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TO: Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and All Part D Plans Sponsors

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SUBJECT: **2026 Updates to Manufacturer Discount Program Invoice Report Layouts:
Addition of Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Flag**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing updates to the file layouts for the Manufacturer Discount Program's (MDP) quarterly invoice reporting.¹ These updates introduce the low-income subsidy (LIS) Flag as an additional data element across the MDP plan sponsor and manufacturer invoice reporting files. The LIS Flag identifies records where the beneficiary is eligible for the LIS and the NDC is eligible for the Specified Manufacturer phase-in. This indicator is being added to provide clarity in cases where a claim may not reflect a Low-Income Cost-Sharing Subsidy (LICS) Amount, such as claims in the Catastrophic phase, yet the beneficiary may still hold low-income status.

The layouts can be found on the [Part D Information for Pharmaceutical Manufacturers](#) website and the [Third Party Administrator \(TPA\) website](#) under the [MDP Quarterly Invoices tab](#). The new file layouts for the following MDP data and tracking report files will take effect beginning with the 2026Q2 MDP invoice cycle, to be distributed in August 2026.

The updated layouts apply to the following reports:

MDP Report Name	Changes beginning 2026Q2
Contract Data Report (MDPCD)	LIS FLAG at position 239 on the DETCD record
Manufacturer Data Report (MDPMD)	LIS FLAG at position 237 on the DETCD record
Manufacturer Discount Contract Tracking Report (MDPTR)	LIS FLAG at position 235 on the DETCD record

¹ See HPMS memorandum, *Release of Manufacturer Discount Program Quarterly Invoice File Layouts and 2025 Updates to Coverage Gap Discount Program Quarterly Invoice and Dispute File Layouts*, September 19, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the TPA at TPAOperations@tpadministrator.com.
Thank you.