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**To:** Illinois Medicare-Medicaid Plans  
**Subject:** CY 2021 Additional Demonstration Drug (ADD) File Guidance  
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Each contract year, Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) must submit and be approved to offer a demonstration-specific, integrated formulary that meets both Medicare Part D and Medicaid requirements, including the coverage of Medicaid-covered over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and products that are excluded from Medicare. To ensure MMPs provide coverage for all state-required products, Illinois requires drugs to be included on the MMP Additional Demonstration Drug (ADD) file. The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a MMP Submission of Plan Benefit Packages memorandum on April 13, 2020, which notes that the **ADD file containing non-Part D drugs is due in HPMS by June 5, 2020 at 11:59am EDT.**

The ADD file contains the state-required drugs that must be provided by the MMPs under the demonstration program that are not coverable under the Part D Program. MMPs must **NOT** include Part D eligible drugs on the ADD file; instead, MMPs will add those drugs to the Part D formularies they submit on June 1, 2020 (11:59 p.m. PDT).

Illinois MMPs must include a full list of NDCs on their ADD file. If an MMP indicates in its Part D PBP upload that it is providing OTC drugs as part of a utilization management (UM) program under Part D, there may be some overlap between the step therapy and the ADD file drugs. When there is overlap, the OTC products must be included on the ADD file as well. The ADD file will be reviewed by the state; it will not be reviewed by federal CMS. MMPs using OTCs as part of a formal step therapy protocol also must submit an OTC supplemental file for approval by CMS. ADD file drugs are independent of Part D, and the ADD file will contain the state-required drugs that must be provided by the MMPs under the demonstration program and that are not covered under the Part D program.

Within the attached Excel workbook titled "CY 2021 IL NDCs," there are two lists of NDCs for the ADD file: "IL Approved" and "IL Rejected." NDCs included in the "IL Approved" tab must be included in the CY 2021 ADD validation file. Plans should submit multiple NDCs when applicable. NDCs included in the "IL Rejected" tab are not included in the CY 2021 ADD validation file; however, the CY 2021 ADD validation file may include alternate NDCs for the same drugs, particularly for over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. MMPs may submit alternate NDCs for the drugs on the "IL Rejected" list if they are not covered under Medicare. Note that NDCs that rejected because of coverage issues, such as Part B, Part D, Durable Medical Equipment, etc., will not have alternative NDCs on the CY 2021 ADD validation file.

Please submit questions related to this guidance to Keshonna Lones at [Keshonna.Lones@illinois.gov](mailto:Keshonna.Lones@illinois.gov).

Attachments:  
CY 2021 IL NDCs  
CY 2021 ADD Validation File