

Inflation Reduction Act

Understanding the Medicare Transaction Facilitator for pharmacies and dispensing entities

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is establishing the new Medicare Transaction Facilitator (MTF) as a core component of implementing the Inflation Reduction Act's Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program (IRA MDPNP). Specifically, the MTF will be used to facilitate the effectuation of negotiated maximum fair prices (MFPs) for drugs selected as part of this program.

Important note

While enrollment in the MTF DM is optional for dispensing entities and there is no deadline, CMS recommends "pharmacies and other dispensing entities enroll as soon as they are ready to ensure that they are prepared for MFP effectuation on January 1st."

The basics¹

The MTF will play a central role in implementing the IRA MDPNP by providing the operational infrastructure and logistical support to facilitate MFP effectuation. MFP effectuation is the process by which manufacturers provide dispensing entities with access to the MFPs either prospectively or retrospectively.

The MTF system will consist of two modules:

01 MTF Data Module (MTF DM):

This will be used to facilitate the exchange of data to help manufacturers identify and provide MFP refund payments on eligible claims. While enrollment in the MTF DM is optional, as outlined in the [MTF FAQs for Pharmacies and Dispensing Entities](#):

- Enrollment is required to participate in the Inflation Reduction Act's Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program (IRA MDPNP).
- If a dispensing entity participates in a Part D Plan (PDP) Sponsor's network, then any agreement between the dispensing entity and the PDP Sponsor must require enrollment in the MTF DM, per CMS rules. However, enrollment in the MTF DM does not obligate participation in Medicare Part D or to dispense drugs covered under the MDPNP. Such obligations are based on the applicable terms of the dispensing entity's network participation agreement with the PDP sponsor

02 MTF Payment Module (MTF PM):

This will offer an optional service to manufacturers to assist in transferring MFP refund payments to dispensing entities by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or by paper check – per the stated preference of the dispensing entity. Manufacturer participation in the MTF PM is optional. Dispensing entities may receive MFP refunds via the MTF PM, or via an alternative process established by the manufacturer.

1. Based on the Medicare Transaction Facilitator: Pharmacies and Other Dispensing Entities Frequently Asked Questions from CMS.

Prior to enrollment

If you chose to enroll, the following steps must be completed prior to starting the enrollment process:

- 01 Verify that your [NCPDP profile](#) is accurate.
- 02 Create your CMS Identity Management (IDM) credentials by visiting the [MTF login page](#) and selecting "Register as a new user".

Important note

The information you are registering with must match the information on your NCPDP profile.

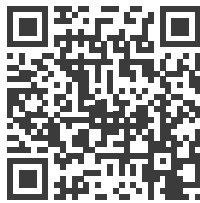
For questions, contact the [CMS MTF Help Desk](#) at MFPMedicareTransactionFacilitator@cms.hhs.gov or 877.683.4457.

Ready to enroll?

For step-by-step guidance on how to enroll, click or scan the QR codes below to review the following resources:



[CMS MTF User Guide](#)



[CMS MTF DM Enrollment Video](#)

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Additional resources

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[CMS Pharmacy and Dispensing Entities Resources page](#)

[MTF Overview for Dispensing Entities](#)

[MTF Dispensing Entities FAQ](#)