

HPMS E-Mail

Date: July 17, 2015

Subject: Reminder – Contract Year 2016 Agent/Broker Compensation Submission and Training/Testing Requirements

Message:

CMS reminds Medicare Advantage Organizations, Section 1876 Cost Contractors, Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors, and Medicare-Medicaid Plans that they must meet CMS's Agent/Broker Compensation Submission and Testing requirements. All organizations must notate whether agents/brokers are being used for contract year 2016, the types of agents/brokers used (e.g. independent, employed, captive), the referral fees offered (if applicable), and the compensation amounts for independent agents. Organizations must submit and attest to this data by **11:59 p.m. ET, Friday July 24, 2015**. For more information, please refer to our May 29, 2015 HPMS memo entitled, "Contract Year 2016 Agent/Broker Compensation Rate Adjustments and Submission & Agent/Broker Training and Testing Requirements."