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NEWS FOR PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS ONLY (HIPAA 837P Claim Submitters)

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PART D DRUG PRESCRIBERS:

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT OR VALID OPT-OUT REQUIRED FOR PART D PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE

DEADLINE TO ENROLL/NOTIFY CMS IS JUNE 1, 2015

A rule adopted in 2014 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires physicians and other eligible medical professionals who write prescriptions for Part D drugs to be enrolled in Medicare in an approved status or to have a valid opt-out affidavit on file. **If a provider does not submit their Medicare enrollment applications or opt-out affidavits to their Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) by June 1, 2015, or earlier, their patients will not be able to fill their prescriptions starting Dec. 1, 2015, under their Part D Plan.**

Enrolling or opting out by June 1, 2015 will ensure that MACs have sufficient time to process the applications or opt out affidavits. **Please note that Part B MACs handle enrollment functions for physicians and other prescribers.** The Part B MAC for Pennsylvania is:

Highmark Medicare Services
Attn: (Dept/Function Name or Specific Person)
P.O. Box 890385
Camp Hill, PA 17089-0385
www.novitas-solutions.com
877-235-8048
877-235-8073

ENROLLMENT AND OPT-OUT OPTIONS

If you need to enroll or opt-out, there are two options available to you:

1. **Enrollment:** You may submit your application either electronically or via paper.
   a. To submit electronically, use the Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) at https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do. For more information, view the PECOS Fact Sheet.
   b. To submit via paper using CMS-855I (regular form) or CMS-855O (abbreviated form. Send the completed form to Highmark Medicare Services at the address shown above.
2. **Opt-out:** If it has been two years since you last completed an opt-out affidavit, you must submit a new opt-out affidavit to Highmark Medicare Services at the address shown above. See **Opting out of Medicare and/or Electing to Order and Refer Services** on the CMS website for more information.

For more details, including how to access a special CMS file that identifies providers who are enrolled in Medicare in an approved or opt-out status, read Provider Enrollment Requirements for Writing Prescriptions for Medicare Part D Drugs on the CMS website.

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