

## HPMS E-Mail

**Date:** April 4, 2019

**Subject:** Guidance and Timeline for Contract Year 2020 Contract Consolidations

This email is directed to Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) that are operating more than one Medicare Advantage (MA) or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MA-PD) contract of the same product type under the same legal entity that wish to consolidate these contracts under a single contract number for contract year 2020. MAOs who wish to consolidate contracts must submit a formal request to CMS on letterhead in PDF format along with the completed Service Area Consolidation template attached. The request must identify the reason for consolidating contracts, how more than one contract of the same plan type was acquired (e.g., different service areas, acquisitions, etc.) and, any pending applications under the contracts.

Requests must be submitted to <https://dmao.lmi.org> (select the MA Application tab), by **6:00 PM eastern time on April 15, 2019**. In the Issue box please reference “Contract Consolidation.”

CMS will notify MAOs regarding the approval or denial of their request in advance of the bid submission deadline.