



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Ohio Applicable Integrated Plan (AIP) D-SNPs

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SUBJECT: Ohio AIP D-SNPs: Updates to Contract Year 2026 Member Handbook

CMS and the state of Ohio are issuing an update to Chapter 9 of the CY 2026 Member Handbook for use by applicable integrated plan (AIP) dual eligible special needs plans (D-SNPs) operating in Ohio. MMCO will not issue a revised CY 2026 Member Handbook model for changes included in this memorandum. We instruct AIP D-SNPs in Ohio to update their CY 2026 Member Handbook based on the information provided in this memorandum.

These updates include:

Member Handbook

- **Chapter 9 update- last paragraph of Section F2, the last bullet on page 11 currently states:**
 - Medicare Part B drug within 48 hours.

Plans must replace the current language with the following language:

- Medicare Part B drug within 72 hours.

Hard copy Member Handbooks must include this information before they are mailed to enrollees whenever possible. If updates to the hard copy Member Handbook are not practicable – for example, if they have already been printed – the model errata may be used to communicate the updated and accurate information until current stock of outdated materials is depleted.

This memorandum will also be posted to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office’s “D-SNPs: Integration & Unified Appeals & Grievance Requirements” webpage at <https://www.cms.gov/medicaid-chip/medicare-coordination/qualified-beneficiary-program/d-snps-integration-unified-appeals-grievance-requirements> grouped alphabetically by state under the “Model Materials” heading.

If you have any questions about the contents of this memorandum, please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at MMCO_DSNPOperations@cms.hhs.gov.