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

FROM: Danielle R. Moon, J.D., M.P.A., Director, Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group
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RE: Industry Training Teleconference Call for 2012 Part C, Part D, SNP 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 5, 2011
And
Wednesday, January 12, 2011
3:30 – 5:00 PM (EST)

On Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 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 to provide training to the industry on the submission of MA, MA-PD, PDP, EGWP and SNP Applications for the 2012 contract year. On Wednesday, January 12, 2011 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, CMS will conclude the 2012 application submission training and dedicate the second half of the call to Question and Answer time for responding to questions about the 2012 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 2012 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 2012 contract year.
- Overview of the Part D application process for the 2012 contract year.

- Overview of the EGWP application process for the 2012 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, SNP or EGWP applications for the 2012 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, 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 have a valid CMS issued Contract Number to register for the calls.

If you have any questions regarding the technical aspects of the teleconference call, please call Rosalind Abankwah at (410) 786-2012. 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

Part D and EGWP Issues – Linda Anders at (410) 786-0459