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SUBJECT: Further Guidance on the Contract Year (CY) 2021 Drug Pricing and Plan Benefit Preview

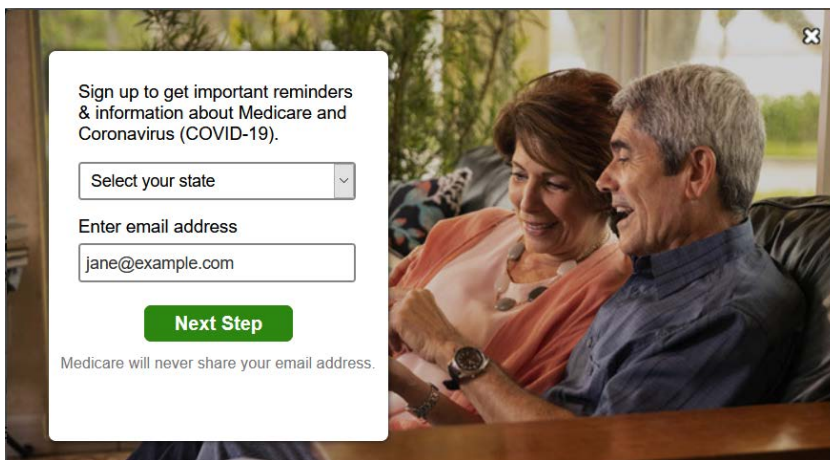
As a reminder, organizations will use the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) to preview the CY 2021 drug pricing, plan benefit, and out-of-pocket cost (OOPC) estimate data prior to the data going live on Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) on October 1, 2020. The first preview window runs from **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 a.m. ET through Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

CY 2021 Drug Pricing Preview

- Out-of-Network (OON) drugs are not displaying the correct value in the deductible phase of the benefit when the deductible for the given tier is \$0. In the preview, the OON drug cost will appear as \$0 in the deductible phase. On MPF, the OON drug will display the full cash price.
- The drug pricing preview shows the cost of the drug in each phase of the benefit. The preview does not take into account the threshold for a given phase of the benefit. For example, if a drug costs \$1000, the preview will show \$1000 in the deductible phase, even though the deductible would be met before the beneficiary pays the full \$1000 cost.
- **KNOWN ISSUE:** The 6 month/1 year frequency options will not be available during the first preview window. These options will be available in the second plan preview window.

CY 2021 Plan Benefit Preview

- The 2021 Fee-for-Service (FFS) values are not available at this time. For purposes of the plan benefit preview, the preview will use the 2020 FFS values (e.g., the Part B premium will display as \$144.60).
- The CY 2021 plan benefit preview does not support Microsoft Internet Explorer. Organizations must use an alternative modern web browser to access the benefit preview functionality, such as Chrome, Edge, or Firefox.
- Some users may encounter a pop-up window to sign up for important reminders from www.medicare.gov. Click on the X that appears in the top right corner of the image to close the pop-up and proceed to the preview.



- **KNOWN ISSUE:** The preview is not displaying the correct cost sharing for opioid treatment services and dialysis for only Medical Savings Account (MSA) and Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMP). CMS is working to address this issue before the second plan preview.
- **KNOWN ISSUE:** The “View Provider Network Directory” URL is not linking to the provider network directory website maintained in HPMS. Instead, the organization website URL is being used. CMS is working to address this issue before the second plan preview.

Plans are strongly encouraged to participate in the first preview window to maximize the time in which issues can be identified and corrected before the second preview window. Thank you for taking the opportunity to preview your plan data.