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MEMORANDUM

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

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SUBJECT: Industry Training Teleconference Call for 2010 Part C, Part D and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Applications

JOIN THE CMS TELECONFERENCE CALL!

**Application Training Update
Wednesday, January 7, 2009
and
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
3:30 – 5:00 PM (EST)**

On Wednesday, January 7, 2009, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a Part C and D User Group teleconference call that will provide guidance to the industry on the submission of Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage-Part D (MA-PD), Prescription Drug Program (PDP), Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Program (EGWP) and Special Needs Plan (SNP) Applications for the 2010 contract year. On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, CMS will dedicate the entire Question and Answer time of the Part C & D User Group Call to respond to questions about the 2010 application process.

Goal

The goal of this broadcast is to provide Health Plans, Drug Sponsors, Employers and Unions, and other potential applicants with an update on changes and/or revisions on the following topics:

- Overview of the Part C application requirements and process for the 2010 contract year for Coordinated Care Plans (CCP), Private Fee-For-Service (PFFS), Service Area Expansions (SAE), and Medical Savings Accounts (MSA).

- Overview of the Special Needs Plan (SNP) applications process for the 2010 contract year.
- Overview of the Part D application process for the 2010 contract year.
- Overview of the EGWP application process for the 2010 contract year.

Target Audience

New and existing health plans, employers, unions, Part D sponsors, and other interested parties, including Medicare compliance officers and information technology staff seeking to submit Part C, Part D or EGWP applications for the 2009 contract year should participate in this teleconference call.

Technical Information

Call-in information will be sent out prior to the meeting dates by Management Solutions Consulting Group (MSCG), the CMS User Group Call contractor. To subscribe to the CMS User Group Calls, potential applicants should register at www.mscginc.com/registration.

NOTE: Plan sponsors must have a valid CMS issued Contract Number to register for the calls.

Handouts

Handouts for the conference calls will be distributed by MSCG prior to each teleconference.

If you have any questions regarding the technical aspects of the teleconference call, please call Sonia Eaddy at (410) 786-5459. If you have any questions regarding the programmatic content, please call one of the following contacts:

Part C Issues – Leticia Ramsey at (410)786-5262

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