



State Implementation of MMA

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Part D: State Issues

- Transitioning Dual Eligibles
- Low-Income Subsidy Process
 - Coordination with CMS, SSA & States
 - Application process
- SPAPs
- Educating beneficiaries
- State Fiscal Analysis



Dual Eligibles: Transition to Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage





Strategy for Transitioning Duals Paper

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarerereform/strategyforduals.pdf>



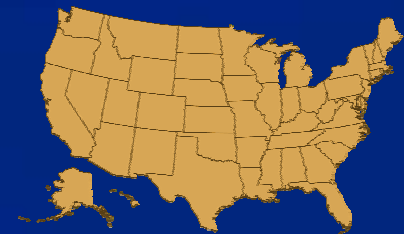
Enrollment Process



- Ensure full-benefit dual eligibles transition to Part D plan by 1/1/06
- This population will be randomly enrolled in a plan as follows:
 - To PDP (if in FFS Medicare) or MA-PD (if in Medicare Advantage plan)
 - Premium subsidized by Federal Government
 - Able to opt-out of the plan
 - Can choose another plan at any time, as long as they are full-benefit dual eligible

Low-income Subsidy – Challenges for States

- Preparing for low-income subsidy eligibility determinations
- Identifying full benefit dual eligible individuals
- Interacting with SSA
- Educating Medicaid recipients about upcoming changes
- Coordinating care
 - With the PDPs and MA-PDs
 - Formularies





Low-income Subsidy – Challenges for States

- Comprehensive financial impact on states
 - Phasedown state contribution
 - Increased administrative costs
 - Retiree subsidy
 - Others



Important Dates



- May – June, 2005
 - CMS mails notice to Deemed Eligibles
- May – August, 2005
 - SSA mails application to Potential Eligibles
- Fall 2005
 - Beneficiaries choose Part D plan
 - Can still apply for subsidy after enrolling
- January 1, 2006
 - Effective date of auto-enrollment of full-benefit dual eligible individuals
- June 2006
 - Effective date of facilitated enrollment of full-benefit dual eligible individuals



MMA Information for States



- MMA_States Listserv
 - On www.cms.hhs.gov scroll down and click on “Mailing Lists” on the right yellow sidebar. Enter your information in the requested fields and choose the subscribe button for “MMA_States”.
- State MMA Information
 - www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarereform/states
- Bi-monthly State Calls
 - Generally, 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
 - Call-in info and agenda sent via MMA_States listserv



More MMA Information



- Beneficiary-Friendly Publications
 - www.medicare.gov/publications
- Outreach Toolkit
 - www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/tools/materials/medicaretraining/MPDCoutreachkit.asp
 - Information Kit: Condensed version
 - Request via email: bspgtraining@cms.hhs.gov
- MMA Q&A
 - Submit questions: <http://mmaissuesform.cms.hhs.gov>
 - Browse answers:
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarerereform/medicarerereformfaqs.a](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarerereform/medicarerereformfaqs.asp)
[sp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarerereform/medicarerereformfaqs.asp) click on “Prescription Drug Coverage”
- 1-800-MEDICARE scripts
 - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/news/mma/scripts.pdf>
- State Captain for each Region



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