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CMS Issues Medicare Advantage, Part D, and PACE Final Rule

- On April 5, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Final Rule, titled “Medicare Program; Contract Year 2024 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly” (Final Rule).
- The Final Rule is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on April 12, 2023.
- The Final Rule revises the Medicare Advantage (Part C), Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D), Medicare cost plan, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) regulations to implement changes related to:
 - Star Ratings
 - Marketing and communications
 - Health equity
 - Provider directories
 - Coverage criteria
 - Prior authorization
 - Passive enrollment
 - Network adequacy
 - Other programmatic areas
- The Final Rule will also codify regulations implementing provisions for:
 - The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.
 - The Inflation Reduction Act.
 - Codifying existing sub-regulatory guidance in the Part C, Part D, and PACE programs.
- These regulations are effective on June 5, 2023, and are applicable to coverage beginning January 1, 2024, except as otherwise noted in the Final Rule.

See the Final Rule for additional details.

More on This Topic

- [Final Rule](#)

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