



MEDICARE-MEDICAID COORDINATION OFFICE

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TO: Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans

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SUBJECT: Release of Final Contract Year 2025 Marketing Guidance for Massachusetts Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Attached to this memorandum is the final Contract Year (CY) 2025 Marketing Guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) operating in the Massachusetts capitated financial alignment model demonstration. CMS and Massachusetts jointly updated the Marketing Guidance for Massachusetts MMPs, in accordance with provisions of the Three-Way Contract.

All Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug (MA-PD) plan sponsor requirements in 42 CFR Parts 422 and 423 as well as all MA-PD plan sponsor requirements in the Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines (MCMG), posted at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/ManagedCareMarketing/FinalPartCMarketingGuidelines apply to MMPs participating in the Massachusetts capitated financial alignment model demonstration, except as clarified or modified in this Marketing Guidance. In addition, Massachusetts has discontinued passive enrollment. As a result, we have made changes to the guidance. In addition, since this enrollment option is no longer applicable, plans should not use the Exhibit 5a: Welcome Letter for Passively Enrolled Individuals marketing model that was released from the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) on June 11, 2024. Lastly, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently codified guidance on April 23, 2024,¹ which also applies to MMPs except as clarified in the Marketing Guidance. The Marketing Guidance is applicable to all Massachusetts MMP marketing for CY 2025 benefits.

We will post the attached Marketing Guidance to the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office webpage at www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/MMPInformationandGuidance/MMPMarketingInformationandResources, grouped alphabetically by state under the “State-Specific Information” heading.

¹ Refer to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/23/2024-07105/medicare-program-changes-to-the-medicare-advantage-and-the-medicare-prescription-drug-benefit>.

For any questions about the contents of this memorandum, please contact your Contract Management Team or the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at MMCOCapsModel@cms.hhs.gov.