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**TO:** California Medicare-Medicaid Plans

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**SUBJECT:** California MMPs: Release of Final Contract Year 2019 State-specific Marketing Guidance

On August 3, 2018, and August 20, 2018, CMS issued preliminary marketing and communications guidance to Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) through two HPMS memoranda, "Contract Year 2019 Marketing and Beneficiary Communications Guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans" and "Revised Contract Year 2019 Marketing and Beneficiary Communications Guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans." These memoranda address the most critical issues related to submission of marketing materials for Contract Year (CY) 2019 and the Annual Election Period (AEP). Attached to this memorandum is the final CY 2019 State-specific Marketing Guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) operating in the California capitated financial alignment model demonstration. The State-specific Marketing Guidance has been jointly updated by CMS and California and will be applicable to all marketing for CY 2019 benefits.

The State-specific Marketing Guidance provides information only about those sections of the Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines (MCMG) that are not applicable or that are modified for MMPs in California; therefore, this guidance document should be considered an addendum to the CY 2019 MCMG. MMPs should carefully review the CY 2019 MCMG (see <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/ManagedCareMarketing/FinalPartCMarketingGuidelines.html>), in conjunction with the State-specific Marketing Guidance, as the requirements of the MCMG that are not otherwise modified by this document apply to MMPs in California.

The CY 2018 State-specific Marketing Guidance sections have been updated to align with the new MCMG sections and incorporate guidance previously provided in the August 3, 2018, and August 20, 2018, HPMS memoranda.

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