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## Get the facts about LINET

Find out how your clients new to the Low Income Subsidy (LIS/Extra Help) can get their medications at the pharmacy if they don't have a Part D plan yet.

**[Learn More](#)**

*Jan. 6, 2016*

## **NCOA Crossroads: A tutorial for using our listservs**

NCOA Crossroads, the platform for several listservs, has a new and improved interface. Our new guide explains how to sign up, post and find content, and change the frequency of emails that you receive from your groups. If you work on outreach activities under the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), be sure to sign up for our MIPPA listserv/group.

[Download the guide](#) | [Join the MIPPA listserv](#)

## **Medicare Savings Programs: New enrollment data and good news from Oregon**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released new data on enrollment into Medicaid and the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) for the first quarter of 2015. The data breaks down enrollment into each of the MSPs at the county level. In other good news, the state of Oregon has announced the elimination of resource tests for MSPs beginning in 2016.

[Access the enrollment data \(see first link on page\)](#)

## **Final rule issued re: prior authorization for some durable medical equipment**

On Dec. 30, CMS issued a final rule that establishes a prior authorization program for certain durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) that are frequently subject to unnecessary utilization. The rule defines what constitutes unnecessary utilization and requires certain DMEPOS items to be subject to prior authorization as a condition of payment. The rule takes effect Feb. 29.

[Read the rule](#)

### ***Register...***

- [Finding Medicare Answers When You Need Them](#), Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. ET: Join our webinar to learn about the different authority resources

- on Medicare, and where you can turn for guidance before contacting an expert.

### *Check out these resources...*

- **Mapping Our Partners:** Use our new map to locate Benefits Enrollment Centers, senior centers, and other NCOA partners in your area.
- **5 Top Benefits Stories of 2015:** Read the good news about changes to benefits, and how you've helped consumers to access assistance.
- **America's Health Rankings:** See how seniors rate state-by-state in food insecurity, overall health, and more in this report from the United Health Foundation.
- **Promising Practices Tip Sheets:** The National Association of States United for Aging and Disability (NASUAD) has developed two new tip sheets in partnership with NCOA that highlight promising strategies for increasing enrollment of low-income seniors and persons with disabilities into LIS and MSPs.

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