

(2) "Medicare" means the [health insurance for the aged program under] "HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE AGED ACT", Title XVIII of the Social Security Act AS AMENDED.

(3) "Medicare benefit period" means the unit of time used in the Medicare program to measure use of services and availability of benefits under Medicare Part A.

(4) "Medicare eligible expenses" means health care expenses of the kinds covered by Medicare to the extent these services are considered reasonable under Medicare rules and regulations.

(5) "Medicare supplement policy" or "Medigap policy" means a GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL policy of health insurance OR A SUBSCRIBER CONTRACT WHICH IS ADVERTISED, MARKETED, OR [primarily] designed [to] PRIMARILY AS A supplement TO REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER Medicare[, or advertised, marketed, or otherwise purported to be a supplement to Medicare coverage]. THIS TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE BENEFITS OFFERED BY A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION OR OTHER DIRECT SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN CONNECTION WITH A CONTRACT WITH THE U.S. HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION.

(6) "APPLICANT" MEANS:

(I) IN THE CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY OR SUBSCRIBER CONTRACT, THE PERSON WHO SEEKS TO CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS; OR

(II) IN THE CASE OF A GROUP MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY OR SUBSCRIBER CONTRACT, THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

(7) "CERTIFICATE" MEANS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER A GROUP MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY, WHICH CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN DELIVERED OR ISSUED FOR DELIVERY IN THE STATE.

(8) "HCFA" MEANS THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

(9) "INSURER" MEANS AN INSURER AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS.

(10) "STATE MEDICARE ACT" OR "ACT" MEANS §§ 468B THROUGH 468H OF THIS SUBTITLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE.

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(a) (1) Unless it complies with the requirements of [this section] THE STATE MEDICARE ACT, a Medicare supplement policy may not be issued, delivered, or renewed in this State by an insurer.