



MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

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TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations Offering or Seeking to Offer a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans in Contract Year 2021

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SUBJECT: State Medicaid Agency Contracts Submission Requirements for Contract Year 2021

CMS informs all Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAO) seeking to offer a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) in contract year (CY) 2021 that they must complete necessary attestations, as well as upload State Medicaid Agency Contracts (SMACs), corresponding Matrix Upload Documents, and any supporting documentation in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) by **Monday, July 6, 2020, at 8:00PM ET**. MAOs with multiple D-SNP plan benefit packages (PBPs) must upload all applicable SMACs and specify in their corresponding matrices the PBP to which each SMAC applies.

MAOs must submit at least one of the following by the July 6th deadline:

- A CY 2021 SMAC that meets all relevant requirements at 42 CFR 422.107(c) and (d);
- A CY 2021 SMAC that contains at least all the required contractual elements at 42 CFR 422.107(c)(1) -(8), with a statement from the MAO that an amendment or updated contract to address 42 CFR 422.107(c)(9) and/or (d) will be submitted by November 2, 2020; or
- An evergreen SMAC that contains the required contractual elements at 42 CFR 422.107(c)(1) – (8), with a letter of good standing and a statement from the MAO that an amendment or updated contract to address 42 CFR 422.107(c)(9) and/or (d) will be submitted by November 2, 2020.

We remind MAOs that, as long as at least one of the above is submitted timely, there will be additional opportunities to submit updated SMACs to cure contract deficiencies in August

and/or September, and a final opportunity to submit updated SMACs by Monday, November 2, 2020, at 8:00PM ET, as stated in our April 13, 2020, HPMS memorandum.

The CY 2021 Matrix Upload Documents can be found in HPMS: HPMS Home Page > Contract Management > Basic Contract Management > Enter Contract Number > Submit Application Data > Download Templates > SMAC. Instructions on how to complete and submit SMAC submissions, may be found in the CY 2021 SNP Online Application User Manual under “Online Application User Manuals.” HPMS will generate a confirmation for each submission.

Please note: To fully complete the upload, MAOs must click the “final submit” button.

A State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC) Industry Training will take place on **Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 3:30PM ET.**

You may register for this training by going to: www.msccginc.com/cmsparted and providing the requested information.

Conference Dial-In Information

Participant Toll Free: (866) 805-8702
Conference ID: 1089916
Password: QUALITY

Please download the training materials from the website closer to the date of the training at: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=cf15ddff-9340d4ec-cf15ecc0-0cc47adb5650-4677e0ccdddec05df&u=https://www.msccginc.com/cmsparted/>.

For any questions related to HPMS issues, please contact the HPMS help desk at hpms@cms.hhs.gov.

For questions related to the SMACs, please contact MMCO_DSNPOperations@cms.hhs.gov or to DSNP_Operations@cms.hhs.gov with D-SNP Integration Status in the subject line.