

January 25th, 2016

Dear Prescriber,

Beginning June 1, 2016, Medicare Advantage prescription benefit plans (Part D) may not cover medications prescribed by providers who are not enrolled in, or validly opted out of Medicare, except in limited circumstances. You have been identified as a provider who currently prescribes medications for Medicare Advantage patients, but one who is not enrolled in (or validly opted-out of) Medicare. Because of this new Medicare requirement, it is crucial for your patients' health that you enroll in Medicare (or validly opt out, if appropriate).

Please also note that if you opt out, you cannot receive reimbursement from traditional Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan such as Moda Health, either directly or indirectly (except for emergency and urgent care services; see 42 CFR 405.440 for details.)

In an effort to ensure Moda Health Medicare Advantage members receive continuity when filling prescription medications, Moda Health asks that you complete the CMS-8550 application to enroll (or validly opt-out) in Medicare for the sole purpose of ordering, certifying, or prescribing coverable items or services (including Part D medications) for your patients. A delay on your part could result in your Medicare patients not being able to obtain medications you prescribe for them.

Unless you enroll or validly opt-out of Medicare, Moda Health will also be required to notify our Medicare Advantage members that you are not able to prescribe covered Part D drugs.

Additional steps may need to be taken. You must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) prior to enrollment. The NPI is the standard unique health identifier for health care providers and suppliers and is assigned by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). As a registering Medicare supplier, you must obtain an NPI prior to registering in Medicare. Applying for the NPI is a process separate from Medicare registration or enrollment. To obtain an NPI, you may apply online at nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES or visit www.cms.gov/NationalProviderStand for more information.

Please refer to the CMS Part D Prescriber Enrollment letter attached for further guidance on how to enroll or validly opt-out. Contact CMS directly at providerenrollments@cms.hhs.gov if you have questions about this letter. You may also visit the CMS Part D Prescriber Enrollment website at go.cms.gov/PrescriberEnrollment for helpful information about the new requirement, such as resources to check your application status, or to sign up for the Prescriber Enrollment newsletter to receive updates.

Sincerely,

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