

2017 SANCTION GUIDANCE FOR PROVIDERS

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WHY WAS CIGNA-HEALTHSPRING SANCTIONED BY CMS AND WHAT HEALTH PLANS ARE AFFECTED?

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted an audit of Cigna-HealthSpring's operations, leading CMS to impose an intermediate sanction.
- The sanction requires Cigna-HealthSpring to suspend all enrollment and marketing activities while the identified operational concerns are corrected.
- Cigna-HealthSpring does not expect to emerge from CMS sanctions in time to participate in the fall annual election period (AEP) from Oct 1 – Dec 7, 2016. This applies to our 2017 Medicare Advantage and Part D plans.
- The sanction affects all of Cigna-HealthSpring Medicare Advantage (MA, MAPD) and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP).
- The sanction does not affect Cigna Medicare Supplement plans or Cigna-HealthSpring employer group/union-based plans (EGWP)

HOW DOES THE SANCTION IMPACT CURRENT CIGNA-HEALTHSPRING MEMBERS AND HOW SHOULD PROVIDERS ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS?

- The sanction has no impact on benefit offerings for current members. Providers can reassure them that Cigna-HealthSpring is still operating.
- Current members may not switch between Cigna-HealthSpring plans during the sanction period.
- Providers may respond to patient questions regarding changes to Cigna-HealthSpring's plan offerings and may also refer the patient to Cigna-HealthSpring's Customer Service line, 1-800-Medicare, or Medicare.gov.
- Providers should remain *neutral* when responding to a patient's questions regarding enrollment decisions, providing an objective assessment of the patient's needs and potential options to meet those needs.
- Providers may make affiliation announcements to their patients stating their continued affiliation with Cigna-HealthSpring as long as the list includes all other contracted Medicare Advantage plans.

WILL CIGNA-HEALTHSPRING BE LISTED ON MEDICARE.GOV DURING THE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD?


- Medicare beneficiaries who are not currently enrolled in Cigna-HealthSpring plans will be able to see the names of Cigna-HealthSpring plans offered in their area, but the pricing and cost-share information will not be shown (“Information not available” is displayed).
- Current Cigna-HealthSpring enrollees will also be able to see their plan **and** do the following on Medicare Plan Finder:
 - Select their Cigna-HealthSpring plan for comparison purposes
 - View pricing-related information (e.g., premiums, copayments)
 - View Cigna-HealthSpring’s overall Star Rating.
- The Cigna-HealthSpring plan listing will include a button titled “Sanctioned Plan”. When clicked, it will bring up a pop-up window containing a statement explaining that the plan is under sanction for violating Medicare rules and cannot accept enrollments.


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Medicare Plan Finder – Plan Results page for Beneficiaries NOT Enrolled in CHS Plans

Medicare Health Plans with Drug Coverage Star Ratings

Test Plan 2 (AB) (Cost) (Hxxxx-xxx-x)
 Organization: Test Organization

Estimated Annual Drug Costs: [?]	Monthly Premium: [?]	Deductibles [?] and Drug Copay [?] / Coinsurance: [?]	Health Benefits: [?]	Drug Coverage [?], Drug Restrictions [?] and Other Programs:	Estimated Annual Health and Drug Costs: [?]	Overall Star Rating: [?]	
Retail Annual: Information Not Available Mail Order Annual: Information Not Available	Information Not Available Part B Premium [?]: No	Annual Drug Deductible: Information Not Available Health Plan Deductible: Information Not Available Drug Copay/Coinsurance: Information Not Available	Doctor Choice: Information Not Available Out of Pocket Spending Limit: Information Not Available 	All Your Drugs on Formulary: Information Not Available Drug Restrictions: Information Not Available MTM Program [?]: Yes	Information Not Available	Information Not Available	Sanctioned Plan Sanctioned Plan: Click for More Information

Compare Plans 

- Names of Cigna-HealthSpring plans offered in their area can be seen
- Pricing and cost-share information will not be displayed (Information Not Available)
- Displays Plan Name and Pricing (e.g. premiums, copayments)
- Select their plan for comparisons

HOW DOES THE SANCTION AFFECT CIGNA-HEALTHSPRING'S CONTRACTED PROVIDERS?

- Contracted provider rates and/or current incentive programs are not impacted by the sanctions.
- Cigna-HealthSpring's ability to grow its MA and PDP plan enrollment is limited without the ability to market to and enroll beneficiaries during Annual Enrollment Period (AEP).
- AEP is not the only opportunity for membership growth. Once we emerge from sanctions, we will again be able to add Medicare age-in beneficiaries to all plans and dual-eligible beneficiaries to our dual plans.

OUR CARE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE AND IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT PROVIDERS AND OUR MEMBERS

Care Transition Team

- Embedded Care Coordinator
- Community Case Manager
- Hospital OnSite Nurse
- Community Medical Directors

360 Physicals

- Provides thorough documentation of patient history
- Identifies chronic conditions
- Prompts completion of recognized standards of care
- Promotes early detection

Partnership for Quality (P4Q)

- Additional resource at point of care
- Focuses on preventive care and management of chronic conditions
- Offers incentives to PCPs for quality care and outcomes

Care Programs

- Chronic Care
- Palliative Care/ End-of-Life Care
- COPD



OUR THANKS AND PROMISE TO YOU

- Thank you for the ongoing relationship we have with you and your practice.
- Our priority is putting the customer first by offering benefits and services that support high quality care.
- Emerging from sanctions and enhancing our culture of customer-centricity and compliance are top priorities for our CMS audit response work.
- We are committed to keeping our promise to our customers and to you that we will emerge from sanctions as a stronger company ready to successfully serve and compete in the marketplace.
- As we make improvements to our operations, we will continue to work collaboratively with you to find the best solutions.



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