



MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

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SUBJECT: Issuance of Update to Chapter 9 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual

Included with this memorandum is an updated version of Chapter 9 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, "Employer/Union-Sponsored Group Health Plans." The chapter may be accessed online in the download section at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/HealthPlansGenInfo/index.html>.

Chapter 9 provides information on the requirements for offering a Medicare Advantage plan to employer group retirees. In addition, the chapter includes a description of the available waivers for eligible employer group health plans and the conditions to be met for those particular waivers. CMS has issued several new waivers via HPMS memorandum since the chapter was last updated in 2008. We have removed waivers that have expired or are no longer available.

If you have any questions about the information presented in Chapter 9, please contact Marty Abeln at Marty.Abeln@cms.hhs.gov or 410-786-1032.