Medicare Advantage and Part D Contract and Plan Enumeration

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Discussion Points

- Overview of current health and drug plan enumeration strategy used by the Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D programs

- Utilization of the MA/Part D identifiers by CMS and industry

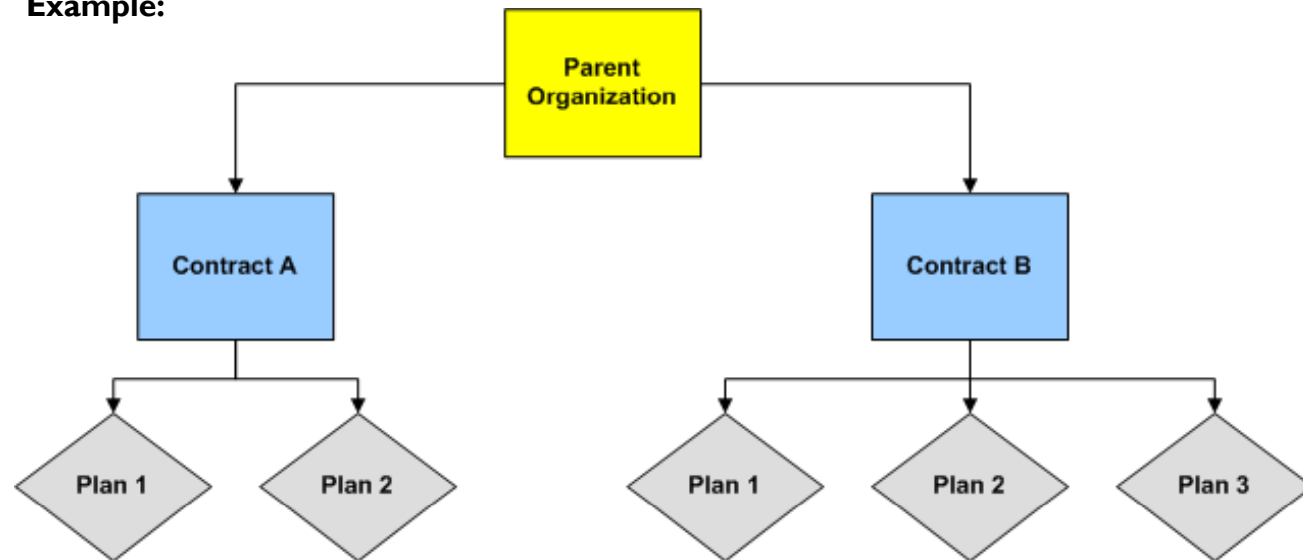- Operational impact of adopting a new enumeration strategy for MA and Part D

MA/Part D Definitions

- **Parent Organization**
  - A company that owns a controlling interest in one or more legal entities that have contracted with CMS to offer Medicare health benefits and/or prescription drug coverage.

- **Contracting Entity**
  - An organization licensed as a risk-bearing entity that has entered into an agreement with CMS to offer Medicare health benefits and/or prescription drug coverage.

- **Plan Benefit Package**
  - A set of Medicare health benefits and/or prescription drug coverage offered by an organization that has contracted with CMS.

Parent/Contract/Plan Relationships

- Each parent organization is affiliated with one or more contracts.

- Each contract is affiliated with one or more plans.

Example:

MA/Part D Enumeration Method

- MA/Part D enumeration performed by CMS' Health Plan Management System
  - Contract and parent organization numbers generated by the annual MA/Part D application process
  - Plan IDs generated by the annual plan bidding process
- Generally, CMS assigns a separate contract number to each legal entity/contract plan type
  - Legal entity A offering a local PPO
  - Legal entity A offering an HMO
  - Legal entity A offering a standalone PDP

MA/Part D Enumeration Scheme

Organization Type	Contract Enumeration	Plan Enumeration	Unique Plan Identifier
Local MA	**H**XXXX Ex: **H**1234	XXX Ex: 001	**H**XXXX XXX Ex: **H**1234 plan 001
Regional MA	**R**XXXX Ex: **R**1234	XXX Ex: 001	**R**XXXX XXX Ex: **R**1234 plan 001
Standalone PDP	**S**XXXX Ex: **S**1234	XXX Ex: 001	**S**XXXX XXX Ex: **S**1234 plan 001
Employer Direct	**E**XXXX Ex: **E**1234	XXX Ex: 001	**E**XXXX XXX Ex: **E**1234 plan 001

X represents a numeric digit.

<u>Not shown</u>: **Parent organization code is three numeric digits.**
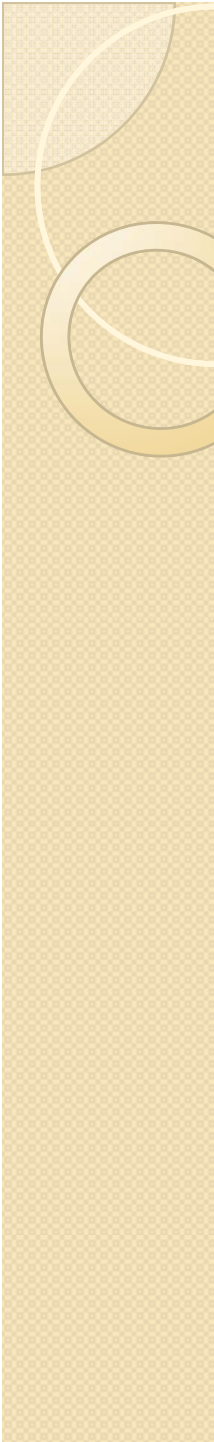
Notes on the MA/Part D Scheme

- Little intelligence in the identifier itself.

- Parent organization numbers and numeric digits of the contract number are randomly generated.

- Plan IDs are sequentially numbered (e.g., 001, 002, 003).

- Users access other variables stored in HPMS to understand parent/contract/plan characteristics (e.g., plan type, Part D offered, service area).

Utilization of MA/Part D Identifiers

- Current 2010 MA/Part D counts:
  - 289 parent organizations
  - 802 contracts
  - 6080 plan benefit packages

- 2009 enrollment and payment:
  - Approximately 29 million beneficiaries enrolled in MA and Part D plans
  - Payments to MA and Part D plans exceeded $165 billion last year

Operational Considerations for the MA/Part D Programs

- Impact on CMS business operations that are designed using the existing schema

- Impact on CMS information systems, downstream external systems, and all operational data exchanges