

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Release of the 2026 Data Validation Materials

CMS is announcing the release of the materials for the 2026 Data Validation (DV) of the contract year (CY) 2025 Parts C and D Reporting Requirements data. Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Part D sponsors must participate in an annual retrospective DV of the Parts C and D Reporting Requirements data as required under §§ 422.516(g) and 423.514(j).

The 2026 DV cycle runs from April 1 to June 15, 2026, for the CY 2025 data. Data submitted or re-submitted after March 31, 2026 cannot be used for the DV.

CMS has released the 2026 DV documentation, which is posted on the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/prescription-drug-coverage-contracting/part-c-and-part-d-data-validation>. These materials will be available in the HPMS Plan Reporting Data Validation Module at a later date.

A separate HPMS announcement will be released when the 2026 DV web-based training becomes available on the CMS Medicare Learning Network Web-based Training page.

Questions regarding 2026 DV should be sent via email to PartsCDPlanReportingAndDV@cms.hhs.gov.