40 - Prescription Drug Plan Service Areas

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Prescription drug plan regions are areas in which a contracting PDP sponsor must provide access to covered Part D drugs. The service area for a PDP, with the exception of a fallback plan, consists of one or more PDP regions. A PDP sponsor may offer a PDP in more than one region – including in all PDP regions – so long as coverage is provided in all those regions in their entirety. However, the PDP sponsor must submit separate bids for its coverage in each region of its service area.

There are currently 34 PDP regions and 26 MA regions (refer to Appendix 2 and Appendix 3, respectively, for maps of these PDP and MA regions). Each of the five U.S. Territories – American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands – constitutes an additional PDP region. *While* these regional boundaries are currently in effect, CMS may revise both the PDP and MA regions in future years.

