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**TO:** All Part D Plans

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**SUBJECT:** Contract Year (CY) 2021 Part D Pricing File Submission (PDPFS) Module Enhancements

On July 3, 2020, CMS will release the CY 2021 PDPFS module in preparation for the first official CY 2021 pricing file test window, which opens on July 6, 2020. In response to the considerable amount of valuable industry feedback received since the launch of this module last year, CMS has implemented the following changes and enhancements in the CY 2021 module release:

1. Two validations are being changed from informational to non-attestable suppressible errors: Pricing File with Duplicate NDC Records and PF Unit Cost Discrepancy.
2. CMS will include the values for 6 months and 1 year in the refill frequency dropdown in MPF. When calculating the unit price of the drug, MPF will use the 90 day unit price submitted by the plan for the NDC and the selected pharmacy. When calculating the beneficiary cost sharing for the drug, MPF will use the 90 day cost sharing submitted by the plan for the tier of the drug, phase, and the pharmacy type.
3. In addition to the current upload functionality, plans will have the option to submit their Part D pricing files using an application programming interface (API). Please refer to the June 25, 2020 HPMS memorandum entitled "Contract Year (CY) 2021 Part D Pricing Data Submission Application Programming Interface (API)" for further information.
4. PDPFS will send additional email notifications. The full set of email notifications will now address the following scenarios:
  - a. Pricing file submission processed and validated with no Level 2 findings.
  - b. Pricing file submission processed and validated with Level 2 informational findings only.
  - c. Pricing file submission processed and validated with Level 2 suppressible findings.
  - d. **New for CY 2021** - Week 1 Level 3 outlier job for PDPFS has completed. *Note:* Each email recipient will get one generic email, not a contract-specific email.
  - e. **New for CY 2021** - Week 2 Level 3 outlier job for PDPFS has completed. *Note:* Each email recipient will get one generic email, not a contract-specific email.
  - f. **New for CY 2021** - Organization has not completed the necessary attestations 5

hours before the deadline.

- g. **New for CY 2021** - Organization has not submitted their Part D pricing files 5 hours before the deadline.
5. Users will have a graphical dashboard to view the overall submission status of their assigned contract numbers, including the following: which contract numbers have completed their submissions, which contract numbers have unresolved findings, and which contract numbers have an accepted submission.
  6. The submission status table will display the status of the latest submission only, not previous submission statuses.
  7. The “Review/Attest” findings page has been improved so that users can review and complete:
    - a. All attestations at once;
    - b. All contracts for one particular finding; or
    - c. Attestations on an individual basis.
  8. The module will display the name of the user that completed each attestation for their assigned contract number(s) and when the attestation had been completed.
  9. The Findings Details Report has been enhanced so that users can download data for all assigned contract numbers for all finding types. Users will receive a single zip file comprised of a separate .CSV file for each contract number.
  10. The CY 2021 reference data pull dates will be available in the module upon its release.

For questions regarding the CY 2021 PDPFS module, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either [hpms@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hpms@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-800-220-2028.