

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Fact Sheet

Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP)

- Effective 1/1/06, all DPAP clients who have Medicare must be enrolled with Medicare Part D as a condition of eligibility.
- Effective 1/1/06, all DPAP clients who may be eligible for the LIS must apply and show proof of approval or denial as a condition of eligibility. A client with annual income of no more than \$14,355 for one person (\$19,245 for a couple) and with resources that do not exceed \$11,500 for one person (\$23,000 for a couple) should be referred to SSA to apply for the LIS.
- Beginning 11/15/05, a DPAP client will be able to select and enroll with a PDP. If they do not enroll with a PDP and do not apply for the LIS (if eligible) by 12/31/05, DPAP coverage will terminate. There is no auto-enrollment for the DPAP population unless they are eligible as a QMB/SLMB/QI-1. (For more information, see the QMB/SLMB/QI-1 page). They should be encouraged to select and enroll with a PDP that will cover the drugs they need.
- DPAP will continue to offer a yearly \$2500 benefit. The benefit year is January through December of each year.
- DPAP will pay the basic Medicare Part D premium (if any). The Part D premium will be deducted from the yearly DPAP benefit.
- If DPAP covers the prescription, the standard DPAP co-payment of \$5 or 25%, whichever is greater, is applied.
- If Medicare covers the prescription, there is a Medicare co-payment. The client is responsible for this co-payment.
- DPAP clients who are also QMB/SLMB/QI-1s do not have to wait for an open enrollment period to change their PDP. They can change plans at any time and the change will be effective the following month. This is done through their PDP. Other DPAP clients can only change their PDP during an annual open enrollment period unless they qualify for a special enrollment period.
- DPAP will cover some of the drugs which are excluded from Part D. These include over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, benzodiazepines, and barbiturates. If a drug excluded by Medicare is currently covered by DPAP, there will be no change in coverage.
- All questions about Part D coverage should be directed to Medicare or the PDP.
- Provider questions about DPAP coverage should be directed to DMAP Provider Relations.
- Client questions about DPAP coverage should be directed to DPAP Customer Service.