

**SUBJECT:** Request to Offer Flexible Supplemental Benefits in Contract Year 2019

**MESSAGE:** CMS allows qualified Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) that meet the requirements and approval process outlined in section 20.2.6 of chapter 16b of the Medicare Managed Care Manual to offer flexible supplemental benefits as also defined in this section.

Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) must notify CMS of their intent to offer flexible supplemental benefits as part of the contract year 2019 plan benefit package by **6:00 pm EST on February 13, 2018.**

MAOs must submit their request on plan letterhead to CMS's website portal located at: <https://dmao.lmi.org>. In the portal, please select the Special Needs Plans tab. In the Issue box, please enter the words "Flexible Supplemental Benefits." This request should include the following identifying information:

- Contract Number/ID;
- Contract Name;
- Plan Number/ID;
- Plan Type; and
- Contract Year for which the D-SNP intends to offer flexible supplemental benefits.

CMS intends to provide MAOs with a determination of whether the D-SNP(s) is eligible to offer flexible supplemental benefits in spring 2018.