

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Incarceration Policy System Changes

E-mail Message:

On May 23, 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published "[CMS-4159-F, Contract Year 2015 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program](#)" which included a provision outlining the ineligibility of enrollment into Medicare Advantage, Part D, and cost plans for confirmed incarcerated individuals (79 FR 29914). While the applicability date for this provision is listed as January 1, 2015, CMS is in the process of making systems changes to provide plans the confirmed incarceration status of beneficiaries. CMS will be providing sub-regulatory guidance, including information regarding transaction codes and adjustments to model notices, in advance of plans' responsibilities for determining eligibility or effectuating involuntary disenrollments based on confirmed incarceration. Until the updated guidance has been issued, plans are expected to follow the existing guidance currently in [Chapter 2](#) and [Chapter 17, Subchapter D](#) of the Medicare Managed Care Manual and [Chapter 3](#) of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual regarding these topics.