

Notification of Overdue Medicare Certifications

Offerors who have not yet submitted requests for certification of both a Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan and Medicare-Medicaid Plan (Demonstration) pursuant to Exhibit D, Section 3 of the Request for Proposal YH14-0001, Acute Care/CRS, are reminded of the need to do so immediately. In addition to the documentation required in ACOM Policy 313, both the MA State Certification Form and Medicare-Medicaid Plan State Certification Form were due to AHCCCS at least 30 days prior to the CMS Certification due date of February 21, 2013. Therefore requests should have been received no later than January 20, 2013.

Medicare Advantage plans are required to be licensed under State law. As outlined in A.R.S 36-2903(B)(2) AHCCCS has the authority to certify its Contractors for Medicare purposes. Contractors are able to apply for certification through AHCCCS or apply and receive licensure through the Arizona Department of Insurance. The AHCCCS certification process is detailed in ACOM Policy 313.

AHCCCS will only provide certification to Contractors if they are currently a Medicaid Contractor in that same geographic service area (GSA). However, due to the timing of the MA Plan application process, AHCCCS may provide a conditional certification that would allow an Offeror to start the process of becoming an MA Plan during the AHCCCS bid process for a new contracting cycle. The certification would be conditional upon being awarded a contract in that GSA for the new contracting period. Conditional approval in a particular GSA will be revoked if the Offeror is not awarded a contract in that GSA. Likewise, conditional approval will be made final in a particular GSA if the Offeror is awarded a contract in that GSA.

Please submit all requests and accompanying documentation by close of business on Friday, February 1, 2013, either to the Division of Health Care Management Finance Unit pursuant to ACOM Policy 313, or by Katrina Cope in accordance with the memo at the following link:

<http://azahcccs.gov/reporting/Downloads/Integration/AHCCCSMemotoInterestedOrganizations1-15-13.pdf>