



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans

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SUBJECT: Request for Comments on Medicare-Medicaid Plan Integrated Explanation of Benefits Model

Attached to this memorandum is a draft integrated Explanation of Benefits (EOB) model for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs). We have developed this document to allow MMPs to provide claim-specific information to beneficiaries about all covered services received – including Medicare Parts A, B, and D; Medicaid; demonstration-specific; and plan-offered supplemental benefits – in a single document.

Medicare Advantage organizations and MMPs have been exempted from the requirement at 42 CFR 422.111(b)(12) to send an explanation of benefits to Medicare-Medicaid enrollees about their Medicare Part C claims while CMS explores ways of communicating information about benefits and out-of-pocket costs to this population. As is the case for all Part D sponsors, MMPs must send a Part D EOB consistent with the requirements for 42 CFR 423.128(e), and current MMPs may use the Part D EOB model available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Part-D-Model-Marketing-Materials.html>. This draft MMP EOB not only incorporates the Part D requirements, but also attempts to simplify the provision of claims information about non-drug medical, long-term supports and services, and other benefits specifically for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.

We will revise this draft EOB document following the comment period announced in this memorandum. We will conduct beneficiary field testing prior to finalizing and releasing the model document by late spring 2014 for MMP use starting no earlier than January 1, 2015.

Please provide comments using the attached template by Wednesday, February 19, 2014, to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at mmcocapsmodel@cms.hhs.gov.