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Apply for new BEC grants

We're looking for proposals from government entities and nonprofits to establish Benefits Enrollment Centers (BECs) serving hard-to-reach populations.

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Coming soon: Redetermination for Extra Help in 2017

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published a reminder memo about the process for redetermination of the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS/Extra Help) in 2017. Individuals who no longer qualify for LIS, who are randomly selected for cyclical redetermination, or who will face a change in their copayment levels, will begin to receive letters from CMS and Social Security in early fall. Learn more about this process in our fact sheet on redeeming, redetermination, and reassignment.

[Read the memo](#) | [Review our fact sheet](#)

Online information about MSPs: State findings

Can consumers easily find information about Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) on your state's Medicaid agency website? Learn the answer, and what you can do to improve their online experience in our updated survey.

[Get the results](#)

Featured resource: Medicare for federal workers and retirees

Individuals who currently work for or are retired from the federal government have many considerations to make regarding enrolling in Medicare, and how it coordinates with Federal Employee Health Benefits Plans (FEHBP). We've updated our fact sheet that lays out these concerns; we also covered this situation in our June 2016 webinar of common, but challenging, Medicare scenarios.

[Download the fact sheet](#) | [Access the webinar](#)

Check out these resources...

- **SNAP FAQ:** Learn all about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in this short video and blog post.
- **Medicare for state employees and retirees:** Learn how current/former state and local government employees may be affected by Social Security and Medicare rules.
- **Medicare changes for transgender older adults:** Medicare has recently begun to cover gender reassignment surgery, but still does not cover many transition-related drugs. Learn more in this fact sheet produced in partnership with SAGE (Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Elders), the SHIP National Network (State Health Insurance Assistance Programs), and Administration for Community Living (ACL).

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