

Cost Plan Policy Issue

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Question

Can a member of an M+C Plan through an EGHP join a Medicare Cost Plan if they live out of the service area (i.e., converted to M+C plan when they turned 65). In addition, what about hospice and ESRD members? The entire group is moving their business from the M+C to Cost.

Answer

A single organization may not enroll new members into both an M+C plan and an 1876 cost plan in the same area [42 CFR 422.501(b)(4)]. The M+C members of the EGHP that is dropping its current M+C plan offering in favor of a cost plan (offered by a different entity) must apply for enrollment in the cost plan, and meet all eligibility requirements to be accepted as cost plan enrollees. Additional information about eligibility and enrollment in a cost plan can be found in the Medicare Managed Care Manual, Chapter 17, subchapter D.