

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Medicare Zero-Dollar Cost Sharing D-SNP Designation in CY 2025 Bids

On July 6, 2023, CMS released a Health Plan Management System (HPMS) memorandum titled “Medicare Managed Care Manual Chapter 16-B: Special Needs Plans: Updates on Zero-Dollar Cost Sharing D-SNPs” where we provided information on updates to section 20.2.4.2 (D-SNPs With or Without Medicare Zero-Dollar Cost Sharing) of Chapter 16-B of the Medicare Managed Care Manual regarding which plans qualify as Medicare Zero-Dollar Cost Sharing D-SNPs.

As the CY 2025 bid cycle is the first since these updates were released, we encourage organizations to review section 20.2.4.2 of Chapter 16-B (available at <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/mc86c16b.pdf>) to ensure each D-SNP is appropriately designated as a Medicare Zero-Dollar Cost Sharing D-SNP or a Medicare Non-Zero Dollar Cost Sharing D-SNP, consistent with the guidance provided in Chapter 16-B.

Questions about the Medicare Zero-Dollar Cost Sharing D-SNP designation may be sent to MMCO_DSNPOperations@cms.hhs.gov.