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SUBJECT: Create APIs to Support ACO REACH Model - Full Agile Pilot

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide Participant and Preferred Providers in the Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO REACH) Model (previously named Global and Professional Direct Contracting (GPDC) Model with access to:

- their effective payment mechanisms or benefit enhancements

MACs and Shared System Maintainers (SSMs) shall collaborate to develop an API to provide ACO REACH participation data to providers.

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 3, 2023 - Analysis, Design, Coding, Testing and Implementation of Epic 1; i.e., the coding to pull the data for the models impacted; October 2, 2023 - Analysis, Design, Coding, Testing and Implementation of the coding to pull the data for Epic 2, any additional models after the July go live; January 2, 2024 - MACs to implement web portal changes and the filter functionality

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Demonstrations

Attachment - Demonstrations

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Global and Professional Direct Contracting (GPDC) Model created new opportunities for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to test an array of financial risk-sharing arrangements, leveraging lessons learned from other Medicare Accountable Care Organization (ACO) initiatives; such as the Medicare Shared Savings Program (SSP) and the Next Generation ACO (NGACO) Model, as well as innovative approaches from Medicare Advantage (MA) and private sector risk-sharing arrangements. As an ACO-like Model, GPDC allows participating organizations to take on the financial risk for Medicare Part A and B expenditures (all institutional and professional claims) for a defined population of Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicare beneficiaries over a defined period of time (five (5) years, separated into one (1)-year increments called Performance Years (PYs)).

On February 24, 2022, the ACO Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (REACH) Model was announced, which is the new name for GPDC, begins on January 1, 2023, and incorporates several new model features, including:

1. Health Equity Plan Requirement
2. Health Equity Benchmark Adjustment
3. Health Equity Data Collection Requirement
4. Nurse Practitioner Services Benefit Enhancement
5. Health Equity Questions in Application and Scoring for Health Equity Experience

Note, none of the changes listed above impact FFS operations.

The purpose of this change request is to create a mechanism, by which Participant and Preferred Providers can access fields on the Provider Participation files associated with the demonstrations.

B. Policy: Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (the Act) establishes the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to test innovative health care payment and service delivery models that have the potential to lower Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) spending while maintaining or improving the quality of beneficiaries' care. Section 1115A(d)(1) of the Act authorizes the Secretary to waive such requirements of Title XVIII of the Act as may be necessary solely for purposes of carrying out the testing by CMMI of certain innovative payment and service delivery models, including the GPDC and ACO REACH Models.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
12969.1	The Contractors shall use the Full Agile Pilot to create features that share fields on the Provider Participation files associated with the demonstrations.	X	X			X	X			
12969.2	The Contractor shall create an Application Programming Interface (API) to share all fields associated with each provider participation record.					X	X			
12969.3	The Contractor shall use the new API created from FISS and MCS to display all fields in the Provider Portal.	X	X							
12969.4	The Contractor shall create a feature to allow the user to filter on certain demonstration models.	X	X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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