

HPMS E-Mail

Date: January 26, 2024

Subject: Paxlovid on Medicare Plan Finder

As noted in the January 4, 2024 memo entitled “Introduction of Prescription Oral Antivirals for COVID-19 to the Commercial Market,” CMS has been reviewing options for communicating this information on Medicare Plan Finder (MPF).

On Monday, February 12, 2024, Paxlovid will be available to add as a prescription drug when comparing plan drug costs on MPF. Additionally, the following footnote will be applied to Paxlovid when it appears on the Drug Coverage section of the MPF Plan Details page:

“This Medicare drug plan **may** offer Paxlovid for \$0 through a patient assistance program. Contact the plan to find out if it’s participating in the program. What if the plan doesn’t participate?”

When a user clicks on the “What if the plan doesn’t participate?” link, the following text will appear:

“You can still get Paxlovid for free, but you'll need to enroll in Pfizer's [patient assistance program](#). If you get Paxlovid without enrolling in the program, you'll have to pay some of the costs.”

When clicking on the “patient assistance program” link, the user will be directed to the following website: <https://www.paxlovid.com/paxcess>