

***Key Projected Dates  
In the 2007 Application / Renewal Process  
For Medicare Health Plan Organizations and  
Prescription Drug Plans***

This calendar outlines key dates in the 2007 individual and employer group market Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD), Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) application and renewal processes, as well as in the 1833 and 1876 cost plan renewal processes. This calendar is posted on the CMS Web site at [www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/CY2007timeline.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/CY2007timeline.pdf). This calendar will be updated and expanded periodically. We encourage you to check the Web site and calendar regularly for changes and to take note of the timelines and deadlines for participating in these programs.

<b>2006</b>	
<b><i>March</i></b>	<p>March 20 — Deadline for submission of ALL 2007 initial Applications MA, MA-PD (including SNPs and Demonstrations), PDP, Direct Contract Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (EGWPs), and MA Organization, PDP, or Cost Based Plan Sponsor offering EGWPs, and ALL 2007 SAE applications</p> <p>March 22 — Issuance of final formulary guidance</p> <p>March 27 — Release of Health Plan Management System (HPMS) formulary submissions module</p> <p>March 30 — Posting of the final Call Letters</p> <p>March 31 — Transition Guidance Release target date</p>
<b><i>April</i></b>	<p>April 3 — Issuance of Calendar Year (CY) 2007 Medicare Advantage Payment Rates</p> <p>April 3 — 2007 Reporting Requirements Comment period ends</p> <p>April 5, 6, 11 — Bidders Conference (April 5 MA-PD Sessions, April 6 Actuaries Sessions, April 11 Actuaries Repeat Sessions).</p> <p>April 7 — Plan Creation module, Plan Benefit Package and Bid Pricing Tool available on HPMS</p> <p>April 17 — Formulary Submissions Due from all MA-PDs and PDPs (including Direct Contract EGWPs and MA Organizations, PDPs and Cost-PD (for Part D) Sponsors offering EGWPs)</p>
<b><i>May</i></b>	<p>May 1 — Deadline for CMS to inform currently contracted organizations that CMS has authorized renewal of their contract</p> <p>May 1 — Transition Policy Submission target date</p> <p>May 1 — Deadline for notifying CMS of organization's intent to stop offering RPPO's in an MA region</p> <p>May 15 — End of IEP for Part D and AEP for MA</p> <p>May 19 — PBP/BPT Upload module available on HPMS</p>
<b><i>June</i></b>	<p>June 5 — Deadline for submission of bids for all MA, MA-PD, Cost PD and PDP applicants and renewing organizations (including Direct Contract</p>

	<p>EGWPs and MA Organizations, PDPs and Cost Based Plan Sponsors offering EGWPs)</p> <p>June 5 — Deadline for notifying CMS of organization's intent to non-renew for 2007</p> <p>June 6 — Submission of CY 2007 marketing materials scheduled to begin</p> <p>June 30 — End of the MA Open Enrollment Period</p>
<b><i>July</i></b>	<p>July 15 — Last date by which applicant must receive a determination (as a result of either CMS' initial application review or a favorable re-determination) that it is qualified to enter into a Part D contract for program year 2007.</p>
<b><i>August</i></b>	<p>August 5 — Deadline for Cost Plans not offering Part D to submit A/B benefit information in order to appear in Medicare Compare and Medicare and You Handbook</p>
<b><i>September</i></b>	<p>Early September — CMS signs contracts with successful Part C &amp; Part D applicants</p> <p>September 14-15 — Plans preview data for the "Medicare &amp; You 2007" handbook (date tentative)</p>
<b><i>October</i></b>	<p>October 2 — Deadline for Cost plan information of intent to non-renew for 2007</p> <p>October 12 (tentatively scheduled) — Medicare Personal Plan Finder and Medicare Personal Drug Plan Finder data goes up on the Web</p> <p>October 30 — "Medicare &amp; You 2007" handbooks in mail to beneficiaries</p>
<b><i>November</i></b>	<p>Nov. 15 — 2007 Annual Coordinated Election Period begins</p>
<b><i>December</i></b>	<p>Dec. 31 — 2007 Annual Coordinated Election Period ends</p>