
42 C.F.R. § 422.530

Plan crosswalks.

(a) *General rules*—(1) *Definition of crosswalk*. A crosswalk is the movement of enrollees from one plan (or plan benefit package (PBP)) to another plan (or PBP) under a contract between the MA organization and CMS. To crosswalk enrollees from one PBP to another is to change the enrollment from the first PBP to the second.

(2) *Prohibitions*. Except as described in paragraph (c) of this section, crosswalks are prohibited between different contracts or different plan types (for example, HMO to PPO).

(3) *Compliance with renewal/nonrenewal rules*. The MA organization must comply with renewal and nonrenewal rules in §§ 422.505 and 422.506 in order to complete plan crosswalks.

(4) *Eligibility*. Enrollees must be eligible for enrollment under §§ 422.50 through 422.54 in order to be moved from one PBP to another PBP.

(5) *Types of MA plans*. For purposes of crosswalk policy in this section, CMS considers the following plans as different plan types:

- (i) Health maintenance organizations coordinated care plans.
- (ii) Provider-sponsored organizations coordinated care plans.
- (iii) Regional or local preferred provider organizations coordinated care plans.
- (iv) Special needs plans.
- (v) Private Fee-for-service plans.
- (vi) MSA plans.

(b) *Allowable crosswalk types*—(1) *All MA plans*. An MA organization may perform a crosswalk in the following circumstances:

(i) *Renewal*. A plan in the following contract year that links to a current contract year plan and retains the entire service area from the current contract year. The following contract year plan must retain the same plan ID as the current contract year plan.

(ii) *Consolidated renewal*. A plan in the following contract year that combines 2 or more complete current contract year plans of the same plan type but not including when a current PBP is split among more than one PBP for the following contract year. The plan ID for the following contract year must be the same as one of the current contract year plan IDs.

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