

Medicare Advantage, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, and Section 1876 Cost Plans

Contract Year 2020 Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements

This document contains the Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements (FSRR) and associated due dates. All Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAO), Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMP), and Section 1876 Cost Plans that have active (initial and renewing) contracts in Contract Year (CY) 2020 must comply with the FSRR. They must satisfy all applicable state licensure, state and CMS financial requirements and submit independently audited annual financial statements to CMS on an annual basis.

CMS monitors compliance with fiscal soundness requirements through audited annual financial statements of the organization's legal entity and other required documentation. Audited annual financial statements are due within 120 days of the contract's fiscal year-end unless an extension has been granted, and they must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), unless the domestic state's requirements differ. CMS may require organizations to provide additional information, such as business plans, financial projections with supporting assumptions, and/or quarterly financial statements if not meeting fiscal soundness requirements. HPMS memorandums titled "Clarification of Fiscal Soundness Requirements and Monitoring" issued on November 17, 2015 and "Fiscal Soundness Requirements and Monitoring" issued on January 12, 2017 provide additional information on these requirements and can be found in the Fiscal Soundness Module (FSM) within the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by navigating to [HPMS Homepage](#) > Monitoring > Fiscal Soundness > Documentation > Document and Forms. Instructions regarding uploading your documentation are outlined in the Plan User Guide also located in HPMS's FSM or [CMS.gov Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements](#).

All FSRR requirements must be met by the legal entity unless the domestic state permits the organization to submit financial statements that include other lines of business. Organizations should refer to the HPMS memorandum titled "Annual Verification of Parent Organization and Legal Entity Name" issued on February 6, 2020 if updates to parent organization and/or legal name are needed.

In addition to the audited annual submission, organizations are required to submit quarterly financial statements for their first contract year, or if the organization fails to meet CMS fiscal soundness requirements. Table 1 below summarizes the submission guidelines. If the fiscal year-end does not fall at the calendar year-end, please refer to submission deadline tables at the end of this document.

Table 1: Fiscal Soundness Submissions

Submission Type	Description	Submission Deadline	Requirement
Audited Annual	Closure of previous fiscal year	Within 120 days after the fiscal year ends	All contracts
Reporting Period Ending 03/31	For quarters ending between 01/01 – 03/31	Within 45 days after the quarter ends	CMS identified contracts
Reporting Period Ending 06/30	For quarters ending between 04/01 – 06/30	Within 45 days after the quarter ends	CMS identified contracts
Reporting Period Ending 09/30	For quarters ending between 07/01 – 09/30	Within 45 days after the quarters ends	CMS identified contracts

Fiscal Soundness Submissions for New Contracts

New contracts are included in the FSM once the contract is effective. These organizations must submit their 12/31/19 fiscal year-end audited annual financial statements in HPMS for CY 2020. If the domestic state has a later due date than CMS, the organization can submit a request for an extension.

New contracts that do not have audited annual financial statements for the fiscal year-end prior to the first contract year (i.e., 12/31/19 audited financial statement for CY 2020) should submit the first available item from the list below and describe why there are no available audited annual financial statements.

1. Submit the parent organization’s most recent audited annual financial statements for the fiscal year-end prior to the first contract year (i.e., 12/31/19 audited financial statements for CY 2020). If these are not available, then
2. Submit the organization’s most recent unaudited annual financial statements for the fiscal year-end prior to the first contract year (i.e., 12/31/19 audited financial statements for CY 2020). If no unaudited financial statements are available, then
3. Submit the most recent quarterly NAIC Health Blank or other form of quarterly financial statements. If a quarterly NAIC Health Blank or other financial statements are not available, then
4. Submit a description on company letterhead stating there are no financial statements available for the period with an accompanying rationale (e.g., the organization was not yet operational).

New contracts also must submit quarterly financial statements throughout the first year until CMS has reviewed the next audited financial statements. Organizations not meeting the FSRR after this review may remain on quarterly reporting for fiscal soundness monitoring. The quarterly financial statements must include a balance sheet, income statement,

subordinated/guaranteed debt attestation form (if applicable, for 1876 Cost Plans Only), and statement of cash flows (reporting year-to-date amounts).

Entering Financial Data Elements into HPMS

Organizations are required to enter the following elements into HPMS from their corresponding financial statements. The appropriate number of zeros should be added for rounded numbers (e.g., add three zeros (000) if numbers are rounded to the closest thousand).

Table 2: Data Entry

Financial Data Element	MAOs	MMPs	1876 Cost Plans
Total Assets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Liabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subordinated/Guaranteed Debt	No, not applicable	No, not applicable	*Yes, if applicable
Net Income/(Net Loss) (current year-to-date)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cash Flow From Operations (current year-to-date)	Yes	Yes	Yes

*Unsubordinated Liabilities Calculation for 1876 Cost Plans only

The net worth of Section 1876 Cost Plans is calculated by subtracting total unsubordinated liabilities from total assets, as reported on the balance sheet for the legal entity.

Subordinated debt is defined by CMS as an unsecured debt whose repayment to its parent organization ranks after all other debts have been paid when the subsidiary files for bankruptcy. An example of subordinated debt is when a parent organization loans money to the plan to pay its debts with the condition that the plan only needs to repay the parent organization after all of its other liabilities have been satisfied.

Guaranteed debt is defined by CMS as secured debt in which another entity promises to pay a loan or other debt if the organization that borrowed the money fails to pay. An example of guaranteed debt is when the plan obtains a loan from a bank and another entity signs the guarantee of payment for all, or a portion, of the loan. In the event of bankruptcy or default, the other entity will make loan payments on behalf of the plan to ensure the debt is satisfied.

Plans must identify the subordinated/guaranteed debt portion of their reported total liabilities and submit an updated “Subordinated/Guaranteed Debt Attestation Form” when they submit their quarterly (if applicable) and audited annual financial statements. In addition, plans reporting guaranteed debt must submit in conjunction with their audited annual financial statements, the opinion of an independent auditor certifying the amount of guaranteed debt, and there are no repayment requirements by the plan in the event of default. CMS will not consider guaranteed debt when calculating unsubordinated liabilities in the absence of the completed “Subordinated/Guaranteed Debt Attestation Form” and the opinion of an independent auditor.

Deadline Extension Requests

If the state insurance fiscal soundness deadline falls after the CMS submission deadline, organizations may request an extension. Extension requests should be made prior to the fiscal soundness deadline to avoid potential compliance action. Organizations must document why an extension is needed (e.g., Annual Statement Filing Checklist and Instructions for Health Entities as required by the domestic state, or documentation showing that the domestic state has granted an extension). Extension requests for contracts with the same NAIC number should be submitted in one request covering all contracts. Extension requests for CY 2020 may be submitted after the FSM release in March 2020. Finally, an organization may designate an extension request as “perennial” to avoid making similar requests in the future. Plan users can submit an extension by navigating to [HPMS Homepage](#) > Monitoring > Fiscal Soundness > Extensions > Submission of Extension Requests.

Technical Requirements

To access the HPMS FSM, organizations must have a four character CMS User ID. Questions concerning access to HPMS may be submitted to [CMS HPMS Access \(CMSHPMS_Access@cms.hhs.gov\)](mailto:CMSHPMS_Access@cms.hhs.gov).

Please note, when uploading documents, HPMS cannot accept certain keyboard characters in the file name, such as pound or hashtag (#); semi-colon (;); percentage (%); plus (+); ampersand (&); or double periods (..). If these characters are included in the file name, the upload will fail. Upload files may be in .pdf, .doc, .docx, and .zip (zip files cannot contain invalid file types) formats. File sizes may not exceed 10MB. New zip files will replace or delete previously uploaded files.

Resources

For technical assistance with HPMS, please contact the [HPMS Help Desk \(hpms@cms.hhs.gov; 1-800-220-2028\)](mailto:hpms@cms.hhs.gov) or [Andrew Chu \(andrew.chu@cms.hhs.gov\)](mailto:andrew.chu@cms.hhs.gov).

For questions related to HPMS user access, please send email to [HPMS Access \(CMSHPMS_Access@cms.hhs.gov\)](mailto:CMSHPMS_Access@cms.hhs.gov).

For policy related questions, please send email to [Financial Review \(FinancialReview@cms.hhs.gov\)](mailto:FinancialReview@cms.hhs.gov).

Regulatory References

MA and MMP Organizations

- 42 CFR §422.2 Definitions
- 42 CFR §422.504(a)(14) Contract provisions
- 42 CFR §422.516(a)(5)(b)(c) Validation of Part C reporting requirements

Section 1876 Cost Plans

- 42 CFR §417.120 Fiscally sound operation and assumption of financial risk
- 42 CFR §417.126 Recordkeeping and reporting requirements

MAO, MMP, and Section 1876 Cost Plan - CY 2020 Submission Deadlines
(Quarterlies only need to be submitted if notified to submit by CMS)

Fiscal Year End Dates	Audited Annual	Period Ending 3/31	Period Ending 6/30	Period Ending 9/30
8/31/2019	8/31/2019 Audited Annual by 4/15/2020*	PE 2/29/2020 due by 4/15/2020	PE 5/31/2020 due by 7/15/2020	PE 8/31/2020 due by 10/15/2020
9/30/2019	9/30/2019 Audited Annual by 4/15/2020*	PE 3/31/2020 due by 5/15/2020	PE 6/30/2020 due by 8/17/2020	PE 9/30/2020 due by 11/16/2020
10/31/2019	10/31/2019 Audited Annual by 4/15/2020*	PE 1/31/2020 due by 4/15/2020*	PE 4/30/2020 due by 6/15/2020	PE 7/31/2020 due by 9/15/2020
11/30/2019	11/30/2019 Audited Annual by 4/15/2020*	PE 2/29/2020 due by 4/15/2020*	PE 5/31/2020 due by 7/15/2020	PE 8/31/2020 due by 10/15/2020
12/31/2019	12/31/2019 Audited Annual by 4/30/2020*	PE 3/31/2020 due by 5/15/2020	PE 6/30/2020 due by 8/17/2020	PE 9/30/2020 due by 11/16/2020
1/31/2020	1/31/2020 Audited Annual by 6/01/2020	PE 1/31/2020 due by 4/15/2020*	PE 4/30/2020 due by 6/15/2020	PE 7/31/2020 due by 9/15/2020
2/29/2020	2/29/2020 Audited Annual by 6/30/2020	PE 2/29/2020 due by 4/15/2020	PE 5/31/2020 due by 7/15/2020	PE 8/31/2020 due by 10/15/2020
3/31/2020	3/31/2020 Audited Annual by 7/31/2020	PE 3/31/2020 due by 5/15/2020	PE 6/30/2020 due by 8/17/2020	PE 9/30/2020 due by 11/16/2020
4/30/2020	4/30/2020 Audited Annual by 8/31/2020	PE 1/31/2020 due by 4/15/2020*	PE 4/30/2020 due by 6/15/2020	PE 7/31/2020 due by 9/15/2020
5/31/2020	5/31/2020 Audited Annual by 9/30/2020	PE 2/29/2020 due by 4/15/2020	PE 5/31/2020 due by 7/15/2020	PE 8/31/2020 due by 10/15/2020

Fiscal Year End Dates	Audited Annual	Period Ending 3/31	Period Ending 6/30	Period Ending 9/30
6/30/2020	6/30/2020 Audited Annual by 11/02/2020	PE 3/31/2020 due by 5/15/2020	PE 6/30/2020 due by 8/17/2020	PE 9/30/2020 due by 11/16/2020
7/31/2020	7/31/2020 Audited Annual by 11/30/2020	PE 1/31/2020 due by 4/15/2020*	PE 4/30/2020 due by 6/15/2020	PE 7/31/2020 due by 9/15/2020

*After 2020 FSM release

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Fiscal Year End Dates	Audited Annual	Period Ending 3/31	Period Ending 6/30	Period Ending 9/30
8/31/2020	8/31/2020 Audited Annual by 4/15/2021**	PE 2/28/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 5/31/2021 due by 7/15/2021	PE 8/31/2021 due by 10/15/2021
9/30/2020	9/30/2020 Audited Annual by 4/15/2021**	PE 3/31/2021 due by 5/17/2021	PE 6/30/2021 due by 8/16/2021	PE 9/30/2021 due by 11/15/2021
10/31/2020	10/31/2020 Audited Annual by 4/15/2021**	PE 1/31/21 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 4/30/2021 due by 6/15/2021	PE 7/31/2021 due by 9/15/2021
11/30/2020	11/30/2020 Audited Annual by 4/15/2021**	PE 2/28/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 5/31/2021 due by 7/15/2021	PE 8/31/2021 due by 10/15/2021
12/31/2020	12/31/2020 Audited Annual by 4/30/2021**	PE 3/31/2021 due by 5/17/2021	PE 6/30/2021 due by 8/16/2021	PE 9/30/2021 due by 11/15/2021
1/31/2021	1/31/2021 Audited Annual by 6/01/2021	PE 1/31/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 4/30/2021 due by 6/15/2021	PE 7/31/2021 due by 9/15/2021

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2/28/2021	2/28/2021 Audited Annual by 6/30/2021	PE 2/28/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 5/31/2021 due by 7/15/2021	PE 8/31/2021 due by 10/15/2021
3/31/2021	3/31/2021 Audited Annual by 8/02/2021	PE 3/31/2021 due by 5/17/2021	PE 6/30/2021 due by 8/16/2021	PE 9/30/2021 due by 11/15/2021
4/30/2021	4/30/2021 Audited Annual by 8/31/2021	PE 1/31/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 4/30/2021 due by 6/15/2021	PE 7/31/2021 due by 9/15/2021
5/31/2021	5/31/2021 Audited Annual by 9/30/2021	PE 2/28/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 5/31/2021 due by 7/15/2021	PE 8/31/2021 due by 10/15/2021
6/30/2021	6/30/2021 Audited Annual by 11/1/2021	PE 3/31/2021 due by 5/17/2021	PE 6/30/2021 due by 8/16/2021	PE 9/30/2021 due by 11/15/2021
7/31/2021	7/31/2021 Audited Annual by 11/30/2021	PE 1/31/2021 due by 4/15/2021**	PE 4/30/2021 due by 6/15/2021	PE 7/31/2021 due by 9/15/2021

****After 2021 FSM release**