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TO: Medicare Advantage Organizations Offering or Seeking to Offer Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans in Contract Year 2027

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SUBJECT: State Medicaid Agency Contracts Submission Requirements for Contract Year 2027

CMS informs all Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) seeking to offer a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) in contract year (CY) 2027 that they must complete the following activities in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by Monday, July 6, 2026, at 8:00 PM ET:

- Complete necessary attestations;
- Upload State Medicaid Agency Contracts (SMACs); and
- Upload corresponding Matrix Upload Documents, including supporting documentation.
- MAOs that are seeking highly integrated dual eligible (HIDE), fully integrated dual eligible (FIDE) or coordination only (CO) applicable integrated plan (AIP) status will be required to submit documentation that identifies the legal entity and service area for the corresponding Medicaid managed care plan, such as the executed Medicaid managed care contract.

Please note that MAOs with multiple D-SNP plan benefit packages (PBPs) must upload a SMAC for each PBP and specify in the corresponding matrices the PBP to which each SMAC applies. MAOs must submit CY 2027 SMACs that meet all relevant requirements at 42 CFR 422.107(c) and (d) by the July 6th deadline.

The CY 2027 Matrix Upload Documents can be found in HPMS at the following path: HPMS Home Page > Contract Management > D-SNP Management > SMAC Submissions > Submit CY2027 SMAC>Download Templates.

Instructions on how to complete SMAC submissions can be found in the SMAC Quick Reference

Guide, located in HPMS at the following path:

HPMS Home Page > Contract Management > D-SNP Management > Documentation > SMAC Quick Reference Guide.

MAOs must click the “final submit” button by the deadline. HPMS will generate a confirmation for each submission.

Questions related to HPMS should be directed to the HPMS help desk at hpms@cms.hhs.gov.

Questions related to SMACs, should be sent to MMCO_DSNPOperations@cms.hhs.gov with the subject line: “D-SNP Integration Status.”