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7500 Security Boulevard  
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DATE: January 30, 2008

TO: All Medicare Advantaged Organizations Renewing contracts for 2008, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug, Cost Based Plans, PACE and Demonstrations Organizations

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SUBJECT: Medicare Advantage Organizations' 2007 Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements (FSRR)

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**JOIN THE CMS TELECONFERENCE CALL!**  
**Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2008**  
**and**  
**Thursday, March 20, 2008**  
**1:00 – 3:00 PM (EST)**

On Thursday, February 21, 2008, and Thursday, March 20, 2008, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM EST, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will conduct teleconference calls that will provide guidance to the industry on the Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements (FSRR) for Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage – Prescription Drug (MA-PD), Cost Plans, PACE, and Demos that are active (initial or renewing) for the 2008 contract year.

**Background**

42 CFR 422.516(a) (5) requires that each Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) must demonstrate that it has a fiscally sound operation. The Medicare Advantage Group (MAG) is responsible for financial oversight of the renewing MAOs. CMS uses the annual audited financial statements to ensure the organization is fiscally sound. Beginning in 2007, the paper submission system was replaced with an electronic submission process using a Financial Module within the Health Plan Management System (HMPS).

**Goal**

- The goal of this conference call is to provide MA, MA-PD, Cost, PACE and Demos Organizations training on Fiscal Soundness Reporting Requirements and any updates

since the electronic filing system began in 2007. It also provides organizations an opportunity to ask CMS questions about the process.

### Target Audience

Chief Financial Officer (or their designees) and interested parties of the Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicare Advantage – Prescription Drug (MA-PD), Cost Plans, PACE, and Demos Organizations that are active (initial or renewing) for the 2008 contract year. To permit all interested parties to join the call, CMS requests that each organization dial in on one line only.

### Technical Information

On February 21, 2008 -- to access this teleconference call, dial the following number:  
800-369-1973, Passcode MAOS.

On March 20, 2008 -- to access this teleconference call, dial the following number:  
888-769-9417, Passcode MAOS.

Please note that the call on March 20<sup>th</sup> will be a repeat of February 21<sup>st</sup>, so there is no need to join both calls.

### Handouts

Handouts for this conference call will be available at the following website prior to 02/21/2008.

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/50\\_FSRP.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/50_FSRP.asp#TopOfPage).

If you have questions, please contact the financial management specialist assigned to your region, as shown on the attached list. You may also write to our e-mail box at [financialreview@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:financialreview@cms.hhs.gov).

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