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**TO:** All Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Cost, PACE, and Demonstration Organizations Systems Staff

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**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the MARx Software Release

This letter provides detailed information regarding the planned release of changes scheduled for the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug system (MARx) in August 2026. The updates described in this communication will be included in the August 2026 Plan Communications User Guide (PCUG).

**1. NEW End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Status Detail Data File (ESRDD)**

Plans are encouraged to contact the MAPD Help Desk for any issues encountered during the systems update process. Please direct any questions or concerns to the MAPD Help Desk at 1-800-927-8069 or e-mail at [mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov).

**1. Implementation of New ESRD Status Detail Data File (ESRDD)**

Beginning in August 2026, CMS will implement a new ESRD Status Detail (HSD) data file in MARx. The purpose of the ESRDD is to provide plans with a comprehensive source of ESRD dialysis and transplant data that can be used to reconcile plan payments. The report will contain all ESRD data that plans receive on the Daily Transaction Reply Report (DTRR). The ESRDD will be generated monthly and distributed to plans with the rest of the monthly reports around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The first ESRDD file will be distributed on August 21, 2026. The file will serve as a full replacement each month and will include all ESRD periods that overlap with plan enrollment. Each monthly file will include ESRD records that overlap with the current calendar month plus the 48 months prior. For example, if Field 6 (Current Calendar Month) in the ESRDD Header Record is 08/01/2026 then the file will contain hospice records from August 2026 back to August 2022.

**Table 1: File Name**

| System | Type      | Frequency | Record Length | End Stage Renal Disease Data File Naming Conventions                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MARx   | Data File | Monthly   | 80            | <p>Gentran Mailbox/TIBCO MFT Internet Server:<br/>P.Rxxxxx.ESRDD.Dyymm01.Thhmsst</p> <p>Connect: Direct (Mainframe):<br/>zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.ESRDD.Dyymm01.Thhmsst</p> <p>Connect: Direct (Non-Mainframe):<br/>[directory]Rxxxxx.ESRDD.Dyymm01.Thhmsst</p> |

**Layout 1: ESRDD File Layout*****File Header Record***

| Item | Field                  | Length | Position | Description                                                                                                                                                               |
|------|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Record Type            | 1      | 1        | 1 = File Header                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2    | Contract Number        | 5      | 2-6      | Contract identification.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3    | Start Year             | 4      | 7-10     | Earliest year associated with the data                                                                                                                                    |
| 4    | End Year               | 4      | 11-14    | Latest year associated with the data.                                                                                                                                     |
| 5    | File Generation Date   | 8      | 15-22    | Date the file was generated. CCYYMMDD                                                                                                                                     |
| 6    | Current Calendar Month | 8      | 23-30    | Date correlating to the current calendar month. Data provided within the report includes the current calendar month plus the 48 months prior to the listed date. CCYYMMDD |
| 7    | Filler                 | 50     | 31-80    | Spaces                                                                                                                                                                    |

***Beneficiary Identification Record***

| Item | Field           | Length | Position | Description                            |
|------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------------------------------------|
| 1    | Record Type     | 1      | 1        | 2 = Beneficiary Identification Record. |
| 2    | Contract Number | 5      | 2-6      | Contract identification.               |
| 3    | Beneficiary ID  | 12     | 7-18     | Beneficiary Identifier.                |
| 4    | Last Name       | 12     | 19-30    | Beneficiary Surname.                   |
| 5    | First Name      | 7      | 31-37    | Beneficiary First Name.                |
| 6    | Middle Initial  | 1      | 38       | Beneficiary Middle Initial.            |

| Item | Field  | Length | Position | Description                                                                           |
|------|--------|--------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7    | DOB    | 8      | 39-46    | Beneficiary Birth Date.<br>CCYYMMDD                                                   |
| 8    | Sex    | 1      | 47       | Beneficiary Sex Identification Code<br>0 or Blank = Unknown<br>1 = Male<br>2 = Female |
| 9    | Filler | 33     | 48-80    | Spaces                                                                                |

### ***Beneficiary Detail Record***

| Item | Field                         | Length | Position | Description                                                                                           |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Record Type                   | 1      | 1        | 3 = Beneficiary Detail Record(s).                                                                     |
| 2    | Contract Number               | 5      | 2-6      | Contract identification.                                                                              |
| 3    | Beneficiary ID                | 12     | 7-18     | Beneficiary Identifier.                                                                               |
| 4    | Plan Benefit Package Number   | 3      | 19-21    | Beneficiary's PBP ID, spaces if none.                                                                 |
| 5    | Segment Number                | 3      | 22-24    | Beneficiary's Segment Identification Number, spaces if none.                                          |
| 6    | ESRD<br>(Dialysis/Transplant) | 1      | 25       | Indicates if record denotes a period of dialysis or transplantation<br>D = Dialysis<br>T = Transplant |
| 7    | Start Date                    | 8      | 26-33    | Earliest date associated with the data.<br>CCYYMMDD                                                   |
| 8    | End Date                      | 8      | 34-41    | Latest date associated with the data.<br>CCYYMMDD.                                                    |
| 9    | Record Add Timestamp          | 14     | 42-55    | The date and time that the data was added.<br>CCYYMMDDHHMMSS                                          |
| 10   | Record Update Timestamp       | 14     | 56-69    | The date and time that the data was updated.<br>CCYYMMDDHHMMSS                                        |
| 11   | Filler                        | 11     | 70-80    | Spaces                                                                                                |

### ***File Trailer Record***

| Item | Field       | Length | Position | Description       |
|------|-------------|--------|----------|-------------------|
| 1    | Record Type | 1      | 1        | 4 = File Trailer. |

| Item | Field                    | Length | Position | Description                                                                                                           |
|------|--------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2    | Contract Number          | 5      | 2-6      | Contract identification.                                                                                              |
| 3    | Record Count             | 7      | 7-13     | Number of records on the data file (count of Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, and Type 4 records).<br>Left padded with zeroes. |
| 4    | Beneficiary Record Count | 7      | 14-20    | Number of beneficiary records (Type 2) on the data file.<br>Left padded with zeroes.                                  |
| 5    | Filler                   | 60     | 21-80    | Spaces                                                                                                                |