

The Center for Beneficiary Choices (CBC) is now known as the Center for Drug and Health Plan Choice (CPC) to better reflect the responsibilities of the Center as it works with health and drug plans on behalf of our beneficiaries. This change in name, and the reorganization that accompanied it, was effective on June 8, 2008.

The CPC reorganization is designed to achieve four basic goals:

- (1) Facilitate a centralized, strategic focus on compliance and oversight of our Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Prescription Drug (Part D) private plan contractors;
- (2) Streamline operational functions among CPC and the regional Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations (CMHPO);
- (3) Integrate all Part D account management functions with those of Part C account management in the CMHPO; and
- (4) Create a new function devoted exclusively to Medicare Advantage data collection activities to enhance the data base and analytic tools for monitoring these types of plans, and to integrate this function with existing Part D data collection and monitoring activities.

Employer-related programs have been integrated into the new CPC organization. As part of this integration, the general mailbox for employer questions EPOG@cms.hhs.gov is being closed. The mailboxes CMSEmployerAppComments@cms.hhs.gov, CMSEmployerWaivers@cms.hhs.gov, and EGWPDisclosure@cms.hhs.gov will remain open until further notice.

The listserv MMA-Employer-News-L will be closed. All other CMS employer-related Listservs (EGWP News, RDS Program News, Medigapenforce, HIPAAPort, HIPAA Title 1) will remain active. Subscribers can join or leave a Listserv by going to www.cms.hhs.gov, scrolling down to "Featured Content" and selecting "Receive E-mail updates on CMS topics of interest to you".

If you have questions about employer group direct contract plans or employer group waiver plans, please contact Marty.Abeln@cms.hhs.gov for Medicare Advantage questions, or Christine.Hinds@cms.hhs.gov for prescription drug plan questions. If you have questions about the Retiree Drug Subsidy program, please contact RDS@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions about the Medigap, COBRA, HIPAA portability or Creditable Coverage programs, please contact Louis.Blank@cms.hhs.gov.

With the new changes, we look forward to continuing making a difference in the health and lives of all Medicare beneficiaries and their family members.