

130.1 – Basic Rule

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CMS does not pay for services to the extent that there is a third party that is required to be the primary payer. The principles on cost-sharing that are discussed below may not apply in circumstances where CMS has granted an employer group waiver. (*See chapter 9 of the MMCM* “Employer/Union Sponsored Group Health Plans,” for further discussion.)

This section only applies to collections related to Part C benefits. Special rules apply to the collection of cost-sharing related to Part D benefits offered in an MA-PD plan. These Part D rules are found in *chapter 14*, “Coordination of Benefits,” of the Prescription Drug Benefit Manual, publication 100-18, located at: http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/Pub100_18.pdf.