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Mapping Medicare SSDI beneficiaries

Social Security has shared data with us regarding Medicare beneficiaries with Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits. We've mapped this data at the zip code level to help you do outreach to the under-65 disabled population with Medicare.

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New resources on Medicare and hospital discharges

Medicare's coverage of hospital services—and what patients can expect when transitioning from the hospital to home or a skilled nursing facility—can be confusing. Yet discharge planning is an important part of helping a patient to receive follow-up care and prevent hospital readmission. Learn more about the discharge planning process and consumers' rights in a toolkit developed for us by the Medicare Rights Center.

[Download the materials](#)

Coordination of benefits in Medicaid: A new handbook

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a handbook clarifying several policies about how Medicaid coordinates with other programs. In particular, the guidance explains that Older Americans Act services are an exception to the "Medicaid is payer of last resort" rule, and elsewhere emphasizes the prohibition on balance billing of Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs).

[Get the guidance](#)

Two more BECs added to our network

The Center has awarded two additional grants to organizations to become Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) serving special populations. Alivio Medical Center will assist Latino seniors in Chicago, while the Connecticut Department on Aging is working to establish best practices for agencies who are helping recently released incarcerated individuals apply for Medicare benefits.

[Find all of our BECs](#)

Arriva Medical no longer enrolled in Medicare

If you have clients who received their diabetes testing supplies from Arriva Medical, they should have received a letter stating that the company is no longer enrolled in Medicare as of Nov. 3, 2016. Beneficiaries can locate another mail order supplier for their diabetes testing supplies by searching the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Supplier Directory or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

[Search the DMEPOS supplier database](#)

Did you miss this?

- **Medicare Parts A & B Costs in 2017:** Download our updated cost-sharing chart to see what your clients will pay for Medicare in the coming year.
- **15 new partners in Senior SNAP Enrollment Initiative:** With support from the Walmart Foundation, we've funded more organizations to help increase older adults' enrollment into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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