

CHAPTER 9A: SERVICE AREA PARTIAL COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Instructions for Submitting a Partial County Explanation

Please complete each section below. Please be as complete and specific as possible in each of your responses. You must substantiate any assertion you make. In order to be considered complete, you must complete all three sections and all three questions under Section 1.

Once you have completed your service area partial county supplemental response, combine it with any evidence you are providing to substantiate your responses and state approval evidence into one file.

Name the combined document file using the following convention: [Issuer ID]-Partial County-[Service Area ID]-[County Name], for example, “12345-Partial County-MDS001-Montgomery.pdf.”

Upload the combined document into the Plan & Benefit section of the Benefits & Service Area module in the QHP Application system using the document upload functionality. Select the document type **Other** from the *Document Type* drop-down menu.

Section 1: Partial County Explanation

Respond to the following three questions. If the partial county is a result of a legal agreement or settlement splitting up the counties by different issuers, include this information in your response.

Question 1: Describe how serving this partial county geographic area is necessary. Describe the evidence that you are providing to substantiate this and (if applicable) include it with your response.

Question 2: Describe how serving this partial county geographic area is not discriminatory. Describe the evidence that you are providing to substantiate this and (if applicable) include it with your response.

You must be able to substantiate *both* of the following statements:

- ◆ The racial and economic composition of the population in the portion of the county you are proposing is comparable to the excluded portion of the county. Using U.S. census data (or data from another comparable source), compare the racial and economic composition of the included and excluded portions of the proposed county service area.
- ◆ The anticipated healthcare costs of the portion of the county you are proposing to serve are similar to the area of the county that will be excluded from the service area.

Question 3: Describe how serving this partial county geographic area is in the best interest of the qualified individuals and employers. Describe the evidence that you are providing to substantiate this and (if applicable) include it with your response.

Section 2: Geography

Describe the geographic areas for the county, both inside and outside the partial county geographic area, including the major population centers, transportation arteries, significant topographic features (e.g., lakes, mountain ranges), and any other geographic factors that affected your proposal for the partial county.

Section 3: State Approval

Issuers must submit evidence from the appropriate state regulator, such as an e-mail that lists the specific partial county being requested, indicating that the partial county is approved by the state.

Have you included this evidence?

Yes.

No.

If this provides insufficient space to list your justifications, please print out another form and add additional reasons there.