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Moving from Medicaid expansion to Medicare

Learn all you need to know about helping clients transition from Medicaid expansion to Medicare benefits in this fact sheet developed for NCOA by the Medicare Rights Center.

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Featured resource: Medicaid to Medicare consumer flyers

In addition to the FAQ noted above, the Medicare Rights Center has developed two consumer flyers in English and Spanish for individuals about to transition into Medicare. The flyers explain the difference between traditional Medicaid and MAGI (modified adjusted gross income, or expansion) Medicaid offered through the health insurance Marketplaces, and illustrate how people are assessed for ongoing eligibility for benefits.

[Download the English flyer](#) | [Find the Spanish version](#)

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will issue letters to notify Medicare beneficiaries that their Part A coverage meets Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) requirements under the Affordable Care Act. Medicare beneficiaries who will get these notices include Part A beneficiaries under 65, those who enrolled in Part A for the first time in 2015, or those who had Part A for only a portion of 2015. For tax year 2015, Medicare beneficiaries who are age 65+ and had Part A coverage for 12 months or more will be informed that they only need to "check the box" on their tax return indicating that they had MEC for the entire year.

[See a sample letter](#)

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Check out these resources...

- **Extra Help and LINET:** Find out how your clients new to the Low Income Subsidy can get their medications even without a Part D plan.
- **A Guide to NCOA Crossroads:** Download this brief tutorial for how to get the most out of NCOA's listservs and online communities.
- **Medicare Part D - 2016 Transition Rights:** Read this fact sheet from Justice in Aging, which explains the rights people with Part D have to not lose access to their medications as they transition between plans.

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