

ALERT: MEDICARE PART D AND YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
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APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC FACTUAL SITUATIONS.**

Do you have original Medicare (red, white, and blue card) or are you in a Medicare HMO (Keystone 65 Complete, Senior Partners, Amerihealth 65, Gateway, Unison, UPMC for Life, or other Medicare HMO) AND do you also have Medical Assistance (ACCESS)?

As you know, under Medicare Part D, Medicare now pays for your prescription drugs through a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or through your Medicare HMO. Medicare will continue to pay for your prescription drugs, except for the few prescription drugs still covered by Medical Assistance. You still need to be in a Medicare Part D plan.

You should be getting letters about your prescription drug coverage for 2007. **Please read these letters carefully. Get help if you need it.**

You should have gotten a letter from the government about your extra help (low-income subsidy). This letter will tell you whether you will automatically continue to get extra help through the end of December 2007.

By October 31, your Medicare Part D plan should have sent you an Annual Notice of Change, 2007 Summary of Benefits, and 2007 formulary. Your plan will tell you whether there will be any changes for 2007.

You may also get a letter from the government this month (November) telling you that your current plan will no longer be a zero-premium plan or will no longer be a Medicare Part D plan in 2007. If you do not choose your own plan, you will be automatically re-assigned to another plan for 2007.

Attached are two fact sheets that give more detail about these letters:

1. "Getting Ready for Changes to Your Medicare Part D Plan"
2. "If You Have Extra Help: What You Need to Know for Your Prescription Drug Coverage in 2007"

If you need help, please contact:

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania
800-692-7443 (voice) or 877-375-7139 (TTY)

Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP)*
(800) 274-3258 or (866) 236-6310 (TTY)

*PHLP provides direct assistance and representation to dual eligible (Medicare and Medical Assistance) recipients having problems with Part D.