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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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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

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

Important Points to Remember

- On January 1, 2006, new prescription drug coverage will be available to your Medicare patients.
- It will cover brand name and generic drugs.
- This new drug coverage requires all people with Medicare to make a decision this fall. As a trusted source, your patients may turn to you for information about this new coverage. Because of this, we're looking to you and your staff to take advantage of this "teachable moment" and help your Medicare patients.
- You should encourage your Medicare patients to learn more about this new coverage because it may save them money on prescription drugs. There is extra help available for people with limited income and resources.
- If your Medicare patients ask you questions about the new coverage, you can refer them to 1-800-MEDICARE and to <http://www.medicare.gov> for additional information and assistance.

Other Publications/Products

The Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Products MLN Publications page contains learning resources and products for health care professionals. All products are free of charge and may be reprinted or redistributed as necessary. You can find this information at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications.html> on the CMS website.

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Additional Information

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

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/index.html> on the CMS website.

Detailed drug coverage information for CMS partners and advocates for people with Medicare can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/index.html> on the CMS website.

You can also find additional information regarding prescription drug plans at <http://www.cms.gov/> on the CMS website.

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