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TO: Current and Future Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors

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RE: Release of 2012 Part C, Part D, Special Needs Plan (SNP) and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Applications

CMS has released the 2012 Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, Special Needs Plan (SNP), and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) applications. All applications are due to CMS by **11:59 p.m. EST on February 24, 2011**. Although PDF versions of the applications are included in this release, CMS will not accept any hard copy applications. All materials and supporting documentation must be provided through CMS' Health Plan Management System (HPMS).

The 2012 consolidated Part C application (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans) and instructions are posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvantageApps> for use by those seeking Medicare Advantage contracts to offer the following plan types:

- 2012 MA Coordinated Care Plans (CCP)
- 2012 MA Regional Preferred Provider Organization Plans (RPPO)
- 2012 MA Private Fee for Service Plans (PFFS)
- 2012 MA Medical Savings Account Plans (MSA)
- 2012 MA Special Needs Plans (SNP)
- MA Service Area Expansion Application for Coordinated Care Plans (CCP) and Private Fee for Service Plans (PFFS)

The following 2012 Part D applications (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans) and instructions are posted at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/04\\_RxContracting\\_ApplicationGuidance.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/04_RxContracting_ApplicationGuidance.asp#TopOfPage):

- 2012 Initial Application for Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors
- 2012 Initial Application for Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) Sponsors

- 2012 Initial Application for Cost Based Plan-Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors
- 2012 Initial Application for Pace Organizations
- 2012 Part D Service Area Expansion Application for PDP and MA-PD Sponsors

Complete applications must be submitted via HPMS by **11:59p.m. EST on February 24, 2011**. If you have questions, please contact the following individuals:

For Medicare Advantage Plan (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan) application questions – Leticia Ramsey at (410) 786-5262 ([leticia.ramsey@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:leticia.ramsey@cms.hhs.gov)),

For Prescription Drug Plan (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan) application questions – Linda Anders (410) 786-0459 ([linda.anders@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:linda.anders@cms.hhs.gov)).