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TO: All Current and Prospective Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription
                 Drug Plan Sponsors, Section 1876 Cost Plans, PACE Organizations, Medicare-
                 Medicaid Plans, and Bid Consultants

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SUBJECT: Contract Year (CY) 2024 Plan Benefit Package (PBP) Application Programming
                 Interface (API) Testing in HPMS

CY 2024 PBP API testing in the HPMS production environment will begin on **January 17, 2023**. All plans, including consultants and third party vendors sponsored by a contracted plan organization, are welcome to participate in this effort. The test window will end on **Friday, February 24, 2023** so that CMS can prepare for the production release scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2023.

Feedback must be submitted via the following website (HPMS user access is not required):

https://877fp303.optimalworkshop.com/questions/c4b7c6a4431b0669390bf92a91ae1e09

During the test window, CMS plans to release updates to the PBP API to address changes, integrate additional features, and respond to testing comments. As a result, API testers are strongly encouraged to submit their feedback on a flow basis. CMS will communicate API updates in the Documentation section of the publicly available HPMS landing page at https://hpms.cms.gov.

The final CY 2024 PBP API update will be released on **Friday, February 17, 2023**.

Requesting HPMS API Keys

All participating plans, consultants, and third party vendors must use the HPMS API Key Management module to request, generate, and manage production HPMS API keys. Beginning on **January 9, 2023**, the new PBP API scopes will be available for selection in the module. Making these requests early will help to ensure that the PBP API keys are established prior to the start of the testing window.

An organization's designated responsible user must submit the API key requests in the module, where they must identify two technical points of contact (POC). Both technical POCs must also have HPMS access.

Please refer to **Appendix A** for guidance on: (1) accessing the HPMS API Key Management User Guide, (2) requesting a CMS user ID, (3) requesting HPMS consultant access, if applicable, and (3) obtaining access to the API Key Management module.

Please direct questions regarding the HPMS API Key Management module to the HPMS Help Desk at either hpms@cms.hhs.gov or 1-800-220-2028.

For API technical support, please contact hpmstechsupport@softrams.com. The HPMS Help Desk will not provide this level of technical assistance.

Appendix A

Subject Area	Resource
HPMS API Key Management User Guide	Visit the **Documentation** section of the HPMS landing page at https://hpms.cms.gov.
Requesting a CMS User ID	https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/HPMS/UserIDProcess
Requesting Consultant Access to HPMS	https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/HPMS/UserIDProcess
Getting Access to the API Key Management Module for a Particular Role	Send a request to HPMSConsultantAccess@cms.hhs.gov with the following information: name, CMS user ID, organization name, and the requested HPMS access type(s). Available Access Types **API Responsible User:** Allows a plan or consultant user to submit and edit HPMS API requests for their assigned contract numbers. **API Technical POC:** Allows a plan or consultant user to download the initial key and request/download a replacement key (e.g., replace expiring key). **API Reports - Plan:** Provides plan users with view and report access to the HPMS API requests associated with their assigned contract numbers. **API Reports - Consultant:** Provides consultant users with view and report access to the HPMS API requests for which they are the responsible user and/or a technical POC.