

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Revised Collection for Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit Protocols – OMB Approved/Finalized

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing the release of the final Medicare Part C and Part D Program Audit Protocols and other supporting data collection instruments. The program audit protocols (CMS-10717) were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB 0938-1395) and will be used by CMS to conduct program audits starting in 2027.

The protocols and supporting data collection instruments are available for download at:
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/audits-compliance/part-c-d/program-audits>.

The Medicare Parts C and D Oversight and Enforcement Group (MOEG) highly encourages organizations to review these protocols, including the data and documentation requests, in preparation for any upcoming audits. To further assist organizations in preparing for audits, MOEG will create and release program audit trainings designed to provide technical direction as organizations prepare for audit. MOEG will issue another HPMS notification to industry once these trainings are available. Additionally, MOEG will discuss the revised protocols and some of the broader changes on our next quarterly compliance call scheduled for November 17, 2026.

For any questions related to the program audit process, please contact the program audit mailbox at part_c_part_d_audit@cms.hhs.gov.

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