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DATE: April 10, 2025

TO: All MA-PD plans, 1876 Cost Plans, PACE organizations, and PDPs

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SUBJECT: Incoming File From CMS: Beneficiary-level File to Support 2026 Part D Bids

CMS has pushed out to all Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD) plans, 1876 Cost Plans, PACE organizations, and standalone prescription drug plans (PDPs) a beneficiary-level file that your actuaries will be using to develop 2026 Part D bids. CMS pushes this data out to contracts that offer one or more Part D plans. This memo is to inform you that there may be potential action that is needed for you to accept this new file. Please also note that we posted contract-PBP level risk scores for the payment year model on HPMS.

Part D file name:

GENTRAN: P.Rxxxxx.PTD2026.Dyymmdd.Thhmsst.pn
C:D mainframe: zzzzzzzz.Rxxxxx.PTD2026.Dyymmdd.Thhmsst
C:D non-mainframe: [directory]P.Rxxxxx.PTD2026.Dyymmdd.Thhmsst

KEY

xxxxx = 5 character plan contract #
yymmdd = two digit year, month, day
hhmsst = hour/minute/second/tenths of second
pn = process number
zzzzzzzz = Plan-provided high level qualifier, default is EFTO for production; EFTT for test
[directory] = optional directory specified from non-mainframe C:D clients, default is EFTO. for production; EFTT. for test

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Below is the file layout with technical notes.

Technical Notes

Please note the following:

1. The file includes beneficiaries who were in your contract for at least one month in 2024.
2. The estimated payment year (PY) 2024 Part D risk scores were calculated using the RxHCC risk adjustment models that were used for 2024 payment (the 2023 RxHCC model for non-PACE organizations and the 2020 RxHCC model for PACE organizations) and the risk adjustment models finalized in the CY 2026 Rate Announcement¹ that will be used for 2026 payment (the 2026 RxHCC models).

We are providing the following sets of estimated PY 2024 risk scores (2023 dates of service):

For non-PACE organizations

- 2023 RxHCC risk adjustment model: risk scores were calculated using CPT/HCPCS filtered diagnoses from the Encounter Data System (EDS) and Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims.
- 2026 RxHCC risk adjustment model (2022/2023 calibration): risk scores were calculated using CPT/HCPCS filtered diagnoses from the EDS and FFS claims.

Part D risk score file layouts for non-PACE organizations are provided at the end of this memo.

For PACE organizations

- 2020 RxHCC risk adjustment model: risk scores were calculated by pooling risk adjustment-eligible diagnoses from RAPS, EDS, and FFS claims.
- 2026 RxHCC risk adjustment model (2018/2019 calibration): risk scores were calculated by pooling risk adjustment-eligible diagnoses from RAPS, CPT/HCPCS filtered diagnoses from EDS, and specialty filtered diagnoses from FFS claims.

A separate Part D risk score file layout for PACE organizations is included below the Part D layouts for non-PACE organizations.

3. The relative factors for the 2020 RxHCC model are available in the *Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies and Final Call Letter (CY 2020 Rate Announcement)*, published on April 1, 2019. The relative factors for the 2023 RxHCC model are available in the *Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies (CY 2023 Rate Announcement)*, published on April 4, 2022. The relative factors for the 2026 RxHCC models are available in the *Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2026*

¹ [CY 2026 Rate Announcement](#)

Medicare Advantage (MA) Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies (CY 2026 Rate Announcement), published on April 7, 2025. Rate Announcements can be found [here](#).

4. The estimated risk scores provided in this file are not normalized.
 - Your projected 2026 risk scores will need to consider the appropriate normalization factor, per the *2026 Bid Pricing Tool Instructions*. For non-PACE organizations, the 2026 RxHCC model (2022/2023 calibration) normalization factor for MA-PD plans is 1.194 and the normalization factor for PDPs is 0.887. For PACE organizations, the 2026 RxHCC model (2018/2019 calibration) normalization factor is 1.202.
5. The PY 2024 risk scores provided are estimated final risk scores.
 - The diagnosis data used for the risk score estimates are from calendar year 2023 dates of service (i.e., the data collection period) based on: (1) plan diagnosis data submitted to EDS (and RAPS for PACE organizations) through January 31, 2025, and (2) Medicare FFS diagnosis data through January 31, 2025.
 - The estimated final PY 2024 risk scores account for retroactive adjustments for (1) enrollment and disenrollment through January 2025, (2) long term institutional (LTI) status through February 7, 2025, and (3) changes in low income status that have occurred since the prospective 2024 payments were made.
 - Final reconciliation risk scores used for payment will reflect any additional status changes that occur before the final risk score run (e.g., low income, long term institutional, disability, ESRD).

File layout & data dictionary – Part D risk scores

Field #	Field Name	Len	Pos	Description	Explanation
1	MBI	11	1-11	Beneficiary ID	A beneficiary is on the file as long as they were in the Part D contract for at least one month in 2024.
2-13	Contract ID	5 X 12	12-71	Contract ID. Array of 12 monthly fields.	Contract ID is populated for those months in the payment year for which the beneficiary was enrolled in the contract. For each month that this field is populated, the other applicable monthly fields are appropriately populated for the beneficiary. If this field is blank, then the beneficiary was not enrolled in the contract for the month in question.
14-25	Plan ID	3 X 12	72-107	Plan ID. Array of 12 monthly fields.	PBP in which the beneficiary is enrolled for the month.
26-37	Segment ID	3 X 12	108-143	Segment ID. Array of 12 monthly fields.	Segment in which the beneficiary is enrolled for the month. <i>MA-PDs only.</i>
38	Part D new enrollee non-LI/non-ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model	7.4	144-150	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee non-LI/non-ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model.	
39	Part D new enrollee LI/non-ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model	7.4	151-157	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee LI/non-ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model.	
40	Part D new enrollee LTI/non-ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model	7.4	158-164	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee LTI/non-ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model.	
41	Part D new enrollee non-LI/ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model	7.4	165-171	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee non-LI/ESRD risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model.	
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44	Part D LTI full risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model, ED/HCPCS filtered FFS	7.4	186-192	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D full risk LTI risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model, ED/HCPCS filtered FFS based.	Model run with Encounter data, HCPCS filtered FFS data.
45	Part D LI full risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model, ED/HCPCS filtered FFS	7.4	193-199	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D full risk LI risk score, 2023 RxHCC V08 model, ED/HCPCS filtered FFS based.	Model run with Encounter data, HCPCS filtered FFS data.
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49	Part D new enrollee LTI/non-ESRD risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model	7.4	221-227	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee LTI/non-ESRD risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model.	
50	Part D new enrollee non-LI/ESRD risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model	7.4	228-234	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee non-LI/ESRD risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model.	
51	Part D new enrollee LI/ESRD risk score, 2026	7.4	235-241	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D new enrollee LI/ESRD risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model.	

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55	Part D non-LI full risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model, ED/HCPCS filtered FFS	7.4	263-269	Beneficiary's 2024 Part D full risk non-LI risk score, 2026 RxHCC V08 model, ED/HCPCS filtered FFS based.	Model run with Encounter data, HCPCS filtered FFS data.
56-67	Part D – Beneficiary status	1 X 12	270-281	<p>Array of 12 monthly flags.</p> <p>Part D Beneficiary status codes are as follows:</p> <p>1 = New Enrollee Institutional 2 = New Enrollee Low Income 3 = New Enrollee Non-Low Income 4 = Continuous Enrollment Institutional 5 = Continuous Enrollment Low Income Aged 6 = Continuous Enrollment Non-Low Income Aged 7 = Continuous Enrollment Low Income Disabled 8 = Continuous Enrollment Non-Low Income Disabled</p>	There is an ESRD add-on in the new enrollee risk scores in the risk adjustment model. These flags are for MA-PDs and PDPs to use in assessing the new enrollee risk score.
68-79	Part D – ESRD status	1 X 12	282-293	<p>Array of 12 monthly flags.</p> <p>Part D ESRD status codes are as follows:</p> <p>1 = Not ESRD 2 = ESRD</p>	

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