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**DATE:** Thursday, October 3, 2024

**TO:** All Drug Manufacturers

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**SUBJECT:** NOTICE: October Drug Manufacturer Call on Implementation of IRA Medicare Provisions

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify drug manufacturers that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Medicare hosts calls on an ad hoc basis on implementation of the Medicare provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169). The next call will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1 PM to 2:30 PM ET.

CMS is committed to engaging our partners and the communities we serve throughout the policymaking and implementation process, including the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act. Aligned with our strategic pillar, CMS created this forum to provide drug manufacturers the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to CMS on issues related to the implementation of the Medicare provisions of the new law.

The October 22 call will focus on the newly released [Final Guidance](#) for the second cycle of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program as well as the revised [Small Biotech Exception and Biosimilar Delay information collection request](#) (ICR). The 30-day comment period for the ICR will close on November 1. Registered attendees are welcome to submit feedback on Final Guidance by email at any time. CMS also welcomes submitted questions before the call, which can be emailed to [IRAREbateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:IRAREbateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov), indicating "10/22 Discussion Question - Manufacturer" in the subject line.

To register for the October 22 call, [please click here](#). **Registration will close at 5:00 pm ET on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. The zoom link and an agenda with additional details will be sent to registrants in advance of the meeting. Please allow some time to receive the e-mail with this information; zoom links will not be sent automatically after registering.

***Please note that the registration link for this event is associated with one email address and device.***

Note, this call is limited to drug manufacturers. Manufacturers that participate in the Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program (CGDP) should use their P# (i.e., HPMS Contract ID) to register for this call. Manufacturers having issue accessing HPMS or recalling their P# can reach out to the HPMS Access Help Desk ([hpms\\_access@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hpms_access@cms.hhs.gov)) for assistance. Manufacturers who wish to join this call but are currently not participating in the CGDP or awaiting a P# as a Part B-only drug manufacturer should reach out to [IRAREbateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:IRAREbateandNegotiation@cms.hhs.gov) to request access.