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2019 Benefit Year Cost-sharing Reduction (CSR) Data Submission

Q: Will the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) permit issuers to submit CSR data for the 2019 benefit year?

A: Yes. CMS will provide an opportunity for all issuers to submit 2019 benefit year CSR data. Issuers will also be allowed to submit 2018 benefit year restatement data, except for those issuers who have had, whether by stipulation or otherwise, a 2018 benefit year CSR judgment entered in their favor by the Court of Federal Claims. CMS will not accept restated 2018 data from those issuers. The submission window for both benefit years will be from April 6 – May 29, 2020. Similar to the reporting timeline for previous years' CSR reconciliation cycles, issuers submitting data in this submission window can expect to receive their CSR reconciliation reports by June 30, 2020.

Q: Where can issuers find more information on how to complete the CSR data submission and restatement processes?

A: The CSR data submission process will be similar to the process for prior years' CSR reconciliation cycles. CMS will hold two webinars, one April 6, 2020 and one on April 9, 2020, for all issuers. These webinars will provide an overview of the CSR data submission process, timelines, system processing, data file structure, data file submission process, and the attestation process. Issuers can register for these webinars through https://www.regtap.info/.

As required by 45 CFR 156.430, issuers may *only use the standard methodology* when submitting 2019 benefit year files and 2018 benefit year restatement files, if issuers elect to submit either one of these files.

CMS intends to release updated technical data file and attestation file specifications prior to the beginning of the data submission period.at: https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance#Premium-Stabilization-Programs.

CMS has previously released technical data file and attestation file specifications, available on the CCIIO website at: https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/CSR-Reconciliation-Issuer-to-MIDAS-Inbound-Specification-BY2018.pdf and https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Regulations-and-Guidance/Downloads/CSR-Reconciliation-Issuer-to-MIDAS-Attestation-Inbound-Specification-BY2018.pdf. Issuers should note that there will be no file structure changes from last year's data submission window to this year's, except for the benefit year.

From a technical or operational standpoint, there are no significant changes from the way issuers submitted data and attestation files from past years. Issuers can refer back to the *Manual for*

Reconciliation of the Cost-Sharing Reduction Component of Advance Payments for Benefit Year 2017 at: https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Forms-Reports-and-Other-Resources/Downloads/Final-CSR-Reconciliation-Guidance-BY2017.pdf

Please refer to your benefit year 2018 web form to see who your CSR data submission contacts were during the 2018 benefit year and email the Cost-sharing Reductions Data Submission inbox at CSRreconquestions@cms.hhs.gov if your technical or business points of contact have changed since the benefit year 2018 process. Additionally, new issuers should email this address to update their respective points of contact if this REGTAP announcement did not initially get sent to the correct individuals.

Issuers who have further questions may also email CSRreconquestions@cms.hhs.gov.