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

FROM: Danielle R. Moon, J.D., M.P.A., Acting Director, Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group
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RE: Industry Training Teleconference Call for 2011 Part C, Part D and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Applications

JOIN THE CMS APPLICATION TRAINING TELECONFERENCE CALL!
Overview of Applications and Submission Process, Highlighting Changes from Previous Cycles
Wednesday, January 6, 2010
And
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
3:30 – 5:00 PM (EST)

On Wednesday, January 6, 2010, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a Part C and D User Group teleconference that will provide guidance to the industry on the submission of Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD), Prescription Drug Plan (PDP), Employer Group Waiver Plans (EGWP), and Special Needs Plans (SNP) applications for the 2011 contract year. On Wednesday, January 13, 2010, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, CMS will dedicate the teleconference to respond to industry questions about the 2011 application process.

Goal

The goal of this broadcast is to provide Health Plans, Drug Sponsors, Employers and Unions, and other potential applicants with an overview of the upcoming application and submission process, highlighting changes and/or revisions from last year's cycle, including:

- Overview of the Part C application requirements and process for the 2011 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 2011 contract year.
- Overview of the Part D application process for the 2011 contract year.

- Overview of the EGWP application process for the 2011 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 2011 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. Handouts for the conference calls will be distributed by MSCG prior to each teleconference.

NOTE: Plan sponsors must enter their CMS issued Contract Number to register for the calls.

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

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