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SUBJECT: Medicare Plan Finder Enhancements for Contract Year 2023

To assist organizations with preparations for Contract Year (CY) 2023, CMS is providing an overview of enhancements planned for Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) and the related Health Plan Management System (HPMS) modules that support Part D pricing file submissions, plan benefit and drug pricing previews, suppressions and exclusions, and Online Enrollment Center (OEC) management. Further detail will be provided in subsequent guidance.

MPF and Other Medicare.gov Functionality

- Authenticated beneficiaries (i.e., a Medicare beneficiary that logs into their [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) account) can now access their drug and pharmacy lists from the [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) header, allowing for easier drug and pharmacy list management (i.e., My Saved Drugs/My Saved Pharmacies).
- A redesigned MPF landing page will enable beneficiaries to input their zip code and plan type selection directly from the landing page, both saving time and reducing confusion by streamlining the number of actions taken from this web page.
- Authenticated beneficiaries will begin their MPF experience from a personalized summary page. This summary page will act as a jumping off point for beneficiaries to view all of the information relevant to comparing plans (e.g., their drug list, pharmacy list, and extra help status) in one place.
- There will be a series of targeted and personalized improvements around pharmacy selection. These improvements are designed to encourage beneficiaries to add or review

information that could help them save on drug costs (e.g., network or preferred status) and identify a potentially lower cost pharmacy.

- After an authenticated beneficiary submits an enrollment request, MPF will send a notice to the beneficiary's Medicare Message Center, which will provide details about their enrollment request along with their OEC confirmation number.
- MPF will display educational information regarding interchangeable biologics.
- Medigap policy rates will be included on the Medigap policy details page.
- The State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) site will be enhanced to indicate HIV/AIDS eligibility requirements for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP).

Part D Pricing File Submission (PDPFS) Module

- The Findings Details Report will offer an additional filter, which will allow plan users to download only the attestable, but not yet attested, outliers for all contracts assigned to their user ID.
- The brand and generic dispensing fee validation, which had been added for CY 2022, will be expanded to include mail order pharmacies.
- There will be threshold changes implemented for the following validations:
 - Change in Preferred Retail Pharmacies
 - Pharmacy Cost Network Size - in area retail pharmacies
 - Floor Price
 - NPIs Not Found
- Using the Submission Status page, plan users will be able to view a submission's header record as well as download the .zip file.
- PDPFS application programming interface (API) changes were outlined in the May 6, 2022 memorandum entitled "Contract Year 2023 Part D Pricing File Submission Application Programming Interface Changes."

Online Enrollment Center (OEC) Management Module

- The module web pages are being optimized to improve speed and reduce page load time.
- If the aging report includes contracts that have never been downloaded, the report will display the download date as a blank value.

Plan Benefit Preview

- The preview reports will default to the current active preview window.

Drug Pricing Preview

- The preview reports will default to the current active preview window.
- Plan users will be able to add a drug/dosage with different quantities and frequencies on a given saved drug list.
- The preview will now include low-income subsidy (LIS) levels 2 and 3, which are only accessible in MPF during a beneficiary's authenticated search.
- The logic for the drug selection package dropdown (e.g., sold in a pack of X quantity) will be improved.

Medicare & You Handbook Preview

- The preview will now present the plan premium in blue to indicate PDP plans that are eligible for auto-assignment.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact the MPF team at MPF@cms.hhs.gov and the HPMS team at hpms@cms.hhs.gov.