

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Updated Employer Group Waiver Plan Guidance for Medicare Advantage Organizations

This email serves as notice that Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing a waiver for Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations offering employer group waiver plans (EGWP). CMS notifies these organizations that the requirement that MA organizations offering an EGWP also must offer an MA plan of the same type for individual Medicare enrollment under the same contract no longer applies (see CMS's HPMS memo issued February 23, 2011, "Update to Parts C and D Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Waivers – REVISED"). Therefore, with this issuance, MA organizations offering EGWPs will no longer be required to also offer an MA plan for individual enrollment under that contract and may have MA contracts that exclusively include EGWPs.

Please direct any questions regarding this waiver to the following CMS mailbox: <http://dpap.lmi.org/>

