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TO: Drug Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: NOTICE: Medicare Transaction Facilitator Systems Calls

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify drug manufacturers impacted by Medicare Drug Price Negotiation that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Medicare is hosting recurring calls on the implementation of the Medicare Transaction Facilitator Data Module (MTF DM). The MTF DM will facilitate the exchange of certain claim-level data elements and claim-level payment elements for selected drugs negotiated under the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-169). **The next call will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM ET.**

CMS uses these calls to engage with technical experts on topics like system integration, secure data exchange protocols, system user experience, and other critical technical components that will inform the design and functionality of the MTF DM. **The content of these call is technical and operations focused. CMS believes this call will be particularly useful for manufacturer IT system staff who will be or anticipate engaging in data exchange with the MTF DM contractor within the next 12 to 24 months.**

The January 28th call will be used to go over a high-level calendar of expected milestones for the MTF DM build for 2025 and introduce potential opportunities for Human Centered Design (HCD) feedback for the MTF enrollment module.

CMS also welcomes submitted questions before the call, which can be emailed to MFPMedicareTransactionFacilitator@cms.hhs.gov indicating “1/28 Discussion Question – MTF DM Systems Call” in the subject line.

To register for the January 28 call, [please click here](#). **Registration will close at 5:00 pm ET on Friday, January 24.** 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) for assistance.

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. CMS thanks those who attended the MTF DM Systems Call on December 11, 2024. In that call we presented examples of the type of feedback useful to CMS as we develop requirements for the MTF. The examples we reviewed on the call are provided again below. We appreciate and look forward to your feedback, which can be sent to MFPMedicareTransactionFacilitator@cms.hhs.gov indicating “HCD Questions Feedback” in the subject.

Topic Area #1 – Participants From Your Organization

- Who will be involved in enrolling and managing MTF DM users in your organization?
- Who is developing the system(s) that will take data from and send data to the MTF DM?
- Who will be responsible for data exchange functionality?
- Who might be working directly with the data in the MTF DM?
- Who might be reviewing reports from the MTF DM?
- Who might be engaging with the complaints/disputes submission process within your organization?

Topic Area #2 – Getting Started

- What is important to you concerning your role in the MTF DM?
- What is important to you to help mitigate any concerns or risks you have identified about the MTF DM?
- What is important to you when receiving and interacting with MTF DM data?
- What are the norms in your organization for account management?
- What is more desirable: more roles or less roles?

As shared during the call, manufacturer participation and feedback is critical to the success of the MTF DM, especially at these early stages. Please respond to the questions above by sending an email to MFPMedicareTransactionFacilitator@cms.hhs.gov no later than January 31, 2025.

Aligned with our strategic pillar, CMS created this forum to engage drug manufacturer information and data systems experts that can provide feedback on elements of system design and respond to technical questions about information system specifications for the development of the MTF DM.