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DATE: January 6, 2012

TO: Current and Future Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Sponsors

FROM: Danielle R. Moon, J.D., M.P.A., Director, Medicare Drug & Health Plan Contract Administration Group

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RE: Industry Training Teleconference Call for 2013 Part C, Part D, and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Applications

JOIN THE CMS APPLICATION TRAINING TELECONFERENCE CALL
Overview of Applications and Submission Process,
Highlighting Changes from Previous Cycles
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
And
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
3:30 – 5:00 PM (EST)

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a Medicare Part C and D User Group teleconference call to provide training to the industry on the submission of MA, MA-PD, PDP, EGWP and SNP Applications for the 2013 contract year. On Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM EST, CMS will conclude the 2013 application submission training and dedicate the second half of the call to responding to questions about the 2013 application process.

The purpose of these calls are to provide potential applicants with an overview of the upcoming application and submission process, highlighting changes and/or revisions from last year's cycle, including:

- Overview of the Medicare Part C application requirements and process for the 2013 contract year for Coordinated Care Plans (CCP), Private Fee-For-Service (PFFS), Service Area Expansions (SAE), and Medical Savings Accounts (MSA).
- Overview of the Medicare Part D application process for the 2013 contract year.
- Overview of the EGWP application process for the 2013 contract year.
- Overview of the SNP application process.

Target Audience

New and existing health plans, employers, unions, Part D sponsors, those sponsors adding or expanding a Special Needs Plan, and other interested parties, including Medicare compliance officers and information technology staff seeking to submit Part C, Part D, or EGWP applications for the 2013, contract year should participate in this teleconference call.

Technical Information

Call-in information will be sent out prior to the meeting dates by Management Solutions Consulting Group, the CMS Part C&D User Call contractor. To subscribe to the CMS Part C&D User Calls, potential applicants should register at www.mscginc.com/registration. Handouts for the conference calls will be distributed by MSCG prior to each teleconference.

NOTE: Plan sponsors must have a valid CMS issued Contract Number to register for the calls.

If you have any questions regarding the technical aspects of the teleconference call, please call Stacie Brackett (410) 786-5492. If you have any questions regarding the programmatic content, please call one of the following contacts:

Part C Issues – Rochel Schnur at (410) 786-4691

Part D and EGWP Issues – Linda Anders at (410) 786-0459