

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Cost Plan Evidence of Coverage (EOC) Model – CORRECTION

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides Cost Plans with a correction to the July 29, 2020 HPMS Memorandum entitled, “Model Notice Corrections and Updates.”

Effective January 2021, the Cures Act removes the prohibition on ESRD individuals being allowed to enroll in MA plans. However, this prohibition will remain in place for Cost Plans. Therefore, item 13 listed in the July 29, 2020 HPMS Memorandum should be deleted and the CY2021 Cost Plan EOC Model, Chapter 1, Section 2.1 be left as is. Please see below:

Section 2.1 Your eligibility requirements

You are eligible for membership in our plan as long as:

- You have Medicare Part B (or you have both Part A and Part B) (Section 2.2 tells you about Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B)
- -- and -- you live in our geographic service area (Section 2.3 below describes our service area). [Plans with grandfathered members who were outside of area prior to January 1999, insert: If you have been a member of our plan continuously since before January 1999 and you were living outside of our service area before January 1999, you are still eligible as long as you have not moved since before January 1999.]
- -- and -- you are a United States citizen or are lawfully present in the United States
- -- and -- you do not have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), with limited exceptions, such as if you develop ESRD when you are already a member of a plan that we offer.

