Resource Tool
For
Medicare Advantage Contract Applicants

This document was prepared as a resource toll for Medicare Managed Care contract applicants. The following list contains resources that may be used to assist applicants during and after the application process.

Resource	Resource Description
Medicare Modernization Act Regulations **Prescription Drug Plan – Title I (CMS 4068-F)** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MMAUpdate/downloads/PL108-173summary.pdf (1,162 pages) (Also available from the Federal Register) **Medicare Advantage Plans – Title II (CMS 4069-F)** http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MMAUpdate/downloads/PL108-173summary.pdf (445 pages) (Also available from the Federal Register)	MMA Title I and Title II Regulations
Medicare Modernization Act Prescription Drug Benefit http://cms.hhs.gov/pdps	Contains information on the MMA Prescription Drug Benefit
2007 Medicare Advantage Timeline	Important dates for 2007
Listserv for Medicare Advantage Plans Subscribe to cms-ma-1@list.nih.gov http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/mailinglists/default.asp?audience=15	Listserv for Medicare Advantage plans to receive the latest information related to the Medicare Advantage program
Medicare Managed Care Manual http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/mc86c11.pdf	CMS' Medicare Managed Care Manual for program instructions, policies and procedures.
2005 Medicare Managed Care Monitoring Guide http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/29_ManCarMon_02_MonGuide.asp	CMS' 2005 Medicare Monitoring Guide.
CMS Medicare Managed Care Letters http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/01_overview.asp	Contains letters issued by CMS to managed care organizations, covering various topics.
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) HIPAA website HIPAA - General Information	CMS HIPAA home page contains links on HIPAA health insurance reform including general HIPAA Administrative Simplification information.
HIPAA Regulations & Standards:	CMS' HIPAA website contains

• Transaction and Code Sets Standards • Security Standard • Identifier Standards • Privacy Standards	links for the Administrative Simplification Regulations and Standards for: Electronic Transactions, Code Sets, Security, Unique Identifiers, and Privacy.
Office of Civil Rights (OCR) HIPAA website http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/	OCR is responsible fro implementing the Privacy Rule that created national standards to protect individuals' personal health information; its home page contains links on privacy regulation and guidance.
The Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 http://www.x12.org	X12 is the development standards committee responsible for the developing X12 and XML formats; its home page contains links for EDI and X12 standards for cross-industry electronic exchange of business information.
Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange/Strategic National Implementation Process (WEDI/SNIP) http://snip.wedi.org	WEDI/SNIP is a collaborative healthcare industry-wide task group responsible for the implementation of standards; its home page contains links for HIPAA Administrative Simplification education and general awareness information, which includes providing white papers developed by the insurance industry.
Washington Publishing Company (WPC) http://www.wpc-edi.com/Default_40.asp	WC is a designated publishing company who specializes in distributing EDI information from organizations that develop, maintain, and implement EDI standards; its home page contains links for Final and Draft HIPAA.
CMS HIPAA e-mail address: askhipaa@cms.hhs.gov	CMS' HIPAA e-maijl address that is used for requesting Videos or contractor CDs, as well as for electronically submitting Administrative

	Simplification, HIPAA questions to CMS.
CMS HIPAA Hotline Phone number (866) 282-0659 Hours: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., M-F, ET	CMS' toll free, HIPPA hotline telephone number that is used to call directly into CMS for Administrative Simplification questions.

HIPAA related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) links:

Questions issued by CMS (agency wide) http://questions.cms.hhs.gov

Questions issued by CMS (MCO specific)
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HealthPlansGenInfo/HIPAA

Questions issued by X12 http://x12.org/x12org/about/faqs.cfm

Questions issued by WEDI/SNIP
http://www.wedi.org/snip/public/articles/index%7E6.shtml

Questions issued by OCR (privacy of health information)
http://answers.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/hhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php