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New Educational Products Available

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, suppliers, and their staff providing service to people with Medicare

Key Points

- New educational resources are available to assist Medicare beneficiaries in understanding the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.
- In May and June the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) mailed notices to people who are automatically eligible for extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- Notices will be mailed to people with Medicare and Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare Savings Program.
- The Social Security Administration will mail a different letter this summer, to other people who do not automatically qualify for the extra help but may be potentially eligible for it.
- The letter will include an application that can be filled out and returned to find out if an individual qualifies for extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- Posters titled "Have Limited Income? Social Security Can Help with Prescription Costs" can be ordered free of charge at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/MPUB/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS website.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0537.pdf> on the CMS website.

More information on provider education and outreach regarding drug coverage can be found at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/23_DrugCoverage.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website.

Detailed drug coverage information for CMS partners and advocates for people with Medicare can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Partnerships/PDI/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS website.

Providers can also find additional information regarding prescription drug plans at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/> on the CMS website.

Further information on CMS implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MMAUpdate/> on the CMS website.