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## MAPD/PDP Verbal Scope of Appointment Authorizations

Online enrollment
is safer: You can
complete and submit
applications online
for Medicare
Advantage with
Prescription Drug
(MAPD) and standalone Prescription
Drug Plan (PDP)
coverage via your
Blue Access for
Producers<sup>SM</sup> account.
Online enrollment
allows you to submit

applications from home, which helps protect you and your clients as you practice social distancing.

## New verbal SOA authorization process:

As an additional step, we no longer require Scope of Appointment (SOA) forms with client signatures obtained in person. Follow these new steps:

- 1. When shopping for MAPD/PDP plans via

  Blue Access for Producers, make sure you check the box that you have a SOA (top image).
- 2. Complete the SOA form for your client.
- 3. Instead of obtaining your client's signature in person, you can get authorization over the phone or over video chat and video conferencing applications.
- 4. Write "verbal authorization" on the form, sign and date it, and retain it for your records.
- 5. When you come to the Scope of Appointment screen (shown at right) during the online enrollment process, choose "Yes" and then select "Paper" as the method. Proceed through the application steps as normal.

