

# **MMA Part D Plan Call**

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## Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity

- All plans will need to establish WAN connectivity to CMS
- AT&T Global Networking Solution (AGNS)/Medicare Data Communications Network (MDCN)
- There are two primary network options for WAN Connectivity:
  - AGNS/MDCN (all large plans, some small)
  - Internet (small plans)
- Large plans defined as 100,000 members or more
- Planning to send guidance letter to large plans within a week
- Each plan must analyze their bandwidth requirements (dial-in, T1, multiple T1's) to accommodate enrollment data, claims data, reports, interactive access, etc.

## Enterprise File Transfer

- All plans will need to transfer files to CMS
- Large plans will use the Sterling Connect:Direct software for server-to-server file transfer over the AGNS/MDCN network
- Small plans will use the Sterling Secure File Transfer Protocol software over either AGNS/MDCN or the Internet to the Sterling Gentran Integration Server at CMS (essentially an electronic mailbox)
- Work with ViPs to procure Sterling software, configure, test, etc.

# Enterprise Identity and Access Management

- All plans will need to establish unique userid's for each user that needs to access CMS systems
- Self-service model for registration, password reset, etc.
- Every plan must designate an approver(s)
- Approver will be accountable for approving other plan users
- Userid must be established prior to the creation of a user's electronic mailbox
- Existing users will need to provide their RACF ID as part of the registration process