HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Updates to Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Member ID Cards

The implementation of CMS-0054-F, found in the Final Rule published on October 28, 2019 (see https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/28/2019-23507/administrative-simplification-rescinding-the-adoption-of-the-standard-unique-health-plan-identifier), rescinds the adopted standard unique Health Plan Identifier (HPID). Effective December 27, 2019, Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) will no longer be required to include the "Health Plan (80840): <Card Issuer Identifier>" on Member ID Cards."

For Contract Year 2020, MMPs are not required to replace existing Member ID Cards simply to remove the HPID. However, MMPs should remove the "Health Plan (80840): <Card Issuer Identifier>" from the Member ID Card when a new card is issued or reissued to a plan member.

For Contract Year 2021, the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) will update state-specific MMP Member ID Card models to remove the HPID field.

Please contact MMCO at MMCOCapsModel@cms.hhs.gov if you have any questions.