

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Important information for Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) that wish to be considered for Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (FIDE) status

E-mail Message:

All organizations offering Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) in contract year 2015 are required to submit a Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) compliant State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC) by July 1, 2014. As provided in section 40.4.3 of Chapter 16b of the Medicare Managed Care Manual (MMCM), CMS requires D-SNPs seeking Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (FIDE) status to have a CMS-approved MIPPA-compliant contract with the applicable state(s) in its service area specifying that the state(s) will pay the FIDE-SNP a capitation payment for primary, acute, and long-term care Medicaid benefits and services in exchange for the FIDE-SNP's provision of these benefits to its enrollees.

For those D-SNPs requesting consideration for FIDE status, CMS will review the SMAC that they submit for MIPPA compliance to determine whether they meet the elements to qualify for FIDE status found at 42 C.F.R. Section 422.2. CMS will not review additional contracts for FIDE determination. An organization operating a contract with multiple D-SNP plan benefit packages (PBP) in a State with multiple state contracts must upload all applicable contracts and specify in their MIPPA matrices and FIDE matrices which SMAC applies to which PBP.

All D-SNPs should begin working with their applicable state(s) in order to ensure that they will be able to meet the July 1, 2014 deadline.