



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors and 1876 Cost Plans

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SUBJECT: Issuance of Contract Year (CY) 2010 Model Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Provider Directory, Pharmacy Directory, Comprehensive and Abridged Formularies

DATE:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announces the release of the Contract Year (CY) 2010 Model Provider Directory, Model Part D Pharmacy Directory and the Model Part D Comprehensive and Abridged Formularies. Additionally, the Calendar Year (CY) 2010 Checklists are attached for the Model Provider Directory, Model Part D Pharmacy Directory, the Model Part D Comprehensive and Abridged Formularies and Summary of Benefits. Specifically, the models were revised as follows:

CY 2010 Model Provider Directory:

- Indicates plans may remove the pharmacies section only if they elect to combine their Pharmacy Directory and Provider Directory and include pharmacies providing Part B drugs in the pharmacy list in their combined Provider/Pharmacy Directory.
- Adds optional fields to the list of providers so plans can describe when their providers support electronic prescribing.

CY 2010 Model Part D Pharmacy Directory:

- Adds optional fields where the Part D sponsor may indicate which network pharmacies support electronic prescribing.

CY 2010 Model Part D Comprehensive and Abridged Formularies:

- Add a field that will provide the plan's process for updating print formularies (e.g., errata sheets) in the event of mid-year non-maintenance formulary changes.
- Add a sentence indicating that beneficiaries can receive information about specific restrictions on coverage by visiting the plan's website, including a field for the website address.

- Adds a field allowing plans that pay for over-the-counter (OTC) drugs to describe the specific drugs they will provide at no cost to enrollees.
- Remove the reference based pricing language since its use is no longer permitted under Part D.
- Add a footnote to the General Drug Table instructions indicating that OTC drugs may not be included in these tables.

These models will be posted on the CMS Part C Marketing web page <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ManagedCareMarketing/> and the Part D Marketing Models web page <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/PartDMMM/list.asp> and in HPMS. Upon completion of their templates for CY 2010, organizations should ensure that they are compliant with CMS guidance, and submit the models to CMS for review and approval. CMS will begin accepting CY 2010 marketing material for review on June 5, 2009. If you have any questions related to these models, please contact your CMS Regional Office.