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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations

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SUBJECT: Provider Directory URLs

In response to user feedback, CMS has implemented changes to the provider directory URL data collection functionality in the Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) Provider Directory module.

With this release, Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations must report two distinct provider directory URLs in HPMS:

- MPF Provider Directory URL
- FHIR Provider Directory API Endpoint

MA organizations must complete this data entry in HPMS no later than Friday, July 10, 2026.

MPF Provider Directory URL

This field is intended to capture the dedicated, publicly accessible URL on which your organization's **index file is posted for each unique CMS contract number/contract year.**

When using the FHIR-based JSON approach, the index file will list all constituent FHIR-based JSON files that make up your complete exported FHIR provider directory for a single contract number and contract year. CMS will use the index to locate and download the listed constituent FHIR-based JSON files for use in MPF.

When using the machine-readable JSON approach, the index file will list all constituent machine-readable JSON files that make up your complete provider directory for a single contract number and contract year. CMS will use the index to locate and download the listed constituent machine-readable JSON files for use in MPF.

To add or edit your MPF provider directory URL(s), navigate to the "Manage MPF Provider Directory URLs" page in the MPF Provider Directory module.

Refer to the [Technical Implementation Guide for Supplying Medicare Advantage \(MA\) Provider Directory Data for Use in Medicare Plan Finder \(MPF\)](#) published on May 1, 2026 for guidance on the machine-readable JSON and FHIR-based JSON options.

Please note that MA organizations must report their MPF Provider Directory URL(s) even if the underlying machine-readable JSON or FHIR-based JSON files are not yet complete.

FHIR Provider Directory API Endpoint

Per May 2020's Interoperability and Patient Access final rule ([CMS-9115-F](#)), MA organizations are required to implement application programming interfaces (API) for provider directories. Pursuant to this rule, CMS requires the use of the Health Level Seven International® (HL7®) FHIR standard for these APIs.

This field is intended to capture your organization's FHIR-based provider directory API endpoint for **each unique CMS contract number**.

Organizations must enter the **FHIR server base URL only**.

To add your FHIR Provider Directory API endpoint(s), navigate to the "Manage FHIR Provider Directory API Endpoints" page in the MPF Provider Directory module.

Please note that CMS must be able to access your API endpoint(s) without a client registration requirement.

Questions about this memo should be directed to the HPMS Help Desk at either hpms@cms.hhs.gov or 1-800-220-2028.