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TO: Current and Future Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, Employer/Union Direct Contract Medicare Advantage Organizations and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, Cost Based Plans, and PACE organizations

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RE: Final 2011 Part C, Part D, and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan Applications

CMS has released the final 2011 Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) applications. All applications are due to CMS by **11:59 p.m. EST on February 25, 2010**. Although PDF versions of the applications are included in this release, CMS will not accept any hard copy applications. All materials and supporting documentation must be provided through CMS' Health Plan Management System (HPMS).

The 2011 consolidated Part C application (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans) and instructions are posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvantageApps> for use by those seeking initial Medicare Advantage contracts to offer the following plan types:

- 2011 MA Coordinated Care Plans (CCP)
- 2011 MA Regional Preferred Provider Organization Plans (RPPO)
- 2011 MA Private Fee for Service Plans (PFFS)
- 2011 MA Medical Savings Account Plans (MSA)
- 2011 MA Special Needs Plans (SNP)
- MA Service Area Expansion Application for Coordinated Care Plans (CCP) and Private Fee for Service Plans (PFFS)

The following 2011 Part D applications (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans) and instructions are posted at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/04_RxContracting_ApplicationGuidance.asp#TopOfPage:

- 2011 Initial Application for Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors
- 2011 Initial Application for Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) Sponsors
- 2011 Initial Application for Cost Based Plan-Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

- 2011 Initial Application for Pace Organizations
- 2011 Part D Service Area Expansion Application for PDP and MA-PD Sponsors

Complete applications must be submitted via HPMS by **11:59p.m. EST on February 25, 2010**. If you have questions, please contact the following individuals:

For Medicare Advantage Plan (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan) application questions – Letticia Ramsey at (410) 786-5262 (letticia.ramsey@cms.hhs.gov).

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