



Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office

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TO: States and Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) Participating in Capitated Model Demonstrations under the Financial Alignment Initiative

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SUBJECT: 2019 National MMP Enrollment Guidance & Exhibits

The Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) has completed and finalized updates to the Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) National Enrollment Guidance & Exhibits. Attached to this memorandum is the final version of the guidance and exhibits. The guidance will be effective January 1, 2019. We are releasing it in advance to support efforts in operationalizing any necessary changes before January 1, 2019.

Key Policy and Operational Improvements since September 2016

The National MMP Enrollment Guidance was last updated effective in January 2017). The changes for this 2019 update were made to align it with regulations in the recently finalized 2019 Medicare Parts C/D rule (83 FR 16440) and to continue to reduce burden for states and plans participating in capitated model demonstrations under the Financial Alignment Initiative.

Below are the key policy/operational flexibilities that have been updated since 2017:

- Reduction in the number of notices required in writing
- Clarifications on online enrollment, disenrollment, and cancellation
- Clarifications on opt-out flags when cancelling vs. disenrolling
- Clarifications on loss of Medicaid eligibility and cancellation before enrollment
- Passive enrollment in a service area with only one available MMP
- New information related to the Social Security Number Removal Initiative and new Medicare Beneficiary Identification Number
- Updated/new Special Enrollment Periods (SEP) – Dual and Other LIS-Eligible Individuals and Passive Enrollment
- CARA lock-in provisions for those “potential at-risk” or an “at-risk” of frequently abused prescription drugs

We made minor changes based on comments received on the draft update released in May 2018, including additional clarifications on the new SEPs, encouraging additional beneficiary-friendly features for online enrollment, clarifying need for MMPs to forward disenrollment requests to states within two days, and ensuring SHIPs and demonstration ombudsmen are consistently identified as resources on model letters. MMCO thanks states, MMPs, and advocacy organizations for their careful review and comments on the Draft 2019 National MMP Enrollment Guidance. Please contact the MMCO Enrollment Team at MMCOEnrollment@cms.hhs.gov with any questions.

Attachment

- Final version of the 2019 National MMP Guidance & Exhibits