

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Message: In the midst of Medicare’s Prescription Drug Annual Coordinated Election Period (AEP), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided us some critical information that will affect Medicare recipients’ January coverage.

Clients can change plans each month and as late in the month as the last day. However, with the multiple systems involved in this program, many times clients are not able to access their prescriptions with the correct plan and subsidy levels early in the month. CMS has listed December 8th as the critical date for enrollments to be processed and updated at the pharmacy level with correct plan and copayment information for January 1st coverage.

CMS has cautioned the states that clients that change plans after this date may have difficulty accessing their coverage on January 1, 2007. Clients should be informed when their plan is changed after December 8th that there will be transition issues involved through the month of January.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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