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## Get our quick guide to recertification

Many core benefits require recipients to actively recertify their eligibility. Learn about the frequency and process for recertification in our new guide, so you can help your clients retain access to these programs.

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## **A reminder about benefits during natural disasters**

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, it's important to remember the accommodations and benefits available to those affected by natural disasters. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a memo in 2012 explaining the obligations of Medicare health and drug plans to waive out-of-network rules, too-early-fill rules, etc. in cases of weather emergencies. Note, too, that various federal programs exist to provide special housing, utility, and food assistance during disasters.

[Read the CMS memo](#) | [Find disaster assistance benefits](#)

## **New video showcases BenefitsCheckUp®**

We've got a new video out that highlights how identifying programs using BenefitsCheckUp® can help older adults to remain financially secure and independent. The video is being aired on PBS stations nationwide. Stay tuned: A newly redesigned BenefitsCheckUp® website is coming in a few weeks!

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## **Featured resource: Medicare Part D transition policy**

The Medicare Part D transition policy exists to provide new enrollees with immediate access (within 90 days of enrollment) to non-formulary drugs and drugs with utilization management requirements. Beneficiaries should use the one-time period to work with their doctors to determine if they should switch plans or request a formulary exception. The policy applies to both Part D and Medicare Advantage® plans with prescription drug coverage.

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### ***Participate...***

- [What's Happening with Medicare in 2017](#), Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. ET—Join us for this webinar exploring what changes are happening in Medicare in 2017, including an overview of the 2017 plan landscape and what your clients will pay for coverage.

***Did you miss these resources?***

- **Everything you need for Open Enrollment:** Access all of the counseling tools you may need, from cost information to marketing guidelines to counselor checklists.
- **Promising practices in senior SNAP enrollment:** Read our newest issue brief.

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