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**Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office**

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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid plans (MMPs) and Minnesota Senior Health Options Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (MN MSHO D-SNPs)

**FROM:** Lindsay P. Barnette, Director, Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office Models, Demonstrations, and Analysis Group

**SUBJECT:** **Medicare-Medicaid Plan and MN Senior Health Options D-SNPs Network Submission Guidance and Attestation Language**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to explore ways to reduce plan burden while ensuring Medicare-Medicaid plans (MMPs) and Minnesota Senior Health Options Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (MN MSHO D-SNPs) are in compliance with applicable provisions in the three-way contract or Medicare Advantage contracts pertaining to network adequacy.

Since 2014, MMCO has been leveraging the existing Medicare Advantage (MA) network methodologies for minimum number of providers, time, and distance for MMPs and MN MSHO D-SNPs.<sup>1</sup> MMCO has customized the methodology to reflect the dually eligible population. Since MMCO began this analysis, MMPs and MN MSHO D-SNPs have been consistently successful in meeting Medicare network standards. The percent of provider/facility/counties combinations meeting network adequacy across all demonstrations is consistently over 99%.

Therefore, for contract year 2020, in lieu of conducting a full submission and review of the Medicare provider network and exception requests, MMCO is requesting MMPs and MN MSHO D-SNPs to attest whether the Medicare portion of their 2020 network meets current CMS requirements. The MMP and MN MSHO D-SNP HSD Reference File can be found on the CMS website at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/MMPInformationandGuidance/InformationandGuidanceforPlans>. MMPs and MN MSHO D-SNPs should verify their networks using the organization initiated

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<sup>1</sup> See CMS-4190-F1 located at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-06-02/pdf/2020-11342.pdf>. See pages 33852-33866.

upload functionality within the Health Plan Management System Network Management Module.

MMCO will assess compliance with the MMPs and MN MSHO D-SNP contractual network adequacy requirements based on signed versions of the attestation accompanying this memo submitted by 8pm Eastern time on September 15, 2020 to [MMCOCapsReporting@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MMCOCapsReporting@cms.hhs.gov).

Please submit any questions to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at [MMCOCapsReporting@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MMCOCapsReporting@cms.hhs.gov).