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**DATE:** March 6, 2009

**TO:** All Medicare Advantage Organizations renewing contracts for contract year 2009, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug, Part D Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs), 1876 Cost Based Plans, PACE and Demonstration Organizations.

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**SUBJECT:** The 2009 Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements (FSRR)

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**JOIN THE CMS TELECONFERENCE CALL!**  
**Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**  
**3:30 pm – 5:00pm (EDT)**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invites you to participate in the 2009 Fiscal Soundness conference call. This call will provide guidance to the industry on the Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements (FSRR) for Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD), 1876 Cost Plans, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs), and Demonstration Organizations that are active (initial or renewing) for the 2009 contract year.

**BACKGROUND**

42 CFR 422.516(a)(5) requires that each Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) must demonstrate that it is operating a fiscally sound organization. The Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group (MCAG) is responsible for financial oversight of the renewing MAOs. CMS uses the independently audited financial statements to ensure that the organization is fiscally sound.

**GOAL**

The goal of this conference call is to provide MA, MA-PD, 1876 Cost, PACE, PDPs, and Demonstration Organizations training on the 2009 Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements and any updates. It also provides organizations an opportunity to ask CMS questions about the process.

**AUDIENCE**

The Chief Financial Officer (or his/her designee) and other interested parties of the MA, MA-PD, 1876 Cost Plans, PACE, PDPs, and Demonstration Organizations that are active (initial or

renewing) for the 2009 contract year. To permit all interested parties to join the call, CMS requests that each organization dial in on one line only.

### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

Call-in information will be sent out prior to the training date by Management Solutions Consulting Group (MSGC), the CMS User Group Contractor. To subscribe to the CMS User Group Calls, MA Organizations should register at [www.msccinc.com/registration](http://www.msccinc.com/registration).

### **HANDOUTS**

Handouts for this conference call will be available at the following website by March 25, 2009:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/50\\_FSRR.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/50_FSRR.asp#TopOfPage)

If you have questions, please contact the financial management specialist assigned to your region, as shown on the list below. You may reach them via our financial e-mail box at [financialreview@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:financialreview@cms.hhs.gov).

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