

coverage that is not qualified prescription drug coverage under § 417.440(b)(2)(i) of this chapter.

(g) *Negotiated prices*—(1) *Access to negotiated prices.* A Part D sponsor is required to provide its Part D enrollees with access to negotiated prices for covered Part D drugs included in its Part D plan's formulary. Negotiated prices must be provided even if no benefits are payable to the beneficiary for covered Part D drugs because of the application of any deductible or 100 percent coinsurance requirement following satisfaction of any initial coverage limit.

(2) *Interaction with Medicaid best price.* Prices negotiated with a pharmaceutical manufacturer, including discounts, subsidies, rebates, and other price concessions, for covered Part D drugs by the following entities are not taken into account in establishing Medicaid's best price under section 1927(c)(1)(C) of the Act—

(i) A Part D plan, as defined in § 423.4; or

(iii) A qualified retiree prescription drug plan (as defined in § 423.882) for Part D eligible individuals.

(3) *Disclosure.* (i) A Part D sponsor is required to disclose to CMS data on aggregate negotiated price concessions obtained from pharmaceutical manufacturers, as well as data on aggregate negotiated price concessions obtained from pharmaceutical manufacturers that are passed through to beneficiaries, via pharmacies and other dispensers, in the form of lower subsidies paid by CMS on behalf of low-income individuals described in § 423.782, or in the form of lower monthly beneficiary premiums or lower covered Part D drug prices at the point of sale.

(ii) Information on negotiated prices disclosed to CMS under paragraph (g)(3) of this section is protected under the confidentiality provisions applicable under section 1927(b)(3)(D) of the Act.

(4) *Audits.* CMS and the Office of the Inspector General may conduct periodic audits of the financial statements and all records of Part D sponsors pertaining to any qualified prescription drug coverage they may offer under a Part D plan.

#### § 423.112 Establishment of prescription drug plan service areas.

(a) *Service area for prescription drug plans.* The service area for a prescription drug plan other than a fallback prescription drug plan consists of one or more PDP regions as established under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) *Establishment of PDP regions*—(1) *General.* CMS establishes PDP regions in a manner consistent with the requirements for the establishment of MA regions as described at § 422.455 of this chapter.

(2) *Relation to MA regions.* To the extent practicable, PDP regions are the same as MA regions. CMS may establish PDP regions that are not the same as MA regions if CMS determines that the establishment of these regions improves access to prescription drug plan benefits for Part D eligible individuals.

(c) *Authority for territories.* CMS establishes a PDP region or regions for States that are not within the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

(d) *Revision of PDP regions.* CMS may revise the PDP regions established under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

(e) *Regional or national plan.* Nothing in this section prevents a prescription drug plan from being offered in two or more PDP regions in their entirety or in all PDP regions in their entirety.

#### § 423.120 Access to covered Part D drugs.

(a) *Assuring pharmacy access*—(1) *Standards for convenient access to network pharmacies.* Except as provided in paragraph (a)(7) of this section, a Part D plan must have a contracted pharmacy network consisting of retail pharmacies sufficient to ensure that for beneficiaries residing in each State in a prescription drug plan's service area (as defined in § 423.112(a)), each State in a regional MA-PD plan's service area (as defined in § 422.2 and § 422.455(a) of this chapter), a local MA-PD plan's service area (as defined in § 422.2 of this chapter), or a cost plan's geographic area (as defined in § 417.401 of this chapter), the following requirements are satisfied:

(i) At least 90 percent of Medicare beneficiaries, on average, in urban