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**DATE:** December 29, 2020  
**TO:** All Part D Plan Sponsors  
**FROM:** Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group  
**SUBJECT:** Completion of the Reopening of the 2015 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation

CMS completed the calculations for the reopening of the 2015 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation, and any payment adjustments stemming from the results of these calculations will be reflected in the March 2021 payment. The calculations were performed in accordance with § 1860D-14 and § 1860D-15 of the Social Security Act and associated regulations at 42 CFR 423 subpart G and guidance. The reconciliation calculations utilize all accepted data as follows:

- Prescription Drug Event (PDE) data with a processed date, found on the Prescription Drug Front-end System (PDFS) response report, on or before 20200930 Cycle 3;
- All prospective payments made for Part D net of all adjustments processed through the January 2021 payment; and
- Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) information received in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by September 30, 2020.

Sponsors will receive payment reconciliation reports, as well as the Part D Exclusion from Reconciliation Report. The Part D Exclusion from Reconciliation Report was described in the following memoranda: “Reconciliation PDE Exclusion Process,” January 6, 2014, “Updates to the Reconciliation PDE Exclusion Process,” April 16, 2014, and “Updates to the Part D Potential Exclusion Warning Report and Exclusion Report,” December 20, 2019. The report identifies PDEs that were excluded from the reopening of the 2015 Part D payment reconciliation.

The payment reconciliation reports and the Part D Exclusion from Reconciliation Reports for reopening will be available in your reconciliation mailboxes at the Customer Service and Support Center (CSSC) on Monday, February 1, 2021. If you cannot access these reports, please contact CSSC at 877-534-2772.

Payment adjustments to remit and recover these calculated reconciliation amounts are planned for the March 2021 payment. Payment is contingent on receipt of the “Attestation of Data Relating to CMS Payment to a Medicare Part D Sponsor,” which was due by November 9, 2020. See the September 18, 2020 HPMS memorandum, “Attestation of Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Data and Direct and Indirect Remuneration (DIR) Data related to the 2015 Reopening.”

As described in the memorandum, per 42 CFR 423.505(k)(3) and (5), Part D sponsors are required to certify the claims data and allowable costs that they submit for purposes of risk corridor and reinsurance payment. If the attestation has not been received, the payment adjustment will not occur in the March 2021 payment. The payment adjustment will occur after the attestation is received.

All reopening requests received after the 2015 Part D payment reconciliation and prior to the 2015 reopening are now considered to be closed. If, upon review of the 2015 reopening results, a sponsor feels that there is new information for CMS to consider, then a sponsor can submit a reopening request.

#### *Reopening Process*

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 423.346, CMS may reopen final payment determinations. Part D sponsors can submit requests for reopening, as instructed in the December 29, 2015 HPMS memorandum, “Revised Reopening Request Process and Notification of Overpayment Related to PDE and DIR Data.”

Any questions regarding the reopening process can be sent to the Payment Process Contractor, Acumen, at [PartDPaymentSupport@acumenllc.com](mailto:PartDPaymentSupport@acumenllc.com).

#### *Appeals Process*

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 423.360, appeals are filed when a plan sponsor does not believe that CMS applied its stated payment methodology correctly. Refer to the reopenings and appeals guidance, which was released through HPMS on May 8, 2008, for additional information on the process for filing an appeal.<sup>1</sup> If you wish to appeal, your request must be filed and received by February 16, 2021. Requests for appeal should be addressed to Jennifer R. Shapiro and emailed to the Payment Process Contractor at [PartDPaymentSupport@acumenllc.com](mailto:PartDPaymentSupport@acumenllc.com).

If you intend to mail your request for reconsideration, submit the request to the Reconciliation Support Contractor at the following address:

Acumen, LLC  
Attn: Part D Payment Support  
500 Airport Blvd, Suite 365  
Burlingame, CA 94010

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the reopening process described in the May 8, 2008 HPMS memorandum, *The Part D Reopenings Process and the Part D Appeals Process*, has been updated by the April 6, 2018, June 1, 2017, and December 29, 2015 HPMS memoranda. However, the appeals process described in the May 8, 2008 memorandum is still current and should be followed to file an appeal (with the exception of the contact information, as indicated above).