

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Payment Confirmation Reports for the Coverage Gap Discount Program

CMS is issuing this instruction to Part D Sponsors and Manufacturers regarding the data to be included in Quarter 2 Payment Confirmation reports when the manufacturer invoice includes negative amounts. Forthcoming guidance will include a more comprehensive discussion of the negative balance issue.

Payment Confirmation reports can include the following information:

- 1) the negative amount exactly as invoiced, or
- 2) a report of only payments made, omitting any mention of the negative amounts.

Each manufacturer or Part D sponsor can chose either of these two options. If the report omits negative amounts (option 2), the report will be accepted but will be labeled as "discrepant". However, we do not view reports that are discrepant for this reason to be problematic and the reports will not need to be resubmitted. In addition, if negative amounts are omitted from Payment Confirmation reports (option 2), those amounts should not be included in the totals written to the contract or manufacturer trailer records.

Please direct any questions about this email to the TPA at CSSCOperations@Palmettogba.com or phone 1-877-534-2772.