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DATE: February 16, 2024

TO: Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: Medicare Part D Manufacturer Discount Program – ACTION REQUIRED –  
Agreement Signature Deadline

Under section 1860D-43(a) of the Social Security Act, in order for a manufacturer's applicable drugs to continue to be coverable under Part D beginning in 2025, they must be covered under a Discount Program agreement. The statutory deadline for all participating manufacturers to sign a Discount Program agreement in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) is **11:59 p.m. PST on March 1, 2024**. CMS does not have authority to extend this deadline; therefore, manufacturers that want to participate should take **immediate action** in HPMS to ensure all required information is entered and updated as needed, required ownership data is attested to and submitted, and the Discount Program and TPA agreements are reviewed and signed in advance of the deadline.

Manufacturers that do not have HPMS access should be aware that the process of completing all the required steps to obtain HPMS access, including required signatory access, adding or updating required contact information, providing and attesting to the required ownership information, and reviewing and signing the agreements can take several days.

For instructions regarding HPMS access, including signatory user access, please refer to the May 4, 2023 HPMS memo entitled, "[Instructions for Requesting Drug Manufacturer Access in the Health Plan Management System \(HPMS\)](#)" (attached).

**Further delay in signing a Discount Program agreement could result in missing the March 1 statutory deadline, for which there is no grace period, and the manufacturer's applicable drugs not being covered under Part D for all of 2025.**

More information about the Discount Program, including the final guidance, is available at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coverage/prescription-drug-coverage/part-d-information-pharmaceutical-manufacturers>.

Questions about the Discount Program may be sent to [PartDManufacturerDiscountProgram@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PartDManufacturerDiscountProgram@cms.hhs.gov).

For technical assistance with HPMS, contact the HPMS Help Desk at either [hpms@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:hpms@cms.hhs.gov) or 1-800-220-2028.

For assistance with HPMS signatory user access, contact [HPMSConsultantAccess@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:HPMSConsultantAccess@cms.hhs.gov).