#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C1-26-16

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



#### **Center of Medicare**

July 14, 2015

#### VIA:

**EMAIL** (jim@amneal.com; joannb@amneal.com)

Amneal Pharmaceutical, LLC Mr. Jim Luce Executive Vice President 620 Newport Center Dr., 14<sup>th</sup> Fl Newport Beach, CA 92660

# RE: Notice of Determination to Impose a Civil Money Penalty for Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Contract Number P1287

Dear Mr. Jim Luce:

Pursuant to 42 CFR §423.2335(d), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice to Amneal Pharmaceutical, LLC that CMS has made a determination to impose a civil money penalty (CMP) in the amount of \$1,798.51.

#### **Basis for Civil Money Penalty**

This action is based on your organization's failure to pay specified Part D sponsors within 38 calendar days of receipt of the quarterly invoice from the third party administrator, in violation of 42 CFR §423.2315(b)(3) and Section II(b) of the Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program Agreement (Discount Agreement).

Based on the payment confirmation report provided by your organization and the payment confirmations provided by Part D sponsors, CMS has determined to impose a CMP of \$1,798.51 to Amneal Pharmaceutical, LLC due to untimely payments for the 2014 first quarter invoices. Specifically, the following Part D sponsors did not receive payments within the requisite 38-day time period:

H0524	KAISER FOUNDATION HP I	\$29.43
H0630	KAISER FOUNDATION HP OF	\$63.70
H1230	KAISER FOUNDATION HP I	\$95.53
H2150	KAISER FNDN HP OF THE M	\$162.73
H5211	SECURITY HEALTH PLAN OF	\$84.06
H5431	HEALTHSUN HEALTH PLANS	\$88.30
H5549	VNS CHOICE	\$91.26
S5601	SILVERSCRIPT INSURANCE	\$414.50
S5660	MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS	\$23.31
S9579	STONEBRIDGE LIFE INSURA	\$385.99

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The CMP that your company owes is equal to:

• The amount your company still owes \$1,438.81 plus the 25% penalty, \$1,798.51

The determination by CMS to impose a CMP will become final and due no later than September 14, 2015 if you do not request a hearing to appeal in the manner and timeframe described below. Please see the required payment method below under Method to Submit CMP Payments.

Please note that any further failures by Amneal Pharmaceutical, LLC to comply with these or any other CMS requirements may subject your organization to termination as described in 42 CFR §423.2345 and section VIII of the Discount Agreement.

# Right to Request a Hearing

Your organization may request a hearing to appeal CMS' determination in accordance with Section VIII (c) of the Discount Agreement. You must send a written request for a hearing to the Departmental Appeals Board office listed below, and a copy to CMS at the address listed below, within 60 calendar days from receipt of this notice. Your request must be received no later than September 14, 2015. The request for a hearing must identify the specific issues, the findings of fact and conclusions of law with which you disagree, and specify the basis for each contention that the finding or conclusion of law is incorrect. Your request should be sent to:

Karen Robinson Civil Remedies Division Department of Health and Human Services Departmental Appeals Board Medicare Appeals Council, MS 6132 330 Independence Ave., S.W. Cohen Building Room G-644 Washington, D.C. 20201

A copy of your hearing request should also be sent to CMS at the following address:

Craig Miner
Deputy Director, Division of Part D Policy
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
MAIL STOP: C1-26-16
Baltimore, MD 21244

Email: Craig.miner@cms.hhs.gov

#### **Method to Submit CMP Payments**

All CMP payments must be made using Pay.gov (See Attachment for instructions). Pay.gov provides a free service to Federal government agencies and to the entities that make online payments to a Federal government agency. The Pay.gov Collection Service collects and processes the Internet-authorized

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deductions from a checking or savings account via Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit entries processed at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (FRB-C). Your Pay.gov payment transaction will not require a Username and Password in Pay.gov.

Companies sometimes have blocks on their bank accounts that will only allow designating transactions to be processed. It may be necessary to provide your banking institute with the following two pieces of information to unblock the bank account:

- Originating Depository Financial Institution (ODFI): FRB-C is the payment processor for ACH payments made through Pay.gov and will appear as the ACH ODFI. FRB-C processes Pay.gov ACH transactions under the American Bankers Association (ABA) routing numbers 041036046 and 042736141.
- **Company ID**: Every ACH batch contains a company ID number in accordance with the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) requirements. CMS' company ID number for Pay.gov payments is 7505008012.

For Pay.gov technical issues contact Pay.gov Customer Service at (800) 624-1373 *or* (216) 579-2112, Monday–Friday from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Eastern Time.

You will find it helpful to have the following information available when you complete your payment:

- P# (P####)
- CMP payment demand letter from CMS
- Bank account and routing numbers
- Point of contact regarding the payment
- Business mailing address

Acknowledgement of this letter is required, please reply to <u>CGDPandManufacturers@cms.hhs.gov</u>. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Sonia Eaddy at <u>Sonia.eaddy@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/

Amy K. Larrick Acting Director, Medicare Drug Benefit and C & D Data Group

cc: Ms. Cheri Rice, CMS/CM/MPPG

Mr. John Scott, CMS/CM/MPPG

Ms. Frankeena Wright, CMS/OL

Ms. Jill Abrams, DHHS/OGC

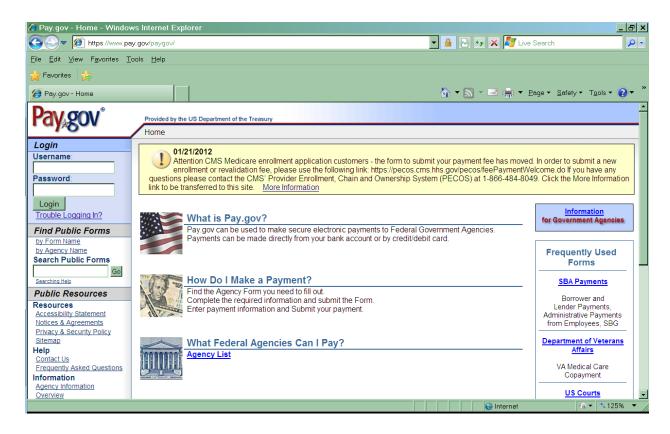
Ms. Jennifer Garver, DHHS/OGC

Ms. Karen Robinson, DHHS/DAB

#### Attachment

# Step 1

Access Pay.gov at https://www.pay.gov



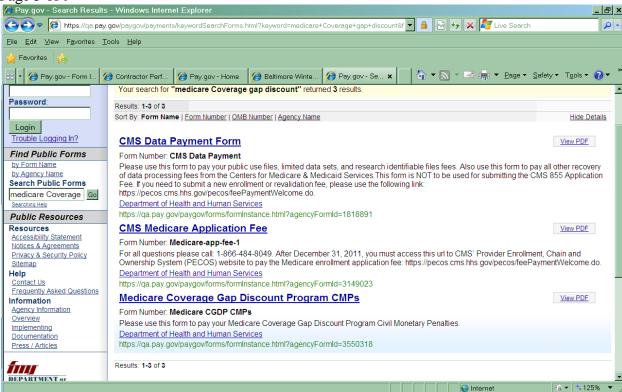
# Step 2

On the Pay.gov home page,

- In the **Search Public Forms** box (on the left side of the home page), Type: *Medicare Coverage Gap Discount (not case sensitive)*
- then click on Go

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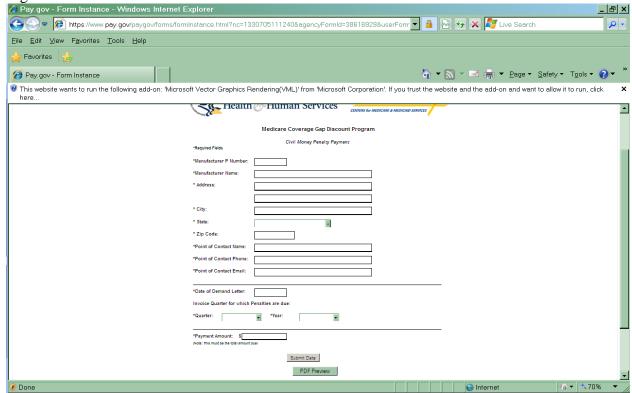
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Step 3

Click on **Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program CMPs** link. You will be taken to the civil money penalty collection form. Have available your payment demand letter from CMS.

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- Complete the required fields
  - ° Manufacturer P Number: (P####) must be a P followed by 4-digits
  - Manufacturer Name: manufacturer's complete name
  - **Point of Contact:** person authorized to make the payment
  - ° Point of Contact Phone: (\*\*\*-\*\*\*\*) telephone number must include dashes
  - Point of Contact Email: email address
  - Mailing address: Street, city, state, and zip code
  - Date of Demand Letter: (MM/DD/YEAR) typed date on the demand letter received from CMS
  - Ouarter: (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) use the drop arrow to select the calendar year quarter in which the invoice payment was late or unpaid
  - Year: use the drop down arrow to select the calendar year in which the invoice payment was late or unpaid
  - Payment Amount: the total amount indicated on the demand letter from CMS
- Review
- Click on Submit Data

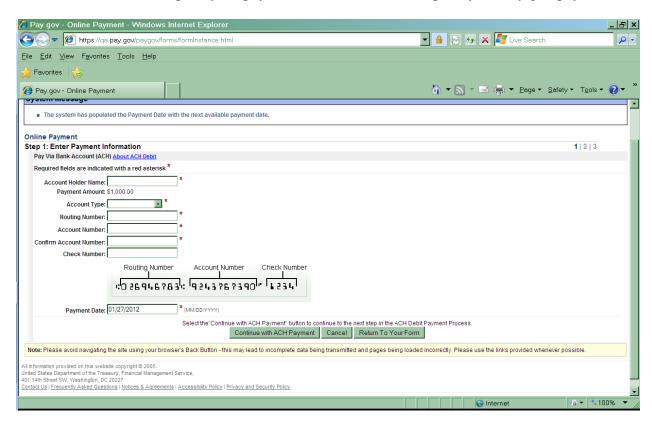
NOTE: You will immediately receive a message if **any** of the required information is missing on the payment form. Click OK, complete the missing information, and click on Submit Data.

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## Step 4

Have your banking information available to enter the payment information. Enter bank information, review, and print your payment confirmation to complete your Pay.gov payment.



- Enter Payment Information
  - Account Holder Name: name as it appears on the actual banking account

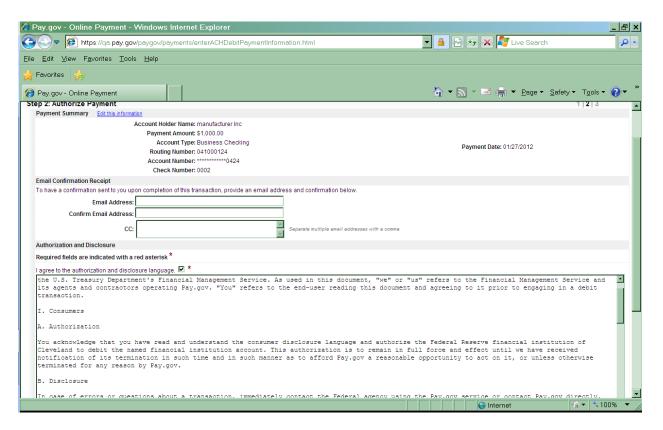
Notice the payment amount you entered on the previous screen has populated. Click on Return To Your Form to correct the payment amount.

- Account Type: (Personal Checking, Personal Savings, Business Checking, or Business Savings) use the drop down arrow to select account type
- ° Routing Number: bank routing number
- Account Number: bank account number
- Confirm Account Number: re-type your bank account number
- ° Check Number: check number used for this payment
- Payment Date: automatically populates the next available date in which the financial institutes can initiate the payment transaction

Continue with ACH Payment- will move you the next step of your payment Cancel- will cancel all information entered during this session Return To Your Form- will take you back to the Civil Money Penalty form

Note: You will be redirected to the Pay.gov home page to start a new session if you click on Continue with ACH Payment before the account information is entered.

Review the payment summary,



- ° Enter email address(es) to receive the payment confirmation
- ° Please add to the CC box: <a href="mailto:cgdp\_manufacturers@cms.hhs.gov">cgdp\_manufacturers@cms.hhs.gov</a>
- ° Read and/or print the Authorization and Disclosure. If you agree, Click, *I agree to the authorization and disclosure language*

**Submit Payment-** will submit your payment and move you to the final step of your payment

**Cancel-** will cancel all information entered during this session **Return To Your Form-** will take you back to the Civil Money Penalty form

Print the payment confirmation.

