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Instructions for CMS Annual Drug Utilization Review Survey for Federal Fiscal Year 2023

Background:

The annual CMS Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Survey is now available. This year's survey is for data from federal fiscal year 2023 (Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023)

Key Details:

This survey is due to CMS by June 30, 2024. MCOs must send their completed surveys to the HHSC **by May 15, 2024**, to allow HHSC time to review, certify, and submit to CMS by the June 30 deadline. All MCOs must complete the survey accurately because CMS will publish all DUR reports on Medicaid.gov and will report the information regarding state opioid policies to Congress as required under the SUPPORT Act. MCOs should ensure that their responses do not contain proprietary information.

Action:

MCOs must use the web-based Qualtrics system to complete the survey. MCOs should perform the following steps to complete the survey:

1. CMS provided HHSC with unique links for each MCO. HHSC will email each MCO a unique website address beginning April 4, 2024. The hyperlink will take you to your MCO-specific report.
2. Please pay attention to the MCO name CMS has listed, and if it needs to be renamed, email us with the correct name.
3. MCOs requesting clarification about any part of the survey should email the HHSC Formulary mailbox with "FFY 2023 CMS DUR Annual Survey" in the subject.
4. When complete, MCOs should download and save a PDF copy of your survey for record keeping.
5. Once completed, HHSC will review, certify, and submit your survey to CMS. During the review, HHSC may request additional information or an explanation of some of your survey responses. HHSC can then revise your survey responses based on the information you provide.

In addition, HHSC is providing the answer to section VI. Question 4 of the survey:

- Q: How many innovator drugs are the preferred product instead of their multi-source counterpart based on net pricing (i.e. brand name drug is preferred over equivalent generic product on the PDL)?
- A: The answer is 96.

Also, for this year's survey, Section VII, Part B (PDMP) (Question 4 and Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6) is required. Last year, question 4 was optional. MCOs must complete these sections before submitting their reports. HHSC will provide MCOs with more information about question 4b in a forthcoming notice.

Resources:

Enclosed are copies of the following files:

- FFY 2023 MCO DUR Annual Survey – Preview Copy
 - ▶ MCO DUR Survey FFY 2023_Preview Copy Only.pdf
- FFY 2023 MCO DUR Annual Abbreviated Survey 2023- Preview Copy
 - ▶ Abbreviated MCO DUR Survey FFY 2023_Preview Copy Only.pdf
- FFS-MCO Abbreviated FFY 2023 Survey Notes and Best Practices
 - ▶ FFS-MCO-MCO Abbreviated FFY 2023 Survey Notes and Best Practices_04-01-2024.pdf
- 5042 Best Practices Updated document related to Section 5042 of the SUPPORT Act
 - ▶ 5042 Best Practices Updated_04-01-2024.pdf

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Attachment:

Abbreviated MCO DUR Survey FFY 2023_Preview Copy Only.pdf MCO DUR Survey FFY 2023_Preview Copy Only.pdf 5042 Best Practices Updated_ 04-01-2024.pdf FFS-MCO-MCO Abbreviated FFY 2023 Survey Notes and Best Practices_04-01-2024.pdf

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