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TO: All Drug Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: Invitation from CMS – August 2026 Drug Manufacturer Call on Implementation of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is inviting all drug manufacturers to a call on the implementation of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program. The call will be held on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM ET** and will focus on highlights from the 2028 Medicare Transaction Facilitator (MTF) Information Collection Request (ICR).

CMS is committed to greater transparency with our partners and the communities we serve. CMS created this forum to provide drug manufacturers the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to CMS on issues related to the implementation of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation and Inflation Rebate programs.

To register for the call, [click here](#). **Registration will close at 5:00 PM ET on Friday, August 21, 2026.** Please note that CMS will **not** be sharing the recording and slides after the call.

Participation is subject to approval and all registration requests are evaluated by CMS. All registrants will receive a follow-up notification regarding their registration status. If approved, you will receive a Zoom link to join the call along with the agenda and additional call details. The registration link for this event is associated with one email address and device.

This call is limited to drug manufacturers and all registrants will be vetted to ensure they meet this criterion. Manufacturers with HPMS access should use their P# (i.e., HPMS Contract ID) to register for this call. Manufacturers having issues accessing HPMS or recalling their P# can reach out to the HPMS Access Help Desk (hpms_access@cms.hhs.gov) for assistance. Manufacturers who wish to join this call but are currently not participating in the Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program or awaiting a P# as a drug manufacturer of drugs covered under Part B only should reach out to IRAREbateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov to request access.

CMS encourages attendees to submit questions prior to the call no later than Friday, August 21, 2026, by emailing IRAREbateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov and indicating “8/25 Manufacturer Call Discussion Question” in the subject line.

For general information and resources about the program, please visit the [Medicare Transaction Facilitator General Resources Page for Manufacturers](#).