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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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July 22, 2005

GENERAL LETTER NO. 6-E-11

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial Support, Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter E, ***EXTRA HELP FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS***, Title page, new; Contents (pages 1, 2, and 3), new; and pages 1 through 48, new.

Summary

Prescription drug coverage is a new benefit available to all Medicare beneficiaries effective January 1, 2006. Costs associated with the benefit include a monthly premium, a deductible, co-payment on each prescription and a break in payment by the drug plan for drug costs between \$2250 and \$5100. People with income less than 150% of the federal poverty level for their household size can receive help to reduce these costs.

Applications for the help to reduce the costs of the benefit can be filed with either the Social Security Administration or the state Medicaid agency (the Department). The Department must determine eligibility for this help if the Medicare beneficiary requests a state determination. Any application for which the Department determines eligibility becomes the responsibility of the Department. The Department will handle reviews and changes on these cases.

As the extra help with costs of the prescription drug benefit is a federal program, federal guidance for determining eligibility has been issued. Since the Department is required to determine eligibility and retain responsibility for any cases decided by the Department, the Department has developed rules for handling these cases.

This chapter incorporates the guidance from the Social Security Administration and the rules of the Department into one document. State-specific instructions are listed under the heading, "Iowa Procedures" and are in a different font.

Effective Date

July 1, 2005

Material Superseded

None

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



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December 16, 2005

GENERAL LETTER NO. 6-E-12

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Medical Supports, Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter E, ***EXTRA HELP FOR MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS***, page 10, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to correct the form name and number used when an application is made for extra help for Medicare prescription drug costs. The correct form to use in conjunction with the form SSA-1020B-OCR-SM, *Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs*, is form 470-4167, *Addendum to Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs*.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter E, page 10, dated July 22, 2005, and destroy it.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



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CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

May 13, 2011

GENERAL LETTER NO. 6-E-13

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial, Health and Work Supports
Division of Adult, Children, and Family Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter E, *Extra Help for Medicare Prescription Drug Costs*, Title page, revised; Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; and pages 1 through 36, revised.

Summary

Chapter 6-E is revised to update:

- ◆ The resource limits for Extra Help.
- ◆ The monthly benchmark premium amount for Part D.
- ◆ The yearly deductible for Part D.
- ◆ The dollar amount after total drug costs reach \$2,400 (the amount the plan pays and the beneficiary pays) the beneficiary will have 100% of the drug costs to pay.
- ◆ Out-of-pocket spending amount for Part D.
- ◆ The co-payment amounts for Part D.
- ◆ The federal poverty levels for Part D.

Information about the Medicare Discount card that is no longer in effect and 2006 start-up information for Part D is removed.

Effective Date

January 1, 2007

Material Superseded

This material supersedes the entire Chapter E from Employees' Manual, Title 6, which includes the following pages:

Page	Date
Title page	July 22, 2005
Contents (pp. 1 and 2)	July 22, 2005
1-47	July 22, 2005

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.

September 25, 2020

GENERAL LETTER NO. 6-E-14

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter E, **Extra Help for Medicare Prescription Drug Costs**, Title page, Contents page 1 and 2, pages 2-4, 8, 10-21, 24-27, 29-33, and 35, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Update legal references.
- ◆ Update the resource limits to the 2020 amounts. The maximum subsidy resource allowance is \$13,110 for one person and \$26,160 for a couple. Resources at or below \$7,860 for an individual and \$11,800 for couple and income at or below 135% of the federal poverty level will entitle the applicant to the full subsidy. The SSA subsidy application (SSA-1020) lists \$14,610 for an individual and \$29,160 for a couple to reflect the burial fund exclusion for one person and a couple.
- ◆ Update the 2020 Medicare Part D yearly deductibles to \$89/\$435 and the 2020 catastrophic copayment per prescription to \$3.60/\$8.95.
- ◆ Revise manual to bring policy and procedures up-to-date.

Effective Date

Immediately

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter E, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title Page	May 13, 2011
Contents page 1 and 2	May 13, 2011
Pages 2-4, 8, 10-21, 24-27, 29-33, 35	May 13, 2011

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.