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**TO:** Current and Future Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, Employer/Union Direct Contract Medicare Advantage Organizations and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, Cost Based Plans, and PACE organizations

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**SUBJECT:** Final 2010 Part C, Part D, and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan Applications

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We have posted the final 2010 Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug Plan, and Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) applications. All applications are due to CMS by **11:59 p.m. EDT on February 26, 2009**. Note: While .pdf versions of these documents are provided for your convenience to facilitate reviewing the materials, CMS will not accept any hard copy applications for 2010 per the instructions. All materials and supporting documentation must be provided through CMS' Health Plan Management System (HPMS).

The following 2010 Part C applications (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans) and instructions are posted at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareAdvantageApps> :

- 2010 MA Initial Application for Coordinated Care Plans (CCP)
- 2010 MA Initial Application for Regional Preferred Provider Organization Plans (RPPO)
- 2010 MA Initial Application for Private Fee for Service Plans (PFFS)
- 2010 MA Initial Application for Medical Savings Account Plans (MSA)
- 2010 MA Special Needs Plan Application (SNP)
- MA Service Area Expansion Application for Coordinated Care Plans (CCP) and Private Fee for Service Plans (PFFS)
- 2010 Initial Application for Employer/Union Direct Contract Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) Medicare Advantage Organization
- 2010 Application Instructions for MA Organizations to Offer New Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (MAO "800 series" EGWPs)

The following 2010 Part D applications (including Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans) and instructions are posted at

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/04\\_RxContracting\\_ApplicationGuidance.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/04_RxContracting_ApplicationGuidance.asp#TopOfPage):

- 2010 Initial Application for Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors
- 2010 Initial Application for Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) Sponsors
- 2010 Initial Application for Cost Based Plan-Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors
- 2010 Initial Application for Pace Organizations
- 2010 Part D Service Area Expansion Application for PDP and MA-PD Sponsors
- 2010 Application Instructions PDP Sponsors to Offer New Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (PDP “800 series” EGWPs)
- 2010 Application Instructions for Cost Plan Sponsors to Offer New Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plans (Cost Plan “800 series” EGWPs)
- 2010 Solicitation for Applications for New Employer/Union Direct Contract Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors
- 2010 Solicitation for Applications for New Employer/Union Direct Contract Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) Sponsors
- 2010 Summary Instructions - Employer/Union-Only Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) Applicants

Complete applications must be submitted via HPMS by **11:59p.m. EST on February 26, 2009**. If you have questions, please contact the following individuals:

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Thank you.