

## PAID Act – Nutshell Summary

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### What is the PAID Act?

The Provide Accurate Information Directly Act (PAID Act) was enacted into law in December 2020. This new law, in general, requires CMS to expand its Section 111 Query Process to provide NGHP RREs with certain information regarding a claimant's enrollment in a Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) plan and/or a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan. The PAID Act becomes effective on December 11, 2021.

### What information will CMS provide?

Starting December 11, 2021, CMS will provide RREs with the following information as part of the Query Response File:

- Contract number, contract name, plan number, coordination of benefits (COB) address, and entitlements dates for the last three years (up to 12 instances) of Part C and Part D coverage; and
- The most recent Part A and Part B entitlement dates.

CMS notes that the HEW software will also be modified to extract the additional fields from the response file. CMS plans to release Version 5.0.0 of the HEW Software on September 13, 2021 and RREs will be able to utilize the new version of the translator software for testing purposes.

Regarding file formatting, the data elements being returned within the pre-existing response file format will remain populated within the same data positions while the new data elements will be appended to the end of the record layout.

Additionally, CMS will also be making updates to their online S.111 COBSW Beneficiary Lookup tool, to provide the same referenced Medicare Part C and Part D data elements which are being added to the electronic Query Response File, and, thus, Direct Data Entry (DDE) users will now be granted access to that online lookup tool to assess Part C and Part D enrollment as well.

### Key implementation dates and timelines

On its June 23<sup>rd</sup> webinar, CMS outlined the following timeline:

- **September 9th** – CMS webinar on general RRE testing.

- **September 13th to December 10th** – RRE testing period (voluntary), related activity, and new HEW software.
- **October 4th** – Updates to the S.111 COBSW Beneficiary lookup tool.
- **December 11, 2021** – PAID Act goes live: RREs must be ready to receive the additional information that will be provided per the PAID Act as part of their reporting systems.

### Additional Resources

The above is a general overview of CMS's PAID Act implementation plans to help provide a starting point for RREs to understand the upcoming changes. For further details on CMS's implementation plans, please review our recent articles [New NGHP Section 111 User Guide \(6.4\) – PAID Act, ORM termination, and other updates](#) and [CMS discusses PAID Act implementation plans and timelines on webinar](#).

Please note that ISO Claims Partners will be incorporating any applicable technical reporting changes necessitated by CMS's updates into its various reporting platforms.

### Questions?

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### Note:

\*\* As noted, this “nutshell” summary is current as of June 24, 2021. Contact Mark Popolizio for any subsequent updates to this document and the information outlined herein.

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