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**TO:** Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Plans

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**SUBJECT:** Release of Minnesota Senior Health Options Final Contract Year 2021 Model Materials

Attached to this memorandum are the new model materials for Contract Year (CY) 2021 developed jointly by CMS and Minnesota for Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) D-SNPs operating in the Minnesota Demonstration to Align Administrative Functions for Improvements in Beneficiary Experience. CMS and Minnesota jointly updated these models as summarized in the CMS memorandum, "Medicare-Medicaid Plan and Minnesota Senior Health Options Plan Member Material Model Updates for Contract Year 2021," dated May 14, 2020 and issued through the Health Plan Management System. MSHO D-SNPs may only use the CY 2021 models for CY 2021.

As a result of the implementation of CMS-4190-F1, Contract Year 2021 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, and Medicare Cost Plan Program, which may be found in the Final Rule published on June 2, 2020 (see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/02/2020-11342/medicare-program-contract-year-2021-policy-and-technical-changes-to-the-medicare-advantage-program>), we incorporated related changes into the CY 2021 model materials.

The following materials are included with this guidance:

- **Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Rider**
- **Annual Notice of Changes (ANOC):** The ANOC must be received by current enrollees by September 30, 2020 and posted on plan websites by October 15, 2020.
- **Member Handbook/Evidence of Coverage (EOC) - Chapters 1-12:** The Member Handbook (or a separate notice to alert enrollees how to access or receive the Member Handbook) must be received by current enrollees by October 15, 2020 and posted on plan websites by October 15, 2020.

In addition, we expect to issue the Enrollment Form separately in the coming weeks.

The attached guidance and models will also be posted to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office's Information and Guidance for Plans webpage at [www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/MMPInformationandGuidance/MMPMarketingInformationandResources](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/MMPInformationandGuidance/MMPMarketingInformationandResources), grouped alphabetically by state under the "State-Specific Information" heading.

We encourage all plans to work closely with their marketing reviewers to ensure timely submission and approval of all required CY 2021 materials, as well as timely and complete entry of Actual Mail Dates for ANOCs. If you have any questions about the contents of this memorandum, please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at [MMCOCapsModel@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MMCOCapsModel@cms.hhs.gov).