

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: D-SNP Benefit Flexibility for Contract Year 2021

CMS reminds all Medicare Advantage organizations (MAOs) that qualified Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) that meet the requirements and approval process outlined in section 20.2.6 of chapter 16B of the Medicare Managed Care Manual may seek CMS approval to offer **in-home food delivery** as a flexible supplemental benefit **under 42 CFR § 422.102(e)**.

Please review our April 27, 2018 HPMS memo titled "*Reinterpretation of “Primarily Health Related” for Supplemental Benefits.*"

If a D-SNP wishes to offer an in-home food delivery benefit as a flexible supplemental benefit, they must submit a request for CMS approval on company letterhead by **6:00pm EST on March 17, 2020** through CMS's portal located at: <https://dmao.lmi.org>. In the portal, please select the Special Needs Plans tab. In the Issue box, please enter the words "CY2021 D-SNP Benefit Flexibility Request." Please include the following identifying information:

- Contract Number/ID;
- Contract Name;
- Plan Number/ID;
- Plan Type; and
- Contract Year for which the D-SNP intends to offer the flexible supplemental benefit.

CMS intends to provide MAOs with a determination of whether the D-SNP(s) is eligible to offer the flexible supplemental benefit in spring 2020.

In addition, to determine that the standard is met, CMS will review the contract between the state and the D-SNP (i.e., the contract meeting the requirements at 42 CFR § 422.107) and, if applicable, the contract between the state and an affiliated Medicaid managed care plan that provides coverage of these Medicaid benefits under the D-SNP.

