

Memo

To: Pharmacy Provider
From: Bruce McClenahan, Pharmacy Program Manager
Date: 7/9/2007
Re: DEL / MSP Conversion

DHHS is converting approximately 12,000 DEL members to the Medicare Buy-In Program, also known as the Medicare Savings Program (MSP). Although the effective date of this conversion will be April 1, 2007, PDP's will not have the new eligibility information until the second or third week of April. Attached is a sample letter of what members will receive for information. The mailing is scheduled for the week of April 16th.

This conversion will allow DEL members to be treated as DUAL members under their Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and have the additional benefits that come with the DUAL membership.

What you need to be most aware of from this change:

- ✓ When members use their MaineCare Wrap, co-pays for generic medications will cost them \$0.
- ✓ Co-pays for brand name medications will cost up to \$2.68.
- ✓ **These medications must be covered under the members Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to be eligible.**

Since there will be a delay in the PDP's getting the new eligibility status loaded into their systems, members may be over charged for their medications. Members will be reimbursed by their drug plan.

To be reimbursed they must:

1. Save their receipts, both the pharmacy receipt and the cash register receipt.
2. Fill out an insurance reimbursement form sent to them by the Office of Integrated Support and Services.
3. Send the form and their receipts to their Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact GHS at 1-888-420-9711.