

HPMS E-Mail

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Subject: Requirements for Part D Coverage: Prescriber Requirements-

REMINDER TO ALL PACE ORGANIZATIONS

E-mail text:

On June 10, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a memo concerning upcoming prescriber requirements for Part D coverage. In that memo, CMS requested that organizations offering Part D prescription drug coverage in conjunction with other Medicare coverage confirm their contracting providers are eligible to furnish Part D prescriptions, once the new prescriber enrollment requirement in CMS-4159-F, as modified by CMS 6107-IFC (80 FR 25958), is enforced. Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations were specifically identified in the memo.

In conducting our outreach to prescribers currently writing Part D prescriptions who are not already enrolled in Medicare, it has come to CMS' attention that some providers serving PACE participants have not yet enrolled in Medicare and that these providers are currently writing Part D prescriptions. Therefore, the purpose of this email is to emphasize that such providers should submit their application to enroll in Medicare as soon as possible to avoid any delays in getting the application processed by the June 1, 2016 enforcement date.

As of June 1, 2016, providers who write prescriptions for PACE participants must be enrolled in the Medicare program in order for the prescriptions to be covered by Part D. Medicare Part D plans will no longer cover drugs that are prescribed by providers who are not enrolled in Medicare, with very limited exceptions.

There are two ways to enroll in Medicare for the purpose of prescribing Part D drugs:

1. Electronic process: Use the PECOS system at go.cms.gov/pecos. For enrollment to enroll/order/certify/prescribe, CMS recommends using the step-by-step instructions at go.cms.gov/PECOSsteps. A video tutorial is available at go.cms.gov/videotutorial.

2. Paper process: Complete the appropriate form and submit it to your local Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). MACs process Medicare claims, enroll health care providers in the Medicare program and educate providers on Medicare billing requirements. To locate your MAC, please refer to the MAC list at: go.cms.gov/partdmaclist.