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SUBJECT: Information for the Second Contract Year (CY) 2023 Drug Pricing and Plan Benefit Previews

CMS appreciates the valuable feedback provided by organizations during the first CY 2023 Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) preview window. This memo provides a summary of known and resolved issues as well as some general reminders in preparation for the second MPF plan preview, which is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 a.m. ET through Friday, September 9, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

Note: Where an issue is discovered that appears to be widespread in nature, organizations are **not** required to submit the preview comment for all instances across all plans. CMS recommends reporting the issue for a small subset of cases and to indicate as such in the plan preview comment field.

CY 2023 Plan Benefit Preview

Resolved Issues:

- The Standard Part B premium had been presented as \$NaN. CMS will display the 2022 Part B premium (\$170.10), as the 2023 Part B premium is not yet known at this time.
- Some tiers were not appearing in the correct order in the "Cost by Drug Tier" table.

Reminders:

- Information provided in the PBP software note fields will not be displayed on MPF.
- Telehealth coverage on MPF reflects two benefits from the Plan Benefit Package (PBP):

Section B-14c7 (Remote Access Technologies) and Section B-7j (Additional Telehealth Services). If a plan offers one or both of these benefits, then telehealth will present with a checkmark on the plan card and be labeled as "some coverage" on MPF.

- Plans participating in the Part D Senior Savings Model (SSM) must use the drug pricing preview to validate their cost-sharing. The Part D cost-sharing in the benefit preview is a static display of tier cost-sharing values, so it does not account for SSM cost-sharing for select drugs.
- MPF presents only the supplemental chiropractic benefit, not the Medicare-covered benefit.
- All data displayed in the MPF “Extra Benefits” section is reflective of only **mandatory** supplemental benefits. Optional supplemental benefits are presented in the “Optional Packages” section.
- The in-home support services benefit in the “Extra Benefits” section reflects benefit elections made in Section B-14c21 (In-Home Support Services) of the PBP.
- Please refer to **Appendix A** for instructions on how to update certain MPF data fields in HPMS.
- Plans are encouraged to review the plan benefits preview data against the plan benefit reports in HPMS when completing the plan preview.
- The LIS cost share modifications that are seen on Medicare.gov based on the data entry navigation (i.e., a user indicating they have additional help) are not reflected as part of the benefits preview.

CY 2023 Drug Pricing Preview

Known Issues:

- The MPF preview displays \$0 cost-sharing in the deductible phase for beneficiaries with LIS levels 1, 2, and 3. This issue will be addressed after open enrollment.

Resolved Issues:

- The Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) LIS buydown benefit, where the plan offers \$0 for all Part D drugs in all phases of the benefit for all LIS levels, was not reflected in the MPF preview.

Reminders:

- Footnotes for prior authorization, quantity limits, and step therapy information is not included in the plan preview, but it will be displayed on MPF.
- The plan pricing preview shows the cost of the drug in each phase of the benefit. The preview does not consider the threshold for a given phase of the benefit. For example, if a

drug costs \$1000, the preview will show \$1000 in the deductible phase, even though the deductible would be met before the beneficiary pays the full \$1000 cost.

- If a drug is not offered at a given location and frequency (e.g., a drug is not covered for 1-month mail order), the preview will display the full cash price of the drug.

For technical assistance during the second MPF plan preview, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either hpms@cms.hhs.gov or 1-800-220-2028.

Appendix A

MPF Field	Where to Make Updates in HPMS
View Plan Website	Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Enter Contract Number > Expand General Information > Org. Marketing Data > Organization Website Address
Address	Plan Bids > Bid Submission > CY 2023 > Edit Contact Data > Update the "Mailing Address" field for the "Customer Service Prospective Member" Contact
Member Phone Number	Plan Bids > Bid Submission > CY 2023 > Edit Contact Data > Update the "Local Phone Number" field for the "Customer Service Current Member" Contact
Non-Member Phone Number	Plan Bids > Bid Submission > CY 2023 > Edit Contact Data > Update the "Local Phone Number" field for the "Customer Service Prospective Member" Contact
Member Phone Number View Provider Directory (if available)	<p><i>If you enter the optional URL at the contract level:</i></p> <p>Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Enter Contract Number > Expand General Information > Org. Marketing Data > Update the "URL for this website" under the questions "Do you have a website that lists the physicians who are part of your network?" and "Do you have a website that lists the physicians who are currently accepting new patients?"</p> <p><i>If you do not enter the optional URL at the contract level:</i></p> <p>Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Enter Contract Number > Expand General Information > Org. Marketing Data > Organization Website Address</p>