

HPMS E-Mail

Date: October 2, 2026

Subject: Contract Year (CY) 2027 Validation Issue in the Part D Pricing File Submission (PDPFS) Module

CMS has found that the selected drug-related validations failed when evaluating the six (6) IPAY 2026 selected drugs that remain in the Medicare drug price negotiation program for IPAY 2027. We have since reprocessed the first CY 2027 production drug pricing dataset and identified the subset of records that should have received validation findings. In the interest of time, we are focusing on the findings resulting from the “Unit Price Exceeds Maximum Fair Price” validation.

CMS will take the following steps in response:

CY 2027 PDPFS Submission Window (09/14/2026 - 09/25/2026) – These data were published on the CY 2027 Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) yesterday, October 1, 2026. Given this submission window has closed, CMS will update the incorrect unit cost values to match the inflation-adjusted maximum fair prices that become effective on January 1, 2027. Please note that CMS will not modify plan-submitted files. These changes will only be applied to the final compiled dataset that is loaded into MPF. Part D sponsors are not expected to take any action in response to the first set of CY 2027 production data.

CY 2027 PDPFS Submission Window (09/28/2026 - 10/09/2026) – This is the current submission window for CY 2027. CMS will refresh the maximum fair price reference dataset and reprocess all submissions received during week one of this window. Part D sponsors must review their newly generated findings detail reports to identify records that must be corrected via a week two resubmission by 12 noon ET on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 (unit price exceeds maximum fair price check) or require an attestation prior to 2:00 p.m. ET on Friday, October 9, 2026 (missing price for a selected drug). These data will be published on the CY 2027 MPF on Monday, October 12, 2026.

Please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either hpms@cms.hhs.gov or 1-800-220-2028 for assistance.