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Subject: Medicare Prescription Payment Plan: Update on 2026 Model Documents

CMS will provide the updated final Contract Year (CY) 2026 model and standardized documents for the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan in fall of 2025. However, to address potential operational challenges associated with updating Medicare Prescription Payment Plan model and standardized documents in advance of required outreach and education during the fourth quarter of the year, Part D plans may continue to use the previous versions of the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan model materials through the end of CY 2025, with the exception noted below. Plans are encouraged to implement updated model materials as soon as operationally feasible and must implement the updated materials by January 1, 2026.

Please note that the Notice of Participation Renewal is not included in the 2025 model materials. This notice still must be sent after the conclusion of the 2026 annual coordinated election period but prior to the end of the 2025 plan year (see 42 CFR 423.137(d)(10)(iv)). CMS recommends plans reference the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Programs: Part C and Part D Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Model Documents Information Collection Request (ICR) package (CMS-10882; OMB 0938-1475) to leverage the draft Notice of Participation Renewal in lieu of the final version until OMB approval is received.

The final 2025 materials are available at the CMS.gov website at www.cms.gov/medicare/health-drug-plans/medicare-prescription-payment-plan. While the 2025 model materials were previously approved through July 31, 2025, the approval has been extended until OMB approves the 2026 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Programs: Part C and Part D Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Model Documents ICR package is complete. If Part D plan sponsors choose to not use a CMS-developed model version of a particular required material or content, they must still accurately convey the vital information in the required material or content to the beneficiary.