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TO: Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

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SUBJECT: Retail Pharmacy Network Access and Preferred Cost-Sharing Pharmacy Access
Analysis Results for AEP CY 2021

The data from CMS's retail pharmacy access analysis for AEP CY 2021 are now available in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) for review. To access the Part D retail access data in HPMS select: "Quality and Performance" > "Performance Metrics" > "Retail Pharmacy Access Data" > "Pharmacy Network Access Data" and, finally, select the performance period.

CMS will use the analysis to identify sponsors' plans that are not meeting the retail pharmacy access standard required by 42 C.F.R. § 423.120(a)(1). Sponsors identified as access outliers may receive compliance or enforcement actions.

Questions or concerns about the data for your plan(s) should be sent to PartD_Monitoring@cms.hhs.gov by January 29, 2021.