

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Fact Sheet

QMB/SLMB/QI-1

- Effective 1/1/06, a client eligible as a QMB/SLMB/QI-1 will be able to receive prescription drug coverage through Medicare Part D. They will not receive any prescription drug coverage under Medicaid.
- Beginning 11/15/05, a QMB/SLMB/QI-1 will be able to select and enroll with a PDP. If they have not enrolled with a PDP by 5/15/06, they will be auto-enrolled by Medicare into a randomly selected PDP with an effective date of 6/1/06. They should be encouraged to select and enroll with a PDP prior to 12/31/05 so they start receiving prescription drug coverage effective 1/1/06. If they do not enroll, they will have no Part D drug coverage. They should be encouraged to select and enroll with a PDP that will cover the drugs they need. (NOTE: If they are also eligible for DPAP or CRDP, they will be required to enroll in Part D as a condition of eligibility for these programs. For more information, see the DPAP or CRDP pages.)
- There are no premiums or deductibles because a QMB/SLMB/QI-1 is automatically eligible for the LIS.
- If Medicare covers the prescription, there is a Medicare co-payment of \$1 generic/\$3 brand for QMBs and \$2 generic/\$5 brand for SLMBs and QI-1s. Medicaid will not cover the Medicare co-payment. There is no monthly limit on the total client co-payment amount for Medicare covered prescriptions.
- 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.
- All questions about Part D coverage should be directed to Medicare or the PDP.
- Provider questions about QMB/SLMB/QI-1 coverage should be directed to DMAP Provider Relations.