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DATE: October 30, 2025

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, and Demonstrations

FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx)
November 2025 Payment – INFORMATION

This letter provides information about the November 2025 Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug payment, which is scheduled for receipt on October 31, 2025, and other payment related items that may require plan action.

2024 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation

The 2024 Part D reconciliation payment adjustment¹ is included in the November 2025 payment. The payment adjustments will be displayed on the Plan Payment Report (PPR) as Special CMS Adjustments with the TYPE “PRS.”

Sequestration

Per legislative statute, on April 1, 2013, there began a 2.0% sequester of payments for medical services and supplies. For the period May 1, 2020, through March 31, 2022, a suspension of sequestration existed. Sequestration at a rate of 1.0% began on April 1, 2022, and continued through June 30, 2022. Effective July 1, 2022, sequestration at the original statutorily established rate of 2.0% was restored and remains in effect. Retroactive payment adjustments are calculated accordingly.

Submitting MAPD Help Desk Trouble Tickets Involving Premium/Payment Information

CMS has a mission to provide clear, accurate, and timely information about CMS programs to the entire health care community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system. CMS continues to actively work towards prioritizing and communicating premium/payment information involving future MARx software enhancements, software fixes, and data cleanups. If you have already submitted a trouble ticket, no further action is required by

¹ CMS had previously announced that the 2024 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation would be included in the November 2025 Payment in the September 26, 2025, memo with the subject line “Completion of the 2024 Final Part D Payment Reconciliation.”

the plan. If you have been informed by the help desk that your ticket has been consolidated under a “parent ticket,” that means we are aware of an issue or concern affecting multiple organizations and will be working on addressing the issue. Knowing how many organizations are reporting the same problem under the parent ticket allows us to assess the scale of the problem and helps us prioritize the fix to the issue.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information within this letter or wish to inquire about the adjustment going into the monthly payment for your plans, please contact the MAPD Help Desk at mapdhelp@cms.hhs.gov, or 1-800-927-8069.