

Today's Discussion

- **Overview of Enrollment Basics**
- **Part D Low Income Subsidy activities:**
 - Auto and facilitated enrollment
 - Re-determining eligibility (CMS & SSA)
 - Reassignment
- **Websites/Resources**
- **Q & A**

MA & Part D Eligibility

- **MA:**
 - Both Part A & B + Reside in plan service area
 - No ESRD with exceptions
 - SNPs have additional requirements
- **Part D**
 - Part A or B (or both)
 - Reside in plan service area

Enrollment Periods

- **Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)**
- **Initial Election Period/Initial Coverage Election Period (IEP/ICEP)**
- **MA Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP)**
- **Special Election Period (SEP)**

Employer specific provisions

- **Group enrollment & disenrollment**
- **Special enrollment periods (SEPs):**
 - Employer group/sponsored
 - Creditable coverage:
 - Loss, reduction, not informed
 - Disenroll from Part D to enroll in/maintain creditable coverage

Guidance Resources

- **Plan Contacts**
- **CMS MA Enrollment & Disenrollment Guidance (Ch. 2)**
- **CMS PDP Enrollment & Disenrollment Guidance**
- **MMCM Chapter 17-D – Cost Plan Enrollment & Disenrollment Guidance**

New Enrollment Web Page

- All plan enrollment guidance in one convenient location
- Log on to: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>
- Select the “Medicare” link
- Scroll down to “Eligibility and Enrollment”

Continuing Eligibility for LIS

- **CMS re-establishes eligibility each fall**
- **Extra help continued or changed**
 - Based on continued eligibility
- **Changes effective January 1**
- **Those automatically eligible for 2009**
 - Continue to qualify through December 2009
- **People no longer eligible**
 - Automatic status will end December 31, 2008

Beneficiary Notices

■ Who?

- Individuals who will lose Extra Help as of 12/31/08
- Individuals who will have a change in copay level

■ When?

- September 15, 2008 – CMS/SSA sends notices to “undeemed”; “Grey notice”
- Late October – CMS send notices to people who have changes; “Orange notice”
- January 1, 2009 – redeeming effective

What This Means for Members

- **LIS eligible individuals in your plan may receive a letter from CMS or SSA.**
 - **Deemed population: may lose LIS eligibility for 2009 or experience a higher/lower level of cost-sharing assistance.**
 - **Applicant population: may be re-determined eligible at higher/lower level of premium or cost-sharing assistance.**

Auto/Facilitated Enrollment

- **PDPs – done by CMS**
 - Randomly assign to PDPs with premium at/below LIS and basic benefit
 - Do not facilitate non-full duals w/RDS
- **MA and cost orgs – delegated by CMS to plan**
- **Notify individual & plan (w/opt out)**

Reassignment

■ Who?

- Individuals enrolled by CMS (auto/facilitated) to plan if premium in 2008 greater than LIS regional subsidy benchmark
- Individuals in terminating PDP (all LIS levels)

■ When?

- October 12-14, 2008 – CMS processes “reassign”
- Late October – early November 2008 – beneficiary notices
- January 1, 2009 – reassignment effective

Questions

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