



MEDICARE DRUG & HEALTH PLAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION GROUP

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TO: Current and Future Medicare Advantage Organizations

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SUBJECT: Industry Special Needs Plan Approval Process Training for 2012 Application Cycle

CMS 2012 SNP APPROVAL PROCESS TRAINING
Wednesday, January 26, 2011 from 3:30-4:30 PM (EST)

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011 from 3:30-5:00 PM (EST), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will conduct a Part C and D User Group teleconference call. During the call, from 3:30–4:30 PM, CMS will provide guidance to the industry on the submission of Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNP) 2012 proposals.

The goal of this training is to provide information on the SNP approval process as required under the Affordable Care Act. The training will describe the standards that will be used to evaluate the SNP proposal sections of the application, specifically the model of care and the quality improvement program plan.

Although any Medicare Advantage organization may participate in the conference call, the target audience for this training is new and existing health plans intending to operate a SNP in 2012. All SNPs, including existing, new and those plans wishing to expand their service area, are required to submit the SNP proposal section of the 2012 application for approval to operate in 2012.

Call-in information will be sent out prior to the meeting dates by Management Solutions Consulting Group (MSCG), the CMS User Group Call contractor. To subscribe to the CMS User Group Calls, potential applicants should register at www.msccinc.com/registration. Handouts for the conference calls will be distributed by MSCG prior to each teleconference.

NOTE: Plan sponsors must have a valid CMS issued contract number to register for the calls.

If you have any questions regarding the technical aspects of the teleconference call, please call Rosalind Abankwah at (410) 786-2012. If you have any questions regarding the programmatic content of the SNP approval training, please contact Dr. Marsha Davenport at 410-786-0230 or via email at marsha.davenport@cms.hhs.gov.