April 1 - June 30 | July 1 - September 30 | October 1 - December 31 |
| Data due to CMS/HPMS | First Monday of February (reporting for all quarters due on this date) | | | |

Data to be reported at the Contract level:

| | Number of grievances | Number of grievances in which timely notification was given |
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| Total Grievances | | |
| Of the total grievances, the number processed as expedited grievances | | |
| Dismissed Grievances | | N/A |

Section IV. Improving Drug Utilization Review Controls

In the section entitled, “Improving Drug Utilization Review Controls in Part D” of the Final 2013 Call Letter issued on April 2, 2012 and in supplemental guidance, September 6, 2012, CMS described how Medicare Part D sponsors can comply with drug utilization management (DUM) requirements of 42 C.F.R §423.153 et seq. to prevent overutilization of opioids. As described in the 2019 Call Letter issued on April 2, 2018, effective January 1, 2019, CMS announced new strategies to further help Medicare Part D plan sponsors prevent and combat prescription opioid overuse.

CMS provided guidance for sponsors to implement the following real-time safety edits at point of sale (POS):

- An opioid care coordination safety edit at 90 morphine milligram equivalent dose (MME) per day:
- An optional hard formulary-level cumulative opioid daily MME edit at 200 MME or more:
- A hard opioid naïve days supply safety edit for initial opioid prescriptions fills that exceed 7 days for the treatment of acute pain.

Part D sponsors will report cumulative YTD data by quarter to CMS on the beneficiaries who triggered each of the edits. All data elements must be uploaded to HPMS at the Plan level. These elements will enable CMS to monitor sponsors’ implementation of the opioid POS safety edits as well as the impact and outcome of the edits aggregated at both the claim and unique beneficiary levels (i.e., based on count of unique health insurance claim numbers (HICNs) or Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs)).

Reporting timeline:

| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Reporting Period | January 1 - March 31 | January 1 - June 30 | January 1 - September 30 | January 1 - December 31 |
| Data due to CMS/HPMS | Last Monday of February (reporting for all quarters due on this date) | | | |

1. Opioid Care Coordination Safety Edit at 90 MME

- A. For the care coordination edit, the provider count criterion used, if applicable.
- B. For the care coordination edit, the pharmacy count criterion used, if applicable.
- C. The number of claims rejected due to the care coordination edit.
- D. Of the total reported in element C, the number of care coordination edit claim rejections overridden by the pharmacist at the pharmacy.
- E. The number of unique beneficiaries with at least one claim rejected due to the care coordination edit.

- F. Of the total reported in element E, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one care coordination edit claim rejection overridden by the pharmacist at the pharmacy.
- G. Of the total reported in element E, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one care coordination edit claim rejection overridden by the pharmacist at the pharmacy that also had an opioid claim successfully processed at POS.

2. Hard MME Safety Edit

- H. Did the plan have a hard MME edit in place during the time period above? (Y (yes) or N (no)).
- I. If yes to element H, the cumulative MME threshold used.
- J. If yes to element H, the provider count criterion used, if applicable.
- K. If yes to element H, the pharmacy count criterion used, if applicable.
- L. If yes to element H, the number of claims rejected due to the hard MME edit.
- M. If yes to element H, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one claim rejected due to the hard MME edit.
- N. Of the total reported in element M, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one hard MME edit claim rejection that also had an opioid claim successfully processed at POS other than through a favorable coverage determination or appeal, such as pharmacist communication and/or plan override.
- O. Of the total reported in element M, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one hard MME edit claim rejection that also had a coverage determination or appeal request for an opioid drug subject to the edit.
- P. Of the total reported in element M, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one hard MME edit claim rejection with a coverage determination or appeal request for an opioid drug subject to the edit that had a favorable (either full or partial) coverage determination or appeal.
- Q. Of the total reported in element M, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one hard MME edit claim rejection with a favorable (either full or partial) coverage determination or appeal that also had an opioid claim successfully processed at POS.

3. Opioid Naïve Days Supply Safety Edit

- R. The look-back period used to identify an initial opioid prescription fill for the treatment of acute pain for the opioid naïve days supply edit.
- S. The number of claims rejected due to the opioid naïve days supply edit.
- T. The number of unique beneficiaries with at least one claim rejected due to the opioid naïve days supply edit.
- U. Of the total reported in element T, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one opioid naïve days supply edit claim rejection that also had an opioid claim successfully processed at POS other than through a favorable coverage determination or appeal, such as through pharmacist communication and/or plan override.

- V. Of the total reported in element T, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one opioid naïve days supply edit claim rejection that also had a coverage determination or appeal request for an opioid drug subject to the edit.
- W. Of the total reported in element T, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one opioid naïve days supply edit claim rejection with a coverage determination or appeal request for an opioid drug subject to the edit that had a favorable (either full or partial) coverage determination or appeal.
- X. Of the total reported in element T, the number of unique beneficiaries with at least one opioid naïve days supply safety edit claim rejection with a favorable (either full or partial) coverage determination or appeal that also had an opioid claim successfully processed at POS.

Section V. Coverage Determinations and Redeterminations

Title I, Part 423, Subpart M describes Part D sponsors' requirements for coverage determinations (including formulary and tier exceptions, and exceptions to established drug utilization management programs) and redeterminations, including timeframes for standard and expedited requests. Part B vs. Part D coverage determinations and redeterminations should be included in this reporting. Sponsors should report data based on the date the coverage determination or redetermination decision is made. A sponsor's complete decision includes making the determination, appropriately notifying the enrollee of the determination, and authorizing coverage or sending payment, where applicable.

Coverage decisions (both coverage determinations and redeterminations) may result in a partially favorable decision.

- Example of a fully favorable decision: Non-formulary exception request approved for drug and quantity prescribed.
- Example of a partially favorable decision: Non-formulary exception request approved for drug, but full quantity prescribed not approved.

Sponsors should also include reopened coverage determination and redetermination data in this reporting, based on the date the revised decision is made. A reopening is any revision to a binding determination for any reason that is not processed as an appeal, including but not limited to clerical errors and new and material evidence not available or known at the time of the determination. A reopening may or may not change the disposition of the case.

Sponsors will report quarterly data on an annual basis at the Contract level. Data files to be uploaded through the HPMS at the Contract level, following templates provided in HPMS.

Reporting timeline:

| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Reporting Period | January 1 - March 31 | April 1 - June 30 | July 1 - September 30 | October 1 - December 31 |
| Data due to CMS/HPMS | Last Monday of February (reporting for all quarters due on this date) | | | |

1. Coverage Determinations (including exceptions)

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| A. Total Number of Coverage Determinations Processed (including exceptions) | |
| B. Total Number of Withdrawn Coverage Determinations | |
| C. Total Number of Dismissed Coverage Determinations | |
| Disposition – Coverage Determinations (non-exceptions) | |

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| D. The total number of fully favorable decisions. | |
| E. The total number of partially favorable decisions. | |
| F. The total number of adverse decisions. | |
| Disposition – Utilization Management Exceptions | |
| G. The number of utilization management exceptions. | |
| H. The number of fully favorable decisions. | |
| I. The number of partially favorable decisions. | |
| J. The number of adverse decisions. | |
| Disposition – Formulary Exceptions | |
| K. The number of formulary exceptions. | |
| L. The number of fully favorable decisions. | |
| M. The number of partially favorable decisions. | |
| N. The number of adverse decisions. | |
| Disposition – Tiering Exceptions | |
| O. The number of tiering exceptions. | |
| P. The number of fully favorable decisions. | |
| Q. The number of partially favorable decisions. | |
| R. The number of adverse decisions. | |

2. Redeterminations

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|---|--|
| A. Total Number of Redeterminations Processed | |
| B. Total Number of Withdrawn Redeterminations | |
| C. Total Number of Dismissed Redeterminations | |
| Disposition | |
| D. The number of fully favorable decisions. | |
| E. The number of partially favorable decisions. | |
| F. The number of adverse decisions. | |

3. Reopenings

- A. The total number of reopened (revised) decisions, for any reason, in the time period above.
- B. For each case that was reopened, the following information will be uploaded in a data file:
 1. Contract Number;
 2. Plan ID;

3. Case ID;
4. Case level (Coverage Determination or Redetermination);
5. Date of original disposition;
6. Original disposition (Fully Favorable; Partially Favorable or Adverse);
7. Was case processed under expedited timeframe (Y/N);
8. Case type (Pre-service; Payment)
9. Date case was reopened;
10. Reason(s) for reopening (Clerical Error, Other Error, New and Material Evidence, Fraud or Similar Fault, or Other).
11. Date of reopening disposition (revised decision);
12. Reopening disposition (Fully Favorable; Partially Favorable, Adverse, or Pending).

Section VI. Employer/Union-Sponsored Group Health Plan Sponsors

NOTE: This reporting requirement applies only to individual PDPs and “800 series” PDPs offered to employers. MA-PD plans already report these data as part of the Part C reporting requirements and are therefore exempt from this Part D reporting section.

CMS has statutory authority to waive or modify requirements that hinder the design of, the offering of, or the enrollment in, employer/union sponsored PDPs, as set forth in section 1860D-22(b) of the Social Security Act. Under the above-referenced statutory authority, PDPs are permitted to utilize these waivers to contract with employer and union group sponsors to facilitate the enrollment of their Medicare-eligible retirees into PDPs. (Please note that in addition to these “indirect contract” arrangements, CMS also has separate statutory authority to directly contract with employers and union group plan sponsors to offer prescription drug benefits to their retirees). When exercising our discretion to grant these statutory waivers or modifications to PDPs offering these plans, these waivers and/or modifications are conditioned upon the PDP meeting a set of conditions and complying with certain requirements, which may include these kinds of reporting requirements.

The information requested is necessary for CMS to fulfill its affirmative oversight obligation to ensure PDPs and the employer groups that contract with the PDPs are properly utilizing these waivers and modifications and that CMS’ statutory waiver authority is being implemented in accordance with the requirements of section 1860D-22(b) of the Act.

The Tax Identification Number (TIN) is the standard unique employer identifier. The Medicare program uses the TIN to identify employers and businesses in other areas of the program. For example, insurers are required to report TIN information in order to comply with the mandatory Medicare Secondary Payer insurer reporting requirements of Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extensions Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173). Thus, some of these same entities (such as employer/union sponsors) affected by our reporting requirements will similarly be required by law to collect and report TIN information to CMS for Medicare secondary payment purposes.

Collection of TINs from the employer/union sponsors as outlined above may be a challenge for PDP sponsors. Employer/union sponsors unable or unwilling to provide TINs or other required information should be notified by PDP sponsors that they will be unable to utilize the waivers available to employer/union group health plans and should work with them to explore other Medicare options for their retirees.

Reporting timeline:

| | YTD |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reporting Period | January 1 – December 31 |
| Data due to CMS/HPMS | First Monday of February |

Data file to be uploaded through the HPMS at the Plan (PBP) level:

- A. Employer Legal Name.
- B. Employer DBA Name.
- C. Employer Federal Tax ID.
- D. Employer Address.
- E. Type of Group Sponsor (employer, union, trustees of a fund).
- F. Organization Type (state government, local government, publicly traded organization, privately held corporation, non-profit, church group, other).
- G. Type of Contract (insured, ASO, other).
- H. Is this a calendar year plan? (Y (yes) or N (no)).
- I. If element H is no, provide non-calendar year start date.
- J. Current/Anticipated enrollment.