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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans and MN Senior Health Options D-SNPs

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SUBJECT: MMP Medicare Network Adequacy Test Submissions

As part of the Medicare-Medicaid Plan Reporting Requirements, Section VII Provider Networks indicates that Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) must demonstrate on an annual basis an adequate contracted provider network sufficient to provide access to covered services in each demonstration. To ensure that the Medicare portion of the network accurately reflects the population served by each demonstration, CMS released access standards in October 2014 for demonstrations under the Medicare-Medicaid capitated financial alignment model and a separate demonstration in Minnesota.

The October 2014 HPMS memo titled “*MMP Network Adequacy Standards*,” indicated that CMS would establish multiple dates at which MMPs can check their networks against the MMP standards in the CMS Health Plan Management System (HPMS) Network Management Module (NMM). CMS will open the gates in HPMS on the following dates for MMPs to assess their networks prior to the annual network submission required for all MMPs and the MN Senior Health Options D-SNPs.

The gates in the NMM will be open on the following dates:

- March 31, 2015
- May 26, 2015
- August 4, 2015

The annual network submission will be due in HPMS September 17, 2015 with an exception request period to follow. Additional guidance will be forthcoming about the exception process.

MMPs can locate the NMM in HPMS by using the following path: Monitoring>Network Management>Select Contract Number. Please download the User Manual for specific instructions on how to download, complete, and upload the correct health service delivery templates for the MMPs.

The CY2015 MMP HSD Criteria Reference Table can be found on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/InformationandGuidanceforPlans.html>.

Please send any questions regarding these standards to MMCOCapsModel@cms.hhs.gov.