



IMPORTANT MEDICARE UPDATE!

2008 Medicare Part D Enrollment Continues through December 31, 2007

Recently, CPhA provided information about Medicare Part D Plan changes for dual eligible patients, and promised a follow-up message regarding steps to take during the open-enrollment period. We will provide you with further Part D updates in late January or early February when we learn how 2008 is rolling out. Should you have Part D questions throughout the coming year, please contact Paige Talley at ext. 346 or at ptalley@cpha.com.

1. Evaluate your dual eligible patients on the [Medicare website](#), using the [Prescription Drug Program Plan Finder](#)

The following are the benchmark plans for 2008:

Company	Plan
1. Blue Cross of California	Blue Cross MedicareRx Value
2. Bravo Health	Bravo Rx
3. First Health Part D	First Health Part D-Premier
4. Health Net	Health Net Orange Option 1
5. HealthSpring Prescription Drug	HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan
6. RxAmerica	Advantage Star Plan RxAmerica
7. Unicare	MedicareRx Rewards Standard
8. Unicare	Medicare Rx Rewards Value
9. WellCare	WellCare Classic

2. For snapshot plan information click here:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/>

3. Continue to rely on E-1 as the first method to check for patient eligibility:

- Within a 90- day window, Enhanced E-1 will provide, past, current and future patient eligibility information.

4. Be advised of the following:

- The United Health 2007 benchmark plan will not be a zero premium plan for 2008. It misses the benchmark by \$1.20. If your patients are in the 2007 United Health benchmark plan and want to continue for 2008, they will be sent a coupon

book with 12 coupons, one for each month. They will be expected to submit the coupon and \$1.20 each month, which is the amount that exceeds the benchmark. However, please let your patients who choose this plan know that United Health will **NOT** disenroll them from the plan for non-payment. Unfortunately, there has been much confusion over this procedure, so as we learn more we will pass that information on to you.

- WellPoint will continue to be the “safety net” plan for low income subsidy beneficiaries (LIS) and full benefit dual eligibles (FBDE).

5. Additional Resources:

- The Part D Reference Guide for Pharmacists has been updated. This guide will provide you with nearly all the necessary information about Part D. Here is the link to the up-dated version:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Pharmacy/downloads/Pharmacy%20Reference%20Document4.pdf>
- Visit the [Partners in D](#) website to learn more about the program and to find [contact information for schools of pharmacy](#) that may have trained student pharmacist volunteers to assist with outreach in the pharmacy setting.