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SUBJECT: Final CY 2015 Medicare-Medicaid Plan Integrated Explanation of Benefits Models

Attached to this memorandum are final CY 2015 Medicare-Medicaid Plan templates of: (1) an integrated Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for provision of claim-specific information for all covered services received under MMPs – including Medicare Parts A, B, and D, Medicaid, demonstration-specific, and plan-offered supplemental benefits; and (2) a drug-only EOB for Part D and Medicaid drug claims.

CMS issued a draft integrated EOB for MMPs for public comment on February 5, 2014. Based on the extensive comments we received from a variety of external stakeholders – including plans, industry trade associations, advocates, and states – we conducted beneficiary testing of a revised model in spring 2014. The attached documents represent the models that were finalized after both the public comment and field testing processes.

We have been working with states with, or intending to have, demonstrations under the capitated financial alignment model to explore their interest in requiring or encouraging the use of either the integrated EOB or the drug-only EOB. One state, New York, has elected to require its MMPs to use the drug-only EOB in lieu of the current Part D model to satisfy the regulatory requirement under 42 CFR 423.128(e) to send enrollees Part D claims information for each month in which they incur any drug claims. Another state, Ohio, has chosen to make the use of the drug-only EOB model optional for its MMPs.

We have encouraged additional states to consider piloting of the integrated model EOB, though we note that Medicare Advantage organizations and MMPs are currently exempted from the requirement at 42 CFR 422.111(b)(12) to send an explanation of benefits to Medicare-Medicaid enrollees about their Medicare Part C claims.

We encourage plans that are interested in piloting these models to be in touch with both the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office as well as the states in which they currently offer, or intend to offer, an MMP.

These models will be posted to the Financial Alignment webpage (see http://cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/InformationandGuidanceforPlans.html). We note that the models attached to this memorandum are generic and are not state-specific at this time.

Please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions about the contents of this memorandum.