

MTF Development Milestones

Below is a calendar listing of key timelines for operational activities that pertain to the development of the Medicare Transaction Facilitator (MTF). CMS intends to update the activities in this chart as the MTF development process moves forward.

Activity	Timing	What to Expect
Active collaboration with Manufacturers and Dispensing Entities	March (Ongoing activity)	CMS is scheduling sessions with volunteers as needed and at key development milestones to collect input on areas such as enrollment/onboarding, data exchange, user experience, etc.
System Demonstrations	March (Ongoing activity)	As key features are deployed, CMS is demonstrating system capabilities to manufacturer and dispensing entity stakeholders.
Share Key Data Exchange Information with Manufacturers	April (Ongoing activity)	CMS is sharing preliminary information with manufacturers related to MTF data exchange functionality, file formats, and other operational details as soon as they are finalized to facilitate system integration preparations.
Dispenser Enrollment Preview/Demo	Late April	CMS is demonstrating enrollment functionality and engaging volunteers to preview and test dispensing entity enrollment functionality.
MTF Information Collection Request (ICR) 30-day Comment Period	April	The revised version was made available for a 30-day comment period in April 2025 and comments close May 2025.
MTF DM Enrollment Begins	June	The system will be available for enrollment/onboarding for both Manufacturers and dispensing entities.
Ongoing Feature Release	June (Ongoing activity)	CMS will deploy new features, including features to support file transmission, as they are developed, tested, and finalized to achieve full 'day-one' functionality by January 1, 2026.
Release 835 Companion Guide	Summer 2025	CMS will publish an 835 companion guide.
Claims Exchange Beta Testing	July	Prior to go-live, CMS will engage enrolled manufacturers in beta testing for data exchange functionality to assure seamless integration and mitigate issues before January 1, 2026. Beta testing is targeted to begin by July and will progress throughout the remainder of 2025 to ultimately encompass full end-to-end testing of the 'production' version of the platform by October.
Integrated testing with dispensing entity stakeholders	Late Summer/Early Fall 2025	Prior to go-live, CMS will engage enrolled dispensing entities and their third-party support entities in integration testing to mitigate issues with 835 transmission before January 1, 2026.
MFP Effectuation Plan Submission via the MTF DM Interface	Due September 1, 2025	Each manufacturer will use the MTF user interface to submit their MFP Effectuation Plan. Redacted versions of these plans will be subsequently shared with dispensing entities via the MTF.
MTF DM Fully Operational for Part D	January 1, 2026	Live data flows commence, all 'day-one' functionality is operational for end-users.