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DATE: July 17, 2023
TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors
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SUBJECT: July 2023 Updates to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an upcoming change to the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) effective July 17, 2023. CMS is posting the Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Edit Code Listing spreadsheet reflecting this update on the [CSSC Operations website](#) concurrent with the release of this memo.

Please submit questions regarding these updates to PDE-Operations@cms.hhs.gov.

Modification to DDPS Edit 902

DDPS Edit 902 checks PDE records containing National Drug Codes (NDCs) for Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended adult vaccines to confirm there is no cost sharing reported in the Patient Pay Amount field of the PDE records with dates of service on or after January 1, 2023. Currently, Part D sponsors receive DDPS Edit 902 when there is cost sharing reported for these vaccines, and DDPS rejects the PDE record accordingly.

Part D sponsors have reported issues with the DDPS editing of 2023 ACIP-recommended adult vaccine PDE records, particularly for vaccines where the ACIP recommendation covers only a *subset* of the adult population and the product label allows administration beyond that subset. This means, for a single NDC, there could be instances where \$0.00 cost sharing (and potentially the Inflation Reduction Act Subsidy Amount (IRASA)) is required, and other cases where cost sharing is permissible and IRASA is not allowed.

To accommodate both such instances while still allowing IRASA to be appropriately reported, DDPS Edit 902 will be changed from a reject edit to an informational edit, effective July 17, 2023.

Plans that believe they have ACIP-recommended adult vaccine PDE records that were inappropriately rejected with DDPS Edit 902 can resubmit these PDE records on or after July 17, 2023.

CMS will conduct post-acceptance analysis of all PDE records that receive informational DDPS Edit 902 to ensure that the Patient Pay Amount and IRASA reported on the PDE record are in accordance with the Inflation Reduction Act.

Update related to DDPS Edit 900

DDPS Edit 900 ensures that IRASA is reported only for NDCs classified in DDPS as ACIP-recommended adult vaccines (or covered insulin products). Plans may have received PDE rejections under DDPS Edit 900 in cases where a vaccine was given in accordance with the ACIP recommendation due to the NDC being misclassified by DDPS as a vaccine that did not have an ACIP recommendation. These vaccine misclassifications have also been addressed in this DDPS update.

Plans that believe they have received DDPS Edit 900 in error may resubmit the PDE records on or after July 17, 2023.