



Part C and D Enrollment: Fall 2006

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Annual Election Period (AEP)

- Section 20.2 of Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) guidance
- For most beneficiaries, this will be first opportunity since May 15, 2006, to enroll in, change or disenroll from a Part D Plan
- Any election (to enroll, disenroll, or change plans) made under AEP is effective January 1st of the following year

Changing an AEP Election

- Once beneficiaries make an AEP election, can they modify it?
 - Yes, as long as they do so before 1/1/07
 - Contact plan on or before 12/31/06 to cancel enrollment/disenrollment request or make a new election
 - To make a new election, do so before by 12/31/06.
 - The last election made during the AEP will take effect 1/1/07

Important Points to Keep in Mind

- Enrolling in a new plan for 2007 will disenroll beneficiary from 2006 plan
 - No need for beneficiary to actively disenroll from old plan
- If beneficiary does not want to remain in a Part C or D Plan, submit a disenrollment request to the plan in which s/he is currently enrolled
 - This uses up the AEP

Policy for Enrollments Received Prior to November 15th?

- See Section 30 – “special rule”
 - For paper enrollments ONLY
 - Sponsors may NOT solicit prior to Nov. 15th
 - If received 10/1/06 – 11/14/06, provide acknowledgement notice within 7 calendar days of request
 - Sponsor must submit via system to CMS on 11/15/06

Special Enrollment Period (SEP)

- Section 20.3 of PDP Enrollment & Disenrollment Guidance
- Permits certain changes outside the AEP
- PDP sponsor responsible to determine eligibility for SEP

Special Enrollment Periods

- Revised SEPs:
 - Change in Residence: If new options available or now eligible for Part D
 - Katrina, Wilma & Rita (ends 12/31/06)
 - State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP):
Have one enrollment opportunity each year
 - Low-Income Subsidy (LIS):
 - Not currently in Part D to elect or change if plan is chosen for them
 - Those not re-determined 1/1/07: SEP for January
– March 31st

Special Enrollment Periods

- New SEPs
 - Disenroll from Part D to enroll in or maintain other creditable coverage (e.g. TRICARE or VA)
 - Full duals with retro uncovered months

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA-OEP)

- 2007 & beyond – January through March
- Permits beneficiaries additional opportunity to enroll in, change, or disenroll from an MA Plan

MA-OEP Options

If current coverage is	Can use OEP to get	<u>Cannot</u> use OEP to get
MA-PD	MA-PD <u>or</u> Original Medicare + PDP	MA-only <u>or</u> Original Medicare only (exception PFFS+PDP)
MA-only	MA-only <u>or</u> Original Medicare only	MA-PD <u>or</u> Original Medicare + PDP
PDP	MA-PD	MA-only <u>or</u> A different PDP to use with Original Medicare
Original Medicare	MA-only	MAPD <u>or</u> Original Medicare + PDP

See Section 30.3.1 of Chapter 2

Health Industry Collaboration Effort (ICE) Conference – November 2006

MA and PDP Guidance Updates

- Internet elections: now require tracking mechanism (e.g. confirmation #)
- Enrollment forms
 - Premium withhold language: option to have applicant call plan
 - SEP screening tool
- Application date

MA and PDP Guidance Updates

- PFFS Policy
- Submitting Enrollment/Disenrollment Transactions
 - 2007: 14 calendar days
 - 2008: Reduced to 7 calendar days
- Request for Additional Information
 - 21 calendar days, or end of enrollment period, whichever is later

Which PDPs Will Have Their LIS Beneficiaries Re-Assigned

- PDPs that qualified for auto/facilitated in 2006, but
- Whose premium in 2007 will exceed a “de minimis” amount
 - \$2.00 or more over 2007 region-specific low-income premium subsidy amount
 - If between \$0.01 and \$2.00 over, beneficiary remains in PDP

Which PDPs Will Have Their LIS Beneficiaries Re-Assigned

- PDP must only charge full subsidy beneficiaries an amount equal to low-income premium subsidy amount to ensure no premium liability for those under de minimis amount
- PDP will not qualify for auto/facilitated enrollment in 2007

Which LIS Beneficiaries Will Be Re-Assigned

- Anyone who will continue to have LIS in 2007
- Only those who stayed in plan into which they were auto/facilitated enrolled
 - Will not re-assign those who chose a PDP voluntarily

Re-Assign All LIS Beneficiaries in Terminating PDPs

- If PDP is terminating, CMS will re-assign all LIS beneficiaries
 - Whether they were assigned to or voluntarily chose the PDP

Re-Assignment Algorithm

- Try to keep person in same PDP Sponsoring Organization, if possible
- Step 1 – If PDP Sponsoring Organization has another PDP in same region that will qualify for auto/facilitated enrollment in 2007, CMS will assign to that PDP

Algorithm

- If more than one, randomly assign among qualifying PDPs
- If that PDP Sponsor (contract) does not have a qualifying PDP, then see if parent organization has another contract that offers a qualifying PDP
 - If so, re-assign to that PDP
- Step 2 – If PDP Sponsoring Organization does not have another PDP in same region that qualifies, CMS will randomly re-assign to a qualifying PDP offered by another Organization

Q&A

