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

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SUBJECT: Closing the Drug Data Processing System (DDPS) for benefit year 2018

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will close DDPS to prescription drug event (PDE) data with dates of service (DOS) for benefit year 2018.¹ This change will take effect on July 1, 2025, and will affect all Part D sponsors, including the Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) plans.

DDPS will reject PDE data with DOS for 2018 after June 30, 2025. Part D sponsors that submit PDE data with DOS prior to January 1, 2019, will receive reject edit code 788 with the message, "DDPS no longer accepts PDEs for this benefit year." The DDPS Edit Spreadsheet is posted to the CSSC website (available [here](#)).

CMS will announce the future closure of DDPS for other benefit years through HPMS memoranda. Please send questions regarding this announcement to PDE-Operations@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you.

¹ DDPS is currently closed to PDE data with DOS in 2006 through 2017. See HPMS memorandum, *Closing the Drug Data Processing System ("DDPS") for benefit year 2017*, April 12, 2024 (available <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/information-systems/hpms/hpms-memos-archive-weekly/hpms-memos-wk-2-april-8-12>).