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MEMORANDUM

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To: Current and New Medicare Advantage (MA) Organizations,
Medicare Cost-based Plans, and Health Plan Demonstrations

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Subject: New Options for Section 3 and Section 6 of the MA Evidence of Coverage

On December 19, 2006 CMS released the memorandum, “Additions to the 2007 MA Model Evidences of Coverage (EOC)”. In that memorandum, CMS provided several options to organizations for including additional information in the MA EOC, including the use of an errata sheet. CMS is now providing more options to allow organizations to incorporate information identified in the 12/19/06 memorandum.

Medicare Advantage Organizations **will not** be required to make the changes identified in the 12/19/06 memorandum related to Section 3 of the EOC, “Getting care if you have a Medical Emergency or a need for Urgent Care”. If organizations have already included this information in their EOCs, they will not need to make any further changes. This information will be integrated into the 2008 Model EOC.

In addition to the options provided in the 12/19/06 memorandum, CMS is offering further options for incorporating Part D related information (Section 6) into the MA EOC, as highlighted in the 12/19/06 memorandum by creating the attached model modified pharmacy directory.

If the model modified pharmacy directory is used without modification, it may be submitted through HPMS, under marketing material code 5001, as a File & Use piece. CMS will waive the five-day waiting period before organizations can distribute the material in the marketplace. To clearly identify this material within HPMS, please include the following within the marketing material identification number: PharmEOCerrata.

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