

**EMPLOYER/UNION-ONLY GROUP PART C ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH  
APPROVED ENTITY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1851 THROUGH 1859 OF THE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT FOR THE OPERATION OF A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE  
MSA PLAN**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (hereinafter referred to as “CMS”) and <<CONTRACT\_NAME>>, a Medicare Advantage Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “MA Organization”) agree to amend the contract <<CONTRACT\_ID>> governing MA Organization’s operation of a Medicare Advantage Medical Savings Account (MSA) Plan described in § 1851(a)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), including all attachments, addenda, and amendments thereto, to include the provisions contained in this Addendum (collectively hereinafter referred to as the “contract”), under which MA Organization shall offer Employer/Union-Only Group MA MSA Plans (hereinafter referred to as “employer/union-only group MSA plans”) in accordance with the waivers granted by CMS under § 1857(i) of the Act. The terms of this Addendum shall only apply to MSA plans offered by MA Organization exclusively to eligible individuals enrolled in employment-based health coverage under a contract between MA Organization and the employer, labor organization, or the trustee(s) of fund(s) established by one or more employers or labor organizations (“employer/union sponsor”) that sponsors the employment-based health coverage.

This Addendum is made pursuant to Subpart K of 42 CFR Part 422.

**Article I**  
**Employer/Union-Only Group Medicare Advantage MSA Plan**

- A. MA Organization agrees to operate one or more employer/union-only group health plans in accordance with the Medicare Advantage contract (as modified by this Addendum), which incorporates in its entirety the *2026 Part C-Medicare Advantage and 1876 Cost Plan Expansion Application* (released on January 7, 2025) and any employer/union-only group waiver guidance, including, but not limited to those requirements contained in Chapter 9 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual.
- B. Except as provided in Article II(B) of the contract, this Addendum is deemed to incorporate any changes that are required by statute to be implemented during the term of the contract, and any regulations implementing or interpreting such statutory provisions.
- C. In the event of any conflict between the employer/union-only group waiver guidance issued prior to the execution of the contract and this Addendum, the provisions of this Addendum shall control. In the event of any conflict between the employer/union-only group waiver guidance issued after the execution of the contract and this Addendum, the provisions of the employer/union-only group waiver guidance shall control.
- D. This Addendum is in no way intended to supersede or modify 42 CFR Part 422 or §§ 1851 through 1859 of the Act, except as specifically waived in applicable employer/union-only group waiver guidance or in this Addendum. Failure to reference a statutory or regulatory requirement in this Addendum does not affect the applicability of such requirement to MA Organization and CMS.
- E. The provisions of this Addendum apply to all employer/union-only group MSA plans offered by MA Organization under this contract number. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and any other provision of the contract, the terms of this Addendum shall control.

**Article II**  
**Functions to be Performed by the Medicare Advantage Organization**

**A. PROVISION OF BENEFITS**

- 1. MA Organization agrees to provide enrollees in each of its employer/union-only group MSA plans the basic benefits (hereinafter referred to as “basic benefits”) as required under 42 CFR § 422.103 and, to the extent applicable, supplemental benefits under 42 CFR § 422.104 and as established in MA Organization’s final plan benefit package proposal as approved by CMS.
- 2. For employer/union-only group MSA plans offering non-calendar year coverage, MA Organization may determine basic and supplemental benefits (including deductibles, out-of-pocket limits, etc.) on a non-calendar year basis subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Applications, plan benefit packages, and other submissions to CMS must be submitted on a calendar year basis; and
- (b) CMS payments will be determined on a calendar year basis. MA Organization acknowledges and agrees that payment under Part C of Title XVIII for Part A and B services, including rebates under section 1854 of the Social Security Act, provided to enrollees in its employer/union-only group MSA plan will be governed by the CY 2026 Rate Announcement issued on April 7, 2025.

## B. ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. MA Organization agrees to restrict enrollment in an employer/union-only group MSA plan to those individuals eligible for the employer's/union's employment-based group coverage.
- 2. MA Organization is not subject to the requirement set forth in 42 CFR § 422.50 to offer the employer/union-only group MSA plan to all eligible beneficiaries residing in the plan's service area.
- 3. If an employer/union elects to enroll individuals eligible for its employer/union-only group MSA plan through a group enrollment process, MA Organization is not subject to the individual enrollment requirements set forth in 42 CFR § 422.60(c). MA Organization agrees that it will comply with all the requirements for group enrollment contained in CMS guidance, including those requirements contained in the MA Enrollment and Disenrollment Guidance.

## C. BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS

- 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2 of this paragraph, CMS agrees that with respect to any employer/union-only group MSA plans only, MA Organization is not subject to the prior review and approval of marketing materials and election forms requirements set forth in 42 CFR Part 422 Subpart V. MA Organization is subject to all other disclosure requirements contained in 42 CFR § 422.111 and that are conditions on any waivers for employer group waiver plans (EGWPs) provided in CMS guidance in Chapter 9 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual.
- 2. CMS agrees that the disclosure requirements set forth in 42 CFR §§ 422.64 and 422.111 do not apply with respect to any employer/union-only group health plan when the employer/union is subject to alternative disclosure requirements (e.g., the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA")) and fully complies with such alternative requirements. As a condition of this waiver, MA Organization must:
  - (a) Provide summary plan descriptions and all other beneficiary communications required by the alternative disclosure requirements on a timely basis;

- (b) Provide these materials to CMS, upon request, in the event of beneficiary complaints, or for any other reason CMS requests, so that CMS may ensure the information accurately and adequately informs Medicare beneficiaries about their rights and obligations under the plan; and
  - (c) Retain these dissemination materials and provide access to these written materials to CMS (or its designees) in accordance with 42 CFR §§ 422.503(d) and 422.504(d) and (e).
- 3. MA Organization agrees to comply with the conditions of this waiver contained in employer/union-only group waiver guidance, including those requirements contained in Chapter 9 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual.

#### D. SERVICE AREA

CMS agrees that MA Organization may offer an employer/union-only group MSA plan in any state in which eligible enrollees reside, provided MA Organization has properly designated (in accordance with CMS operational requirements) its employer/union-only group service areas in CMS's Health Plan Management System (HPMS) as including those areas outside of its individual service area(s) to allow for enrollment of these beneficiaries.

In witness whereof, the parties hereby execute this Addendum.

This document has been electronically signed by:

FOR MA ORGANIZATION

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