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**DATE:** July 27, 2018

**TO:** All Current and Prospective Part D Sponsors (including PACE Organizations that submit formularies)

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**SUBJECT:** Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Contract Year 2019 Formulary Submission

CMS invites all Part D sponsors to provide feedback on the Contract Year (CY) 2019 formulary submission process in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). Specifically, we are seeking comments and suggestions regarding the following areas:

- Additional Demonstration Drug (ADD) File Submission (Medicare-Medicaid Plans only)
- Formulary Crosswalk
- Formulary Reports
- Formulary Review Process
- Line-level Process
- Negative Formulary Change Request (CY2018)
- Opioid MED Template Submission (CY2018)
- Opioid Strategy Submission
- Outlier Justification
- P&T Attestations
- PA & ST Attestations
- Supplemental Formulary File Submission
- Transition Policy Submission
- Utilization Management Criteria Submission (PA, ST)
- VBID File Submission

This feedback period will take place from **Monday, July 30, 2018 through Friday, August 3, 2018**. An online Internet application is available to support the collection of your feedback: [http://hpms.cms.fu.com/comments/Allcom/comments\\_start.asp?comment=1540](http://hpms.cms.fu.com/comments/Allcom/comments_start.asp?comment=1540).

As a reminder, the comment website is accessible via the Internet; HPMS access is **not** required.

Due to tight development timeframes, feedback should be limited to the specific topics noted above and focus on areas such as inefficiencies in the business process and substantive problems or concerns that impact plan organizations on the whole.

If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either 1-800-220-2028 or [hpms@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hpms@cms.hhs.gov). Thank you for your participation.