



The State of Medicare Advantage 2018

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2018 – A Year of Growth & Stability

- Access is strong and stable
- Enrollment is Increasing
- Supplemental Benefits are Growing

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Access to MA Nationwide Remains Strong



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Protecting Beneficiaries Thru Surveillance & Compliance

- Annual ANOC/EOC Timeliness and Accuracy Review – October 2017-May 2018
- CY2018 Summary of Benefits Retrospective Review – November 2017 – January 2018
- Website Monitoring: January–March 2018
- Accuracy of Online Provider Directories

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Take-Aways & Lessons Learned – Provider Directories

- List providers once for each location
- Review number of locations for each provider
- Make sure group practices tell you what locations a provider practices rather than listing every provider at every location
- Use claims data based on location and provider, not just based on provider
- Notate providers who only see a subset of members
- List providers once they are active or notate active date

***Audit Your Data!
Audit It Again!***

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Significant CY 2017 Marketing Changes

- Reorganized Marketing Guidelines for easier navigation
- Permitted unsolicited electronic communications, consistent with direct mail policy
- Permitted distribution of one identical material (e.g., EOC) to related members of the same plan per household
- Removed elements to be less prescriptive on what must be documented/captured for enrollment verifications (OEV)
- Removed event upload requirement in HPMS

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Significant CY 2017 Marketing Changes (continued)

- Permitted plans to deliver formularies electronically, consistent with existing provider/pharmacy directories policy
- Removed submission requirement of third-party marketing websites in HPMS that do not have any plan-specific information or a contract with the plan
- Added flexibility to the Summary of Benefits instructions, with the goal to obviate the plans' need to produce separate Snapshots/Benefits-at-a-Glance
- Expanded examples of acceptable common areas when marketing in a healthcare setting

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Improving Access to Services

- Triennial Review of Networks (pending OMB approval)
 - CMS proposes to review an organization's contract-level network at least once every three years.
 - The triennial review process does not impact network reviews based on triggering events (e.g., provider termination or service area expansion application).
 - CMS will publish formal guidance on the triennial network review process upon OMB approval.
- PRA Package (CMS-10636, OMB 0938-New)
 - The 30-day PRA package posted on July 19, 2017, and closed on August 18, 2017.
 - CMS submitted its final PRA package to OMB for approval this Fall.

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Improving Access to Services

- Changes to Medicare Advantage Application Process for CY 2019 Contracts
 - Networks are no longer part of the Medicare Advantage and Cost Plan application process.
 - Applications will be a triggering event for a network review.
 - CMS will publish additional guidance on the timing and details of network reviews upon OMB approval of the triennial review.
 - Attestations and uploads streamlined to more effectively evaluate an organization's qualifications per Subpart K.
- PRA Package (CMS-10237, OMB 0938-0935)
 - The 60-day PRA package posted on August 2, 2017, and closed on October 2, 2017.
 - CMS is responding to comments received on the 60-day package.

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Promoting Care Coordination

- Actively developing care coordination measures
 - Supports the Agency's Overall Quality Strategy
 - Closely aligns with CMS' objectives to enable successful transitions between all settings of care and to reduce readmissions across all lines of business, including Medicare Advantage
 - Provides comparative information on care coordination services provided to Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in MA plans

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Promoting Care Coordination (continued)

- We are currently testing & validating measures in two care coordination domains
 - Transitions of care and multiple chronic conditions
- The proposed measures focus on
 - Critical elements of evidenced-based transitions model of care
 - Communications between clinicians
 - Assessment and care planning

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Promoting Care Coordination (continued)

- 2018 changes to QIPs and CCIPs
 - Current QIP becomes newly designated CCIP
 - Newly designated CCIP: Promote Effective Management of Chronic Disease
 - New QIP: improve health outcomes and/or enrollee satisfaction and address one or more of the CMS Quality Strategy Goals
- Reporting changes
 - Annual attestations of ongoing QIP/CCIP
 - 11/9/17 - 12/31/17
 - Uploads only upon request by CMS

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Proposed Regulation (CMS-4182-P)

- Proposes policy changes and updates for Medicare Advantage and the Prescription Drug Benefit Program for Contract Year 2019
- Rule displayed at the Federal Register on November 15, 2017
- Comment period closes on January 16, 2018
- Results in savings of over \$195 million a year over 5 years (2019-2023)

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Questions



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