

#### Part D Coverage Determinations, Appeals, and Grievances (CDAG) August 24, 2021

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#### Overview

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- CDAG Program Audit Data Request
  - Review Technical Specifications





# **Polling Question 1**

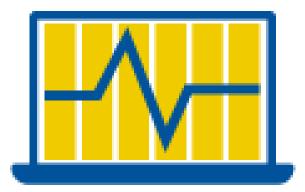
#### I have experience participating in a CMS Program Audit.

A. Yes B. No



# **CDAG Program Audit Protocol**

 The data collection specifications and tools described in the program audit protocols, including the record layout (table) instructions, are used for



auditing/monitoring activities and by themselves should not be used to interpret policy. Not all data points within each record are used to determine a Sponsor's compliance with CMS requirements



# **CDAG Audit Elements Tested**



- Timeliness
- Processing of Coverage Requests
- Classification of Requests
- Administration of Drug Management Program



# **Universe Integrity Testing**

CMS will select 10 cases from each universe (Tables 1 – 7)
 –70 cases total



 CMS will verify the accuracy of data within the universe submissions and will confirm effectuation of approved requests for each of the sampled cases



# Timeliness Audit Element (1 of 5)

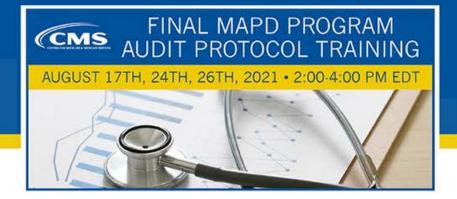
Coverage Determination Notification					
Standard	Expedited	Payment			
<ul> <li>72 hours</li> <li>Exception         <ul> <li>72 hours after receipt of supporting statement</li> <li>✓ If supporting statement not received after 14 calendar days – 72 hours from end of 14 days after receipt of request</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>24 hours</li> <li>Exception         <ul> <li>24 hours after receipt of supporting statement</li> <li>If supporting statement not received after 14 calendar days – 24 hours from end of 14 days after receipt of request</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>14 calendar days</li> <li>Payment ≤ 14 calendar days</li> </ul>			



## Timeliness Audit Element (2 of 5)

#### **Redetermination Notification**

Payment Coverage	Standard	Expedited
<ul> <li>14 calendar days</li> <li>Payment ≤ 30 calendar days</li> </ul>	• 7 calendar days	• 72 hours



## Timeliness Audit Element (3 of 5)

#### Independent Review Entity (IRE), Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Overturns

Pre-benefit Standard	Post-service Payment	Pre-benefit Expedited
• 72 hours	<ul> <li>72 hours</li> <li>Payment within 30 calendar days</li> </ul>	• 24 hours



# **Timeliness Audit Element** (4 of 5)

Grievances				
Standard	Expedited			
<ul> <li>30 calendar days</li> <li>44 calendar days with extension</li> </ul>	• 24 hours			



# Timeliness Audit Element (5 of 5)

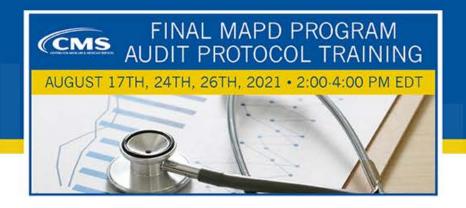
- Auto-Forwarding to Independent Review Entity (IRE)
  - –If notification was untimely and auto-forwarding to IRE is required, review to determine if the Sponsor auto-forwarded the case to the IRE
  - -In Tables 1-4, review of:
    - Total number of cases
    - Number of cases requiring auto-forwarding
    - Number of cases not auto-forwarded as required





Processing of Coverage Requests – Approvals

- 10 cases selected represents various types of CDs
- Review for proper notification of the approval decision
- Representative requested: review to determine if notification was sent to the enrollee's representative
- Prescriber requested: review to determine if decision notification was also sent to the prescriber
- Sample selections provided to Sponsor approximately one hour prior to the scheduled webinar
- Review for proper effectuation duration



Processing of Coverage Requests – Denials (1 of 3)

- 30 cases selected represents various types of CDs
- Protected class drug denials
- Review for proper notification and appropriate consideration of clinical information
- Representative requested: review to determine if notification was sent to the enrollee's representative
- Prescriber requested: review to determine if decision notification was also sent to the prescriber
- Sample selections provided to Sponsor approximately one hour prior to the scheduled webinar



Processing of Coverage Requests – Denials (2 of 3)

- Evidence Sponsor's Medical Director/other appropriate health care professional reviewed request for clinical accuracy
- If Sponsor denies request for expedited determination, CMS will review determination and:
  - Notification to enrollee and prescriber explaining:
    - Request processed using the 72-hour timeframe (standard);
    - Informs enrollee of right to file expedited grievance if s/he disagrees with Sponsor not to expedite;
    - Informs enrollee of right to resubmit a request for expedited determination with prescriber's support; and
    - Provides instructions about Sponsor's grievance process and timeframes



Processing of Coverage Requests – Denials (3 of 3)

- For redeterminations, review for proper evidence that person(s) involved in the coverage determination or at-risk determination did not conduct the redetermination
- If the denial of coverage was based on a lack of medical necessity, the redetermination was made by a physician with expertise in the field of medicine appropriate for the services at issue





Classification of Requests – Dismissed

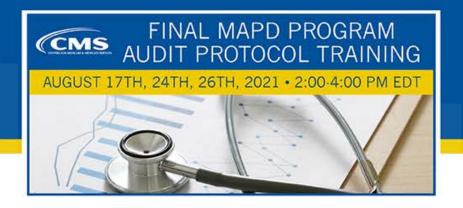


- Select up to 10 Cases
  - Review to determine if request was appropriately dismissed
  - Should have been treated as a coverage request or grievance
  - Sample selections provided to Sponsor approximately one hour prior to scheduled webinar



# Classification of Requests – Grievances

- Select up to 20 Cases verbal and written
  - Quality of care, involve multiple issues, do not appear in coverage determination and redetermination universes, misclassified requests
  - Determine if proper notification provided
  - If Sponsor extended deadline, review for documentation stating how delay is in the interest of enrollee
    - Review for written notification to enrollee of delay reason(s)
  - Representative requested: determine if notification was sent to enrollee's representative
  - Sample selections provided to Sponsor approximately one hour prior to scheduled webinar



Administration of Drug Management Program (1 of 2)

- Select up to 15 Cases
  - Proper initial written notice to enrollee for at-risk determinations
  - Ensure Sponsor made reasonable efforts to provide the enrollee's prescriber(s) of frequently abused drugs with a copy of the notice
  - Representative requested: determine if notification was sent to enrollee's representative
  - Sample selections provided to Sponsor approximately one hour prior to scheduled webinar



Administration of Drug Management Program (2 of 2)

- If Sponsor determined enrollee is an at-risk beneficiary, determine whether enrollee submitted preferences for prescribers or pharmacies and review for proper second written notice to enrollee
- If Sponsor determined the enrollee is <u>not</u> an at-risk beneficiary, review for proper alternate second written notice to the enrollee
- Sponsor made reasonable efforts to provide enrollee's prescriber(s) of frequently abused drugs with a copy of the notice



#### Drug Management Program– Timeliness



- Compliance Standard 1.6: Timeliness conducted at universe level for at-risk determination second notice or alternate second notice
- Compliance Standard 1.11: Timeliness conducted at universe level on standard at-risk determination decisions overturned by the IRE, ALJ or MAC
- Compliance Standard 1.14: Timeliness conducted at universe level on expedited at-risk determination decisions overturned by the IRE, ALJ or MAC



# **Classification of Requests**

 Compliance Standard 3.1: CMS will review case file documentation to determine if the request was appropriately dismissed and will also review the content of the dismissal notice





Administration of Drug Management Program

- Compliance Standard 4.1: CMS will review case file documentation for proper initial written notice to the enrollee for at-risk determinations
- Compliance Standard 4.2: For cases wherein the Sponsor determined the enrollee is an at-risk beneficiary, CMS will review case file documentation for proper second written notice to the enrollee
- Compliance Standard 4.3: For cases wherein the Sponsor determined the enrollee is not an at-risk beneficiary, CMS will review case file documentation for proper alternate second written notice to the enrollee



# **Program Audit Data Request**

- Sponsors must submit each universe comprehensive of all contracts and Plan Benefit Packages (PBP) identified in audit engagement letter
- Descriptions and clarifications for inclusion are outlined in individual universe record layouts
- Characters are required in all requested fields unless otherwise specified and data must be limited to request specified in each record layout
- Sponsors must provide accurate and timely universe submissions within 15 business days of the audit engagement letter date
- Submissions that do not strictly adhere to the record layout specifications will be rejected



# **Scope of Universe Request**

#### **PDP/MAPD Enrollment**

< 50,000	≥50,000 but <250,000	≥250,000 but <500,000	≥500,000
<ul> <li>Submit 12-week</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Submit 8-week</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Submit 4-week</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Submit 2-week</li></ul>
period preceding	period preceding	period preceding	period preceding
Audit engagement	Audit engagement	Audit engagement	Audit engagement
letter date	letter date	letter date	letter date



# **Polling Question 2**

How many CDAG Record Layouts does the final 2022 protocol include?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7



### **Record Layouts**

Record Layouts			
Universe Table 1	Standard and Expedited Coverage Determination (CD)		
Universe Table 2	Standard and Expedited Coverage Determination Exception Requests (CDER)		
Universe Table 3 Payment Coverage Determinations and Redeterminations (PYMT_D)			
Universe Table 4 Standard and Expedited Redeterminations (RD)			
Universe Table 5	Part D Effectuations of Overturned Decisions by IRE, ALJ or MAC (EFF_D)		
Universe Table 6	Part D Standard and Expedited Grievances (GRV_D)		
Universe Table 7	Comprehensive Addition and Recovery Act (CARA) At-Risk Determination (AR)		



# **Record Layout Instructions**

- Requests for multiple drugs made at the same time
- Fields for single request in same time zone
- Universe inclusion based on date of determination
- Column ID used to determine inclusion within the universe request period is noted within the record layout instructions
- Part B Drug Requests must be included based on the way in which the request was processed
- Sponsors may submit data for fields even if not required



### **Record Layout Exclusions**

- Requests where a decision has not been issued while the Sponsor awaits the appropriate representative documentation
- Requests from members whose coverage is not yet effective as of the date of Engagement Letter





#### **Field Descriptions**



- Dismissed requests: Sponsors may enter *None*
- Who made the request? Field (some tables)



# Field Descriptions – Authorization or Claim Number

AUTHORIZATION OR CLAIM NUMBER	NDC	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT DATE/TIME	TIME THE REQUEST WAS UPGRADED TO EXPEDITED	DATE/TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Sponsor's associated authorization or claim number for the request</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aligns with the field description within the FA protocol</li> <li>May be populated as blank when a blank field is submitted by pharmacy or delegate</li> <li>For multi-ingredient compound claims, populate with the NDC as would be submitted on a paid claim's PDE</li> <li>Sponsors may populate the field as submitted for at-risk redeterminations</li> </ul>	received by Sponsor	<ul> <li>Enter <i>None</i> if:</li> <li>Initial request made under the expedited timeframe</li> <li>Sponsor chose not to expedite request</li> <li>Request received and processed under standard timeframe</li> </ul>	Sponsor not able to successfully provide verbal notice: enter None



## **Field Descriptions – NDC**

AUTHORIZATION OR CLAIM NUMBER	NDC	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT DATE/TIME	TIME THE REQUEST WAS UPGRADED TO EXPEDITED	DATE/TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Sponsor's associated authorization or claim number for the request</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aligns with the field description within the FA protocol</li> <li>May be populated as blank when a blank field is submitted by pharmacy or delegate</li> <li>For multi-ingredient compound claims, populate with the NDC as would be submitted on a paid claim's PDE</li> <li>Sponsors may populate the field as submitted for at-risk redeterminations</li> </ul>	received by Sponsor	<ul> <li>Enter <i>None</i> if:</li> <li>Initial request made under the expedited timeframe</li> <li>Sponsor chose not to expedite request</li> <li>Request received and processed under standard timeframe</li> </ul>	Sponsor not able to successfully provide verbal notice: enter <i>None</i>



#### Field Descriptions – AOR/Equivalent Notice Receipt Date/Time

N OR CLAIM BER	NDC <ul> <li>Aligns with the field description</li> </ul>	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT DATE/TIME	TIME THE REQUEST WAS UPGRADED TO EXPEDITED	DATE/TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	
horization or claim number the request	<ul> <li>within the FA protocol</li> <li>May be populated as blank when a blank field is submitted by pharmacy or delegate</li> <li>For multi-ingredient compound claims, populate with the NDC as would be submitted on a paid claim's PDE</li> <li>Sponsors may populate the field as submitted for at-risk redeterminations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dismissed requests, when applicable: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Date/time Appointment of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initial request made under the expedited timeframe</li> <li>Sponsor chose not to expedite request</li> <li>Request received and processed under standard timeframe</li> </ul>	provide verbal notice: enter <i>None</i>	



# Field Descriptions – Time the Request was Upgraded to Expedited

AUTHORIZATION OR CLAIM NUMBER	NDC	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT DATE/TIME	TIME THE REQUEST WAS UPGRADED TO EXPEDITED	DATE/TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
• Sponsor's associated authorization or claim number for the request	<ul> <li>Aligns with the field description within the FA protocol</li> <li>May be populated as blank when a blank field is submitted by pharmacy or delegate</li> <li>For multi-ingredient compound claims, populate with the NDC as would be submitted on a paid claim's PDE</li> <li>Sponsors may populate the field as submitted for at-risk redeterminations</li> </ul>	received by Sponsor	<ul> <li>Enter <i>None</i> if:</li> <li>Initial request made under the expedited timeframe</li> <li>Sponsor chose not to expedite request</li> <li>Request received and processed under standard timeframe</li> </ul>	Sponsor not able to successfully provide verbal notice: enter <i>None</i>



# Field Descriptions – Date/time Oral Notification Provided to Enrollee

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AUTHORIZATION OR CLAIM NUMBER	NDC	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT DATE/TIME	TIME THE REQUEST WAS UPGRADED TO EXPEDITED	DATE/TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Sponsor's associated authorization or claim number for the request</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aligns with the field description within the FA protocol</li> <li>May be populated as blank when a blank field is submitted by pharmacy or delegate</li> <li>For multi-ingredient compound claims, populate with the NDC as would be submitted on a paid claim's PDE</li> <li>Sponsors may populate the field as submitted for at-risk redeterminations</li> </ul>	received by Sponsor	<ul> <li>Enter <i>None</i> if:</li> <li>Initial request made under the expedited timeframe</li> <li>Sponsor chose not to expedite request</li> <li>Request received and processed under standard timeframe</li> </ul>	None



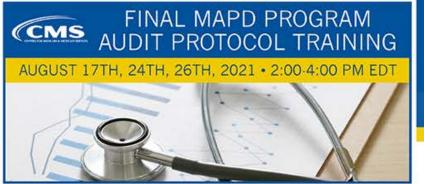
# Field Descriptions – Date Written Notification Provided to Enrollee

DATE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	UM EXCEPTION TYPE	FORMULARY UM TYPE	EXPIRATION DATE OF THE APPROVAL, DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM
<ul> <li>Date written notification of dismissal determination provided to enrollee</li> <li>No written notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If request was not a formulary UM exception or safety edit exception: enter <i>None</i> <ul> <li>Tiering exception</li> <li>Non-formulary exception</li> <li>Hospice exception</li> </ul> </li> <li>If case was a request to except Prior Authorization UM criteria: enter <i>P</i>A</li> <li>For request with multiple exception types: enter based on <i>approval or denial reason</i></li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Partially favorable decisions: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Include data regarding approval/effectuation of favorable portion of the decision</li> </ul>



# Field Descriptions – UM Exception Type

DATE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	UM EXCEPTION TYPE	FORMULARY UM TYPE	EXPIRATION DATE OF THE APPROVAL, DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM
<ul> <li>Date written notification of dismissal determination provided to enrollee</li> <li>No written notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If request was not a formulary UM exception or safety edit exception: enter <i>None</i> <ul> <li>Tiering exception</li> <li>Non-formulary exception</li> <li>Hospice exception</li> </ul> </li> <li>If case was a request to except Prior Authorization UM criteria: enter <i>PA</i></li> <li>For request with multiple exception types: enter based on <i>approval or denial reason</i></li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Partially favorable decisions: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Include data regarding approval/effectuation of favorable portion of the decision</li> </ul>



## Field Descriptions – Formulary UM Type

DATE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	UM EXCEPTION TYPE	FORMULARY UM TYPE	EXPIRATION DATE OF THE APPROVAL, DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM
<ul> <li>Date written notification of dismissal determination provided to enrollee</li> <li>No written notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If request was not a formulary UM exception or safety edit exception: enter <i>None</i> <ul> <li>Tiering exception</li> <li>Non-formulary exception</li> <li>Hospice exception</li> </ul> </li> <li>If case was a request to except Prior Authorization UM criteria: enter <i>P</i>4</li> <li>For request with multiple exception types: enter based on <i>approval or denial reason</i></li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Partially favorable decisions: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Include data regarding approval/effectuation of favorable portion of the decision</li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Expiration Date of the Approval, Date/Time Effectuated in the System

DATE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	UM EXCEPTION TYPE	FORMULARY UM TYPE	EXPIRATION DATE OF THE APPROVAL, DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM
<ul> <li>Date written notification of dismissal determination provided to enrollee</li> <li>No written notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If request was not a formulary UM exception or safety edit exception: enter <i>None</i> <ul> <li>Tiering exception</li> <li>Non-formulary exception</li> <li>Hospice exception</li> </ul> </li> <li>If case was a request to except Prior Authorization UM criteria: enter <i>PA</i></li> <li>For request with multiple exception types: enter based on <i>approval or denial reason</i></li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Partially favorable decisions: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Include data regarding approval/effectuation of favorable portion of the decision</li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Date/Time Effectuated in the System

DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE/TIME FORWARDED TO IRE	REQUEST DETERMINATION	DATE/TIME OF DETERMINATION
• No authorization is required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>If request was not forwarded to IRE: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any request denied in whole or in part: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Partially approved cases: enter <i>Denied</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Date of determination must fall within universe request period</li> <li>Untimely coverage determinations or redeterminations auto-forwarded to IRE: Sponsor may enter <i>date/time case file was closed as untimely/began preparing file for IRE</i></li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Date/Time Forwarded to IRE

DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE/TIME FORWARDED TO IRE	REQUEST DETERMINATION	DATE/TIME OF DETERMINATION
No authorization is required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>If request was not forwarded to IRE: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any request denied in whole or in part: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Partially approved cases: enter <i>Denied</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Date of determination must fall within universe request period</li> <li>Untimely coverage determinations or redeterminations auto-forwarded to IRE: Sponsor may enter <i>date/time case file was closed as untimely/began preparing file for IRE</i></li> </ul>



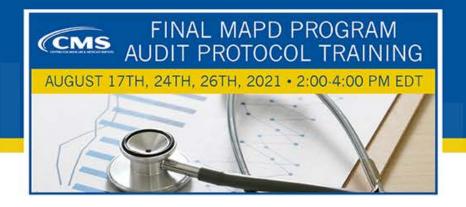
## Field Descriptions – Request Determination

DATE/TIME EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE/TIME FORWARDED TO IRE	REQUEST DETERMINATION	DATE/TIME OF DETERMINATION
No authorization is required: enter <i>none</i>	<ul> <li>If request was not forwarded to IRE: enter none</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any request denied in whole or in part: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Partially approved cases: enter <i>Denied</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Date of determination must fall within universe request period</li> <li>Untimely coverage determinations or redeterminations auto-forwarded to IRE: Sponsor may enter <i>date/time case file was closed as untimely/began preparing file for IRE</i></li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Date/Time of Determination

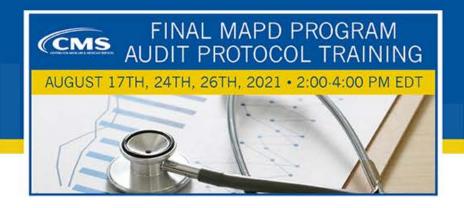
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No authorization is required: enter <i>none</i>	<ul> <li>If request was not forwarded to IRE: enter none</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any request denied in whole or in part: enter <i>Denied</i></li> <li>Partially approved cases: enter <i>Denied</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Date of determination must fall within universe request period</li> <li>Untimely coverage determinations or redeterminations auto-forwarded to IRE: Sponsor may enter <i>date/time case file was closed as untimely/began preparing file for IRE</i></li> </ul>



## **Universe Table 1: CD**

- Requests for a single drug involving multiple UM criteria: enter as a single line item
  - Separate line items in CD universe if Sponsor sends separate distinct letters addressing each UM criteria individually





## **Universe Table 2: CDER**

- Request for multiple drugs at the same time: enter each drug in a separate row
- Requests for single drug, multiple UM criteria and exception types: enter as single line item (Universe Table 2 only)
- Multiple exception types, includes tiering exception: reported as a tiering exception
- Include safety edit requests in the CDER universe



## Universe Table 3: PYMT\_D

- All payment coverage determinations and redetermination requests only reported in Universe Table 3
- Request for multiple drugs made at the same time: enter each drug in a separate row
- Requests for single drug: enter as a single line item
- Payment request: clinical review aspect is not to be reported within any other CDAG tables
  - Report in Table 3 only





## Field Descriptions – Date Prescriber Supporting Statement Received

DATE PRESCRIBER SUPPORTING STATEMENT RECEIVED	DATE EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED
<ul> <li>Populate based on the type of the request</li> <li>Payment Coverage Determinations: enter <i>date the prescriber's supporting statement was received</i></li> <li>Payment Redeterminations: enter <i>date the prescriber's supporting statement was received</i></li> </ul>	Date approved payment decision was effectuated in the system	Date check or reimbursement was provided to the enrollee

• Table 3: PYMT\_D



## Field Descriptions – Date Effectuated in the System

DATE PRESCRIBER SUPPORTING STATEMENT RECEIVED	DATE EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED
<ul> <li>Populate based on the type of the request</li> <li>Payment Coverage Determinations: enter <i>date the prescriber's supporting statement was received</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Date approved payment decision was effectuated in the system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Date check or reimbursement was provided to the enrollee</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Payment Redeterminations: enter <i>date</i> the prescriber's supporting statement was received</li> </ul>		

• Table 3: PYMT\_D



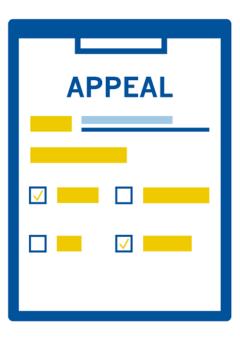
## Field Descriptions – Date Reimbursement Provided

DATE PRESCRIBER SUPPORTING STATEMENT RECEIVED	DATE EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED
<ul> <li>Populate based on the type of the request</li> <li>Payment Coverage Determinations: enter <i>date the prescriber's supporting statement was received</i></li> <li>Payment Redeterminations: enter <i>date the prescriber's supporting statement was received</i></li> </ul>	Date approved payment decision was effectuated in the system	Date check or reimbursement was provided to the enrollee

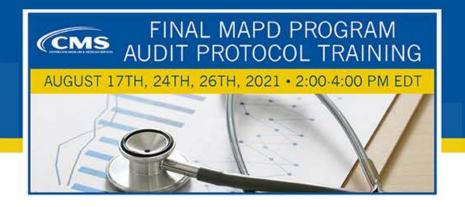
• Table 3: PYMT\_D



## Universe Table 4: RD (1 of 2)



- If a case with multiple restrictions came in as a single redetermination request list as a single line item in the submitted universe
- If an at-risk redetermination with multiple restrictions came in as separate redetermination requests list as separate line items in the submitted universe



## Universe Table 4: RD (2 of 2)

- Single drug request, multiple UM criteria/exception types: entered as a single line item
- Multiple exception types, includes a tiering exception: enter as a tiering exception
- At-risk determination appeals are to be included in Table 4
- CMS will test Sponsors' compliance with auto-forwarding upheld appeals of at-risk determinations to the IRE



# Field Descriptions – Is this a protected class drug?

IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?	IS THIS AN APPEAL OF AN AT- RISK DETERMINATION?	EXCEPTION TYPE	WAS THE COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUEST DENIED FOR LACK OF MEDICAL NECESSITY?
If does not apply for at-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Was appeal of an at-risk determination</li> <li>Request for a change in pharmacy and/or prescriber limitations</li> <li>Request for change in the enrollee's at-risk determination status</li> </ul>	At-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Based on the initial coverage determination denial for lack of medical necessity



# Field Descriptions – Is this an appeal of an at-risk determination?

IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?	IS THIS AN APPEAL OF AN AT- RISK DETERMINATION?	EXCEPTION TYPE	WAS THE COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUEST DENIED FOR LACK OF MEDICAL NECESSITY?
If does not apply for at-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Was appeal of an at-risk determination</li> <li>Request for a change in pharmacy and/or prescriber limitations</li> <li>Request for change in the enrollee's at-risk determination status</li> </ul>	At-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Based on the initial coverage determination denial for lack of medical necessity



## Field Descriptions – Exception Type

IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?	IS THIS AN APPEAL OF AN AT- RISK DETERMINATION?	EXCEPTION TYPE	WAS THE COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUEST DENIED FOR LACK OF MEDICAL NECESSITY?
If does not apply for at-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Was appeal of an at-risk determination</li> <li>Request for a change in pharmacy and/or prescriber limitations</li> <li>Request for change in the enrollee's at-risk determination status</li> </ul>	At-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Based on the initial coverage determination denial for lack of medical necessity



Field Descriptions – Was the coverage determination request denied for lack of medical necessity?

IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?	IS THIS AN APPEAL OF AN AT- RISK DETERMINATION?	EXCEPTION TYPE	WAS THE COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUEST DENIED FOR LACK OF MEDICAL NECESSITY?
If does not apply for at-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Was appeal of an at-risk determination</li> <li>Request for a change in pharmacy and/or prescriber limitations</li> <li>Request for change in the enrollee's at-risk determination status</li> </ul>	At-risk redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Based on the initial coverage determination denial for lack of medical necessity



## Field Descriptions – Expiration Date of the Approval

EXPIRATION DATE OF THE APPROVAL	WAS THE COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUEST DENIED FOR LACK OF MEDICAL NECESSITY?
<ul> <li>Exception request: enter <i>expiration date of exception approval</i></li> <li>Not an exception request: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Unapproved exception request: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk redeterminations resulting in removal of a restriction authorization currently in place: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	



Field Descriptions – Was the coverage determination request denied for lack of medical necessity?

EXPIRATION DATE OF THE APPROVAL	WAS THE COVERAGE DETERMINATION REQUEST DENIED FOR LACK OF MEDICAL NECESSITY?
<ul> <li>Exception request: enter <i>expiration date of exception approval</i></li> <li>Not an exception request: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Unapproved exception request: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk redeterminations resulting in removal of a restriction authorization currently in place: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	• Auto-forwarded cases: enter <i>None</i>



#### Field Descriptions – Date Oral Notification Provided to Enrollee

DATE ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT	DATE/TIME WRITTEN NOTIFICATION
ENROLLEE	TIME	PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
Standard redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Standard cases: Sponsors may enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>If case was auto-forwarded and Sponsor did not send written notification to enrollee: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – AOR/Equivalent Notice Receipt

DATE ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT	DATE/TIME WRITTEN NOTIFICATION
ENROLLEE	TIME	PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
Standard redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Standard cases: Sponsors may enter None	<ul> <li>If case was auto-forwarded and Sponsor did not send written notification to enrollee: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Date/Time Written Notification Provided to Enrollee

DATE ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO	AOR/EQUIVALENT NOTICE RECEIPT	DATE/TIME WRITTEN NOTIFICATION
ENROLLEE	TIME	PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
Standard redeterminations: enter <i>None</i>	Standard cases: Sponsors may enter None	<ul> <li>If case was auto-forwarded and Sponsor did not send written notification to enrollee: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>



## **Universe Table 5: EFF\_D**

- Coverage determinations, redeterminations, or at-risk determinations (fully or partially overturned) by IRE, ALJ or MAC
- Requiring effectuation as pre-benefit, postservice (payment), or at-risk determination



• Exclude any cases that were re-opened by the Sponsor or its first tier, downstream, or related entities



## Field Descriptions – Type of Request Reversed by Review Entity

TYPE OF REQUEST REVERSED BY REVIEW ENTITY	DATE/TIME THE OVERTURN DECISION WAS EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?
<ul> <li>Priority determined by how case was received from review entity</li> <li>If overturn involves both reimbursement and coverage for the same drug going forward: Sponsors report appeal as <i>Standard request for benefits</i></li> </ul>	effectuated, or no effectuation required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Pre-service requests: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Coverage determination, redetermination, at-risk determination</li> </ul>	• Not applicable: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Not applicable: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk appeals, no specific drug under appeal</li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Date/Time the Overturn Decision was Effectuated in the System

TYPE OF REQUEST REVERSED BY REVIEW ENTITY	DATE/TIME THE OVERTURN DECISION WAS EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?
<ul> <li>Priority determined by how case was received from review entity</li> <li>If overturn involves both reimbursement and coverage for the same drug going forward Sponsors report appeal as <i>Standard request for benefits</i></li> </ul>	effectuated, or no effectuation required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Pre-service requests: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Coverage determination, redetermination, at-risk determination</li> </ul>	• Not applicable: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Not applicable: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk appeals, no specific drug under appeal</li> </ul>



## Field Descriptions – Date Reimbursement Provided

TYPE OF REQUEST REVERSED BY REVIEW ENTITY	DATE/TIME THE OVERTURN DECISION WAS EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?
<ul> <li>Priority determined by how case was received from review entity</li> <li>If overturn involves both reimbursement and coverage for the same drug going forward: Sponsors report appeal as <i>Standard request for benefits</i></li> </ul>	effectuated, or no effectuation required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Pre-service requests: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Coverage determination, redetermination, at-risk determination</li> </ul>	• Not applicable: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Not applicable: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk appeals, no specific drug under appeal</li> </ul>



## Field Descriptions – Drug Name, Strength, and Dosage Form

TYPE OF REQUEST REVERSED BY REVIEW ENTITY	DATE/TIME THE OVERTURN DECISION WAS EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?
<ul> <li>Priority determined by how case was received from review entity</li> <li>If overturn involves both reimbursement and coverage for the same drug going forward: Sponsors report appeal as <i>Standard request for benefits</i></li> </ul>	effectuated, or no effectuation required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Pre-service requests: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Coverage determination, redetermination, at-risk determination</li> </ul>	• Not applicable: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Not applicable: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk appeals, no specific drug under appeal</li> </ul>



## Field Descriptions – Is this a protected class drug?

TYPE OF REQUEST REVERSED BY REVIEW ENTITY	DATE/TIME THE OVERTURN DECISION WAS EFFECTUATED IN THE SYSTEM	DATE REIMBURSEMENT PROVIDED	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	IS THIS A PROTECTED CLASS DRUG?
<ul> <li>Priority determined by how case was received from review entity</li> <li>If overturn involves both reimbursement and coverage for the same drug going forward: Sponsors report appeal as <i>Standard request for benefits</i></li> </ul>	effectuated, or no effectuation required: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Pre-service requests: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>Coverage determination, redetermination, at-risk determination</li> </ul>	• Not applicable: enter <i>None</i>	<ul> <li>Not applicable: enter <i>None</i></li> <li>At-risk appeals, no specific drug under appeal</li> </ul>



## Universe Table 6: GRV\_D

- Include request if either the Date oral notification provided to enrollee or the Date written notification provided to enrollee falls within the universe request period
- Grievances with multiple issues must be entered as a single line item
  - Unless Sponsor is treating the issues individually and issued separate notifications
- Withdrawn and dismissed grievances are excluded



# Field Descriptions – Category of the Issue

CATEGORY OF THE ISSUE	GRIEVANCE DESCRIPTION	TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Category assigned by the Sponsor</li> <li>Based on internal labeling system</li> </ul>	• CMS will accept a universe with the character limit greater than 1,800 for this field	<ul> <li>Standard cases or no oral notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>

• Table 6: GRV\_D



## Field Descriptions – Grievance Description

CATEGORY OF THE ISSUE	GRIEVANCE DESCRIPTION	TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Category assigned by the Sponsor</li> <li>Based on internal labeling system</li> </ul>	• CMS will accept a universe with the character limit greater than 1,800 for this field	<ul> <li>Standard cases or no oral notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>

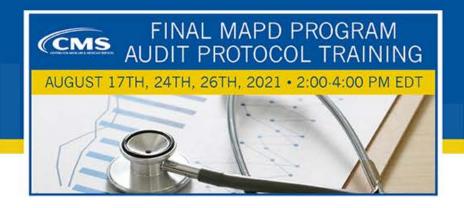
• Table 6: GRV\_D



## Field Descriptions – Time Oral Notification Provided to Enrollee

CATEGORY OF THE ISSUE	GRIEVANCE DESCRIPTION	TIME ORAL NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Category assigned by the Sponsor</li> <li>Based on internal labeling system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CMS will accept a universe with the character limit greater than 1,800 for this field</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Standard cases or no oral notification provided: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>

• Table 6: GRV\_D



## **Polling Question 3**

CDAG Table 7 includes all enrollees reviewed under a Drug Management Program (DMP).

- A. Yes
- B. No



## Universe Table 7: AR (1 of 2)

- SUPPORT Act Section 2004
  - All Part D sponsors must have established DMPs no later than January 1, 2022
- Includes all at-risk and not at-risk determinations
- Each at-risk determination must be listed as its own line item in the submitted universe
- Does not include all enrollees reviewed under a Drug Management Program (DMP)



## Universe Table 7: AR (2 of 2)

- Case included
  - If enrollee goes through case management, is not exempt, and at-risk/not at-risk decision is rendered (42 CFR § 423.153(f))
- Case excluded
  - Enrollee is still going through case management and at-risk/not atrisk decision has not been rendered
  - Sponsor determines potentially at-risk beneficiary is exempt through the case management process and did not make an at-risk determination





## Field Descriptions – Request Determination

REQUEST DETERMINATION	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT TO PLACE LIMITATION UPON ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Not At-Risk request determinations where no type of at-risk limitation is being imposed upon the beneficiary, reason the coverage limitation was unnecessary does not need to be entered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drug Name, Strength, and Dosage Form applicable to the specific limitation Sponsor intends to place on beneficiary's access to coverage for frequently abused drugs under the program</li> <li>Intended limitation applies to more than one drug: enter <i>Multiple</i></li> <li>Intended limitation not related to a specific drug: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pharmacy advance agreement: enter YPH</li> <li>Provider confirmed limitation: enter YPR</li> <li>Pharmacy and provider confirmed: enter YBO</li> </ul>



## Field Descriptions – Drug Name, Strength, and Dosage Form

REQUEST DETERMINATION	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT TO PLACE LIMITATION UPON ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Not At-Risk request determinations where no type of at-risk limitation is being imposed upon the beneficiary, reason the coverage limitation was unnecessary does not need to be entered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drug Name, Strength, and Dosage Form applicable to the specific limitation Sponsor intends to place on beneficiary's access to coverage for frequently abused drugs under the program</li> <li>Intended limitation applies to more than one drug: enter <i>Multiple</i></li> <li>Intended limitation not related to a specific drug: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pharmacy advance agreement: enter YPH</li> <li>Provider confirmed limitation: enter YPR</li> <li>Pharmacy and provider confirmed: enter YBO</li> </ul>



#### Field Descriptions – Confirmation of Agreement to Place Limitation Upon Enrollee

REQUEST DETERMINATION	DRUG NAME, STRENGTH, AND DOSAGE FORM	CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT TO PLACE LIMITATION UPON ENROLLEE
<ul> <li>Not At-Risk request determinations where no type of at-risk limitation is being imposed upon the beneficiary, reason the coverage limitation was unnecessary does not need to be entered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drug Name, Strength, and Dosage Form applicable to the specific limitation Sponsor intends to place on beneficiary's access to coverage for frequently abused drugs under the program</li> <li>Intended limitation applies to more than one drug: enter <i>Multiple</i></li> <li>Intended limitation not related to a specific drug: enter <i>None</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pharmacy advance agreement: enter YPH</li> <li>Provider confirmed limitation: enter YPR</li> <li>Pharmacy and provider confirmed: enter YBO</li> </ul>



## Field Descriptions – Type of At-Risk Limitation

TYPE OF AT-RISK LIMITATION	DATE THE INITIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL AT-RISK STATUS WAS PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE/DATE SECOND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AT-RISK DETERMINATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	DATE THE AT-RISK DETERMINATION WAS MADE
<ul> <li>Point of Sale Edit</li> <li>Pharmacy Lock-In</li> <li>Provider Lock-In</li> <li>Enter all that apply</li> </ul>	Notification date	Date at-risk determination was made



## Field Descriptions – Date Written Notification Provided to Enrollee

TYPE OF AT-RISK LIMITATION	DATE THE INITIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL AT-RISK STATUS WAS PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE/DATE SECOND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AT-RISK DETERMINATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	DATE THE AT-RISK DETERMINATION WAS MADE
<ul> <li>Point of Sale Edit</li> <li>Pharmacy Lock-In</li> <li>Provider Lock-In</li> <li>Enter all that apply</li> </ul>	Notification date	Date at-risk determination was made



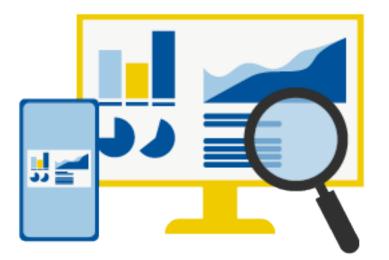
## Field Descriptions – Date the atrisk Determination was Made

TYPE OF AT-RISK LIMITATION	DATE THE INITIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL AT-RISK STATUS WAS PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE/DATE SECOND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AT-RISK DETERMINATION PROVIDED TO ENROLLEE	DATE THE AT-RISK DETERMINATION WAS MADE
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## **Impact Analysis Submissions**

- When noncompliance is identified, audit Sponsors must submit each requested impact analysis
- Information collected will mirror existing CDAG universe record layouts





### **Questions?**

 Questions related to the program audit process can be sent to the program audit mailbox at part c\_part\_d\_audit@cms.hhs.gov.

