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MEDICARE PLAN PAYMENT GROUP

DATE: May 6, 2026

TO: All Part D Sponsors

FROM: Shruti Rajan, Acting Group Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: May 2026 Updates to the PDE Cycle Submission Schedule

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing this memorandum to notify all Part D sponsors of an update to the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Cycle Submission Schedule effective May 10, 2026, in the Part D program.

To improve processing timeliness and better manage increasing PDE volume, the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) has created a new PDE cycle submission, which impacts PDE Cycle 1 only. PDE processing will now occur on Sunday for PDE Cycle 1 after 3:00AM ET in addition to the existing PDE Cycle 1 that currently runs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. This change has no impact on PDE Cycle 3, which operates Monday through Friday after 1:00PM ET.

Please note due to the new PDE Cycle, response reports and DDPS return reports may be delivered on Sunday.

PDE Cycle Submission Schedule:

PDE Cycles	Frequency
PDE Cycle 1	Sunday (New) , Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday Daily after 3:00AM ET
PDE Cycle 3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Daily after 1:00PM ET

In the event you have questions regarding PDE submissions, please contact the Customer Service Support Center (CSSC) Operations at 1-877-534-2772 (option 2) or by email at csscoperations@palmettogba.com.

Thank you.