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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEDICARE DRUG COVERAGE**

We have sent an important notice to persons on the Medicaid program about upcoming coverage of prescription drugs through Medicare. The new Medicare benefit will change how people use Medicaid. Because you currently help one or more persons get Medicaid benefits, we are sending you a copy of this notice.

We want to tell you about important changes in prescription drug coverage coming soon.

We are sending you this notice because our records show you have Medicare coverage.

On January 1, 2006 Medicare will begin covering prescription drugs. This is a new benefit from Medicare called Medicare Part D. On January 1, drug coverage will come through Medicare.

Most people will pay a premium and deductible for Medicare Part D drug coverage. Some people can get help with these costs. If we pay your Medicare premium or if we help with your drug costs through Medicaid, you qualify for help with these costs. You do not have to apply for this help.

You will be sent more information about Medicare Part D in the coming months.

### **IMPORTANT**

- Beginning January 1, 2006 coverage of prescription drugs will change from Medicaid to the new Medicare Part D. **Medicaid will no longer cover drugs.**
- You will get help to pay for the costs of Medicare Part D.
- You must accept Medicare Part D if you want drug coverage.

In the coming months, you will receive letters from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services telling you more about these changes. It is important that you read these letters to understand the changes. No action is required at this time.

If you have questions now, please call your SRS worker, your Working Healthy Benefits Specialist or 1-888-369-4777.

**NOTE: If you need this information in an alternative format (such as Braille, large print, etc.) or need to have this information read to you or explained more thoroughly, please contact the number listed above.**