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Date: 02/4/2026

Line of business: Small, Mid Market, and Premier Groups

External audience: Brokers (2/4) and Employer Groups (2/5)

Summary:

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Section 204 (2021) requires health plans to submit information on prescription drug costs and healthcare spending annually to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Blue Shield will be collecting D1 Premium Contribution information from groups between 2/4/2026, and 4/10/2026.

The deadline to submit information is 4/10/2026 however any updates to submissions can be made until 4/19/2026. The period between 4/10/2026 and 4/19/2026 is only for making updates to existing submissions made by the deadline.

Reminders:

- Only one individual (group administrator, broker, or other such delegate) may submit responses for a single group ID.
- Submitters will receive an email confirmation displaying a record of responses submitted and a link to edit responses.
- Only the submitter will have access to edit responses until the deadline.

Please cascade to your teams.