

## FDR Definitions

- **FDR** means First Tier, Downstream or Related Entity.
- **First Tier Entity** is any party that enters into a written arrangement, acceptable to CMS, with an MAO or Part D plan sponsor or applicant to provide administrative services or health care services to a Medicare eligible individual under the MA program or Part D program.
- **Downstream Entity** is any party that enters into a written arrangement, acceptable to CMS, with persons or entities involved with the MA benefit or Part D benefit, below the level of the arrangement between an MAO or applicant or a Part D plan sponsor or applicant and a first tier entity. These written arrangements continue down to the level of the ultimate provider of both health and administrative services.
- **Related Entity** means any entity that is related to an MAO or Part D sponsor by common ownership or control and
  1. Performs some of the MAO or Part D plan sponsor's management functions under contract or delegation;
  2. Furnishes services to Medicare enrollees under an oral or written agreement; or
  3. Leases real property or sells materials to the MAO or Part D plan sponsor at a cost of more than \$2,500 during a contract period.
- **Deemed** - FDRs who have met the FWA certification requirements through enrollment into Parts A or B of the Medicare program or through accreditation as a supplier of DMEPOS are deemed to have met the FWA training and education requirements. No additional documentation beyond the documentation necessary for proper credentialing is required to establish that an employee or FDR or employee of an FDR is deemed. In the case of chains, such as chain pharmacies, each individual location must be enrolled into Medicare Part A or B to be deemed.