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Part D costs in 2017

Find out what your clients will pay for their prescription drug plans in the coming year, and what costs are in the Part D coverage gap (“donut hole”) in our updated chart and illustration.

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Get our guide to OEP mailings and key events

We're a little more than a month away from the annual Open Enrollment Period (OEP) for Medicare Advantage and Part D plans. Learn what your clients may be getting in the mail over the next few months, and what these mailings may mean for their plan choices for 2017 in our updated guide to OEP mailings and key events.

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CMS delays implementation of observation notice

The Notice of Observation Treatment and Implication for Care Eligibility (NOTICE) Act requires hospitals to provide written and oral notice, within 36 hours, to patients who are in observation/outpatient status for more than 24 hours. Patients were supposed to begin receiving the Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice ("MOON") on Aug. 6.

However, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has delayed implementation of the NOTICE Act and MOON until final approval by the Office of Management and Budget, likely to be late fall 2016.

[Learn more from the Center for Medicare Advocacy](#)

Marketplace to Medicare letters coming soon

In the coming weeks, CMS will be mailing notices to consumers who are aged 65+ and dually enrolled in the Federally-facilitated Marketplace with financial assistance and Medicare. The notice will include a warning that if they are enrolled in Medicare than they are not eligible for the financial assistance on the Marketplace, instructions on how to disenroll from the Marketplace, and details on where to get information on Medicare. This notice is only going to a small number of consumers.

[Read the sample notice in English](#) | [Spanish version](#)

Participate...

- [Medicare Open Enrollment Boot Camp](#), Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. ET—Join the CMS National Training Program for this two-hour webinar to review

- OEP activities and tools available for consumers and stakeholders.
- **Transitions Onto (and Off Of) Medicare for Individuals Under Age 65**, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. ET—Join the Center for Medicare Advocacy for this webinar in their series on Medicare for people with disabilities.

Did you miss these resources?

- **Online information about MSPs**: Read about the findings from a survey of state Medicaid websites to see how consumer-friendly they are in providing information about Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs).
- **Medicare for federal workers & retirees**: Find out the considerations current and former federal employees need to make regarding enrolling in Medicare, and how it coordinates with Federal Employee Health Benefits Plans (FEHBP).
- **LIHEAP for Older Adults**: Access the slides and recording from last month's webinar with the Administration for Children and Families.

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