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TO: Drug Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: April 2023 Drug Manufacturer Module Enhancements

On April 21, 2023, CMS will release a redesign of the Drug Manufacturer Contract Management module in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). This effort ensures that the module is built using the latest technologies, while also modernizing the platform on which the agency will develop new drug manufacturer functionality in support of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

This release is comprised of following changes:

- CMS is establishing a new "Drug Manufacturers" home page category dedicated to housing the HPMS functionality for the drug manufacturer user base.

- CMS is splitting the current module into two distinct modules:

    - The **Drug Manufacturer Contract Management module** will host the functionality for managing manufacturer-related data, such as basic P number information (e.g., manufacturer address, EIN, and affiliated EINs), contact data, and labeler codes.

    - The **Coverage Gap Discount Program (CGDP) module** will house the CGDP agreements and reports. This module will then be converted to the **Manufacturer Discount Program (MDP) module**, where manufacturers will view and sign the new MDP agreements and access the legacy CGDP functionality.

- Manufacturers must add, edit, and maintain their primary employer identification number (EIN) and affiliated EINs for each assigned P number.

    - For the April 21, 2023 release, CMS will pre-populate the primary EINs for active P numbers using data provided by the CGDP Third Party Administrator (TPA). Manufacturers must review these data and update, as needed, to ensure that the EIN is accurate.

    - In cases where the data could not be prepopulated by CMS, manufacturers must enter their primary EIN data for each assigned P number.
    - No affiliated EINs will be prepopulated, so manufacturers must enter these data, if applicable.

- Manufacturers must add, edit, and maintain their organization address for each assigned P number. This functionality includes a new requirement to add a U.S. address where the manufacturer has recorded an out of country address.

- During the data conversion process, CMS found that certain data entry (e.g., phone numbers) does not meet the validation requirements of the redesigned module. Where a manufacturer's data is not valid, CMS has removed those data, and manufacturers are required to re-enter the data appropriately.

- Other module changes include:

    - Modernized look and feel, including filter and sorting capabilities within data tables.
    - Improved functionality for managing labeler code transfers vs. add/delete via transfers.
        - To transfer a labeler code to a different P number, the current manufacturer must submit their transfer request in HPMS before the receiving manufacturer can add the labeler code to their P number.
    - New dashboard to display P number and contract information.
    - Updated labels throughout the system to reference the P number instead of the contract number.
    - Improved email notifications.

Please note that drug manufacturers **will retain** their existing P numbers as the agency implements the new IRA functionality, such as MDP and drug negotiation.

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