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More Web-Based Educational Products Available on Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage – The Fifth in the MLN Matters Series

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Provider Types Affected

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

Key Points

- On January 1, 2006, new prescription drug coverage became available to Medicare patients.
- The program covers brand name and generic drugs.
- Affected providers can refer their Medicare patients with questions about the new coverage to 1-800-MEDICARE and to <http://www.medicare.gov> for additional information and assistance.

New Fact Sheets Available at <http://www.medicare.gov>

The following are fact sheets with useful information about the prescription drug program:

Quick Facts about Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11102.pdf> on the CMS website;

Do You Have a Medigap Policy with Prescription Drug Coverage?

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11113.pdf> on the CMS website;

Quick Facts about Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs (en Espanol)

http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11102_S.pdf on the CMS website;

Other Publications/Products

Introducing Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs (bi-fold)

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11103.pdf> on the CMS website; and

Vignettes/Bios/Case Studies

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

Additional Information

Further information on CMS implementation of the MMA can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MMAUpdate/MMU/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS website.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0541.pdf>