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SUBJECT: Supplemental Technical Instructions for the Contract Year 2011 Automated Application in HPMS

This memo provides supplemental technical instructions for initiating a Contract Year (CY) 2011 service area expansion (SAE) application, a Special Needs Plan (SNP) initial application, or a SNP SAE application in HPMS.

Submitting a CY 2011 SAE Application

Organizations submitting a CY 2011 SAE application should use the following steps:

- 1 - Log into HPMS and go to Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Select Contract Number.
- 2 - On the Basic Contract Management Start Page, select the link named "Add SAE Data."
- 3 - Add the appropriate counties, zip codes, or regions to your contract service area by selecting either the "Add County" or "Add Region" button on the page. Be sure to complete the Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) attestation as your first step if you intend to designate part of your pending service area as "employer only" for the first time.
- 4 - Select the "Submit" button after you have added the pending service area to the contract number. Note that you may only make changes to your pending service area until you "final submit" your application for the first time. Once you perform a final submit, your pending service area will be locked down and no further changes can be made.
- 5 - On the Basic Contract Management Start Page, select the link named "Submit Application."

6 - All of the appropriate links for the attestations, download templates, and upload templates will now be available.

Submitting a CY 2011 SNP Initial Application

Organizations submitting a CY 2011 initial SNP application should use the following steps:

- 1 – Log into HPMS and go to Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Select Contract Number.
- 2 - On the Basic Contract Management Start Page, select the link named "Proposed SNP Application Data."
- 3 – To add a **new** SNP offering, select "New" under the "Select an Application" section, and select "Add" under the "Select an Action" section. Once these actions are complete, select the "Submit" button.
- 4 – On the Select SNP Application to Add page, indicate the appropriate SNP type and select the "Submit" button.
- 5 – On the Add SNP (Initial) Application page, assign the appropriate service area for the SNP type and select the "Submit" button.
- 6 – On the Confirm SNP (Initial) Application page, select the "Submit" button if all of your data selections are correct. Otherwise, select "Return to Data Entry" to make the appropriate changes.
- 7 – Repeat these steps for each SNP type/subtype for which you are applying in CY 2011.
- 8 - On the Basic Contract Management Start Page, select the link named "Submit Application."
- 9 - All of the appropriate links for the attestations, download templates, and upload templates will now be available.

Submitting a CY 2011 SNP SAE Application

Organizations submitting a CY 2011 SNP SAE application should use the following steps:

- 1 – Log into HPMS and go to Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Select Contract Number.
- 2 - On the Basic Contract Management Start Page, select the link named "Proposed SNP Application Data."

3 – To add a SNP SAE application, select the existing SNP type under the “Select an Application” section, and select “Add” under the “Select an Action” section. Once these actions are complete, select the “Submit” button.

4 – On the Add SNP (SAE) Application page, assign the appropriate service area for the SNP type and select the “Submit” button.

5 – On the Confirm SNP (SAE) Application page, select the “Submit” button if all of your data selections are correct. Otherwise, select “Return to Data Entry” to make the appropriate changes.

6 – Repeat these steps for each existing SNP type/subtype for which you are applying as a SNP SAE in CY 2011.

7 - On the Basic Contract Management Start Page, select the link named "Submit Application."

8 - All of the appropriate links for the attestations, download templates, and upload templates will now be available.

Please note that CMS has posted an updated version of the CY 2011 automated application slide presentation on the HPMS homepage.

For further technical assistance on the CY 2011 automated application, please contact the HPMS Help Desk at either hpms@cms.hhs.gov or 1-800-220-2028.