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**TO:** All Part D Plans

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**SUBJECT:** Testing Opportunity for the New Part D Pricing File Submission Module

Beginning with Contract Year (CY) 2020, Part D sponsors will use the new Part D Pricing File Submission module in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) to submit their drug pricing and pharmacy data for posting on the Medicare Plan Finder (MPF).

In mid-May 2019, CMS administered a pilot for organizations that expressed interest in the new pricing file submission process in response to our February 11, 2019 “Medicare Coverage Tools Initiative - Responses Due by February 18, 2019” memo.

CMS is now inviting all Part D sponsors to participate in a pilot of the new Part D Pricing File Submission module from **Monday, June 10, 2019 through Friday, June 21, 2019**.

**Appendix A** contains important operational guidance for the pilot process. Some topics include:

- How to obtain access for the pilot
- Daily schedule for the two-week pilot submission period
- Overview of the submission, validation, and attestation processes in HPMS
- High-level technical guidance on the new functionality
- Differences between the pilot and the upcoming CY 2020 production module
- How to submit feedback on the pilot

While participation is voluntary, CMS encourages all Part D sponsors to consider taking part in the June 2019 pilot. CMS has modified a number of the file validations, so the results produced by HPMS may differ from the results received during the current CY 2019 process for the same files. Consequently, sponsors may need to update their drug pricing file generation processes to account for these differences. A failure to take the necessary action may result in a high error rate for CY 2020 submissions and increase the likelihood of a suppression on MPF.

For questions regarding the June 2019 pilot, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either [hpms@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hpms@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-800-220-2028.