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**TO:** All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, and Section 1876 Cost Plans

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**SUBJECT:** 2025 Health Equity Index Confidential Contract-level Reports

As described in the April 2023 Part C and D final rule,<sup>1</sup> to prepare plans for implementation of the Health Equity Index (HEI) reward beginning with the 2027 Star Ratings, we are providing HEI calculations. 2025 HEI confidential contract-level data are now available in HPMS for plan sponsors.

The data provided in the confidential contract-level reports include the following:

- Contract-level measure reliability and scores for the subset of enrollees with the specified social risk factors
- Whether contract performance was in the upper, middle, or lower third of performance for each measure included in the HEI
- Contract-level percentage of enrollees with the specified social risk factors
- HEI score
- HEI reward for contracts that would qualify

### **Instructions for Accessing HEI Report:**

- To access the HEI Report in HPMS, select: “Quality and Performance,” then “Performance Metrics,” then “Reports,” “Star Ratings and Display Measures,” then “Health Equity Index” for Report Type and “2025” for Report Period.
  - Sub-reports are available for “Calculation Detail – HEI Points” and “Calculation Detail – HEI Score”.
- The 2025 HEI Technical Notes are available via the “Download” link within the module.

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<sup>1</sup> [Contract Year 2024 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly](#)

We will provide updated HEI reports annually until the HEI reward becomes part of the Star Ratings methodology beginning with the 2027 Star Ratings.

Please submit general questions about Part C and D Star Ratings measures or the HEI reward methodology to [PartCandDStarRatings@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PartCandDStarRatings@cms.hhs.gov). Thank you for your continued support of CMS's Part C and D Star Ratings.