

Medicare Part D - A representative from the Department of Health Policy and Finance (DHPF) attended to provide an overview of the most current Medicare Part D prescription drug information. An electronic version of DHPF's information provided is attached. Some highlighted information included:

- Medicare patients will now have comprehensive prescription drug coverage
- In order for a consumer to receive the benefit they must sign up prescription drug plan. It was noted that not all plans were the same and it would be important to choose the plan that covers a person's current medications.
- Consumers are encouraged to visit the Medicaid Drug Planning tool on the Medicare website.
- There is a process for appealing decisions to not cover medications.
- Current beneficiaries will be automatically enrolled in a random plan if they do not enroll themselves.
- Persons with questions are encouraged to contact: Working Healthy Benefit Specialists, SCHCK counselors or the Kansas Insurance Dept.

TCM Regulations – SRS will be providing some draft regulation changes and request that feedback be provided by the date requested.

TCM Training Manual – SRS is requesting feedback and recommended changes to this manual. A work group will be used to finalize the manual after all feedback is received.

DD Strategic Plan – SRS reported there is now three sub-groups addressing issues related to conflict of interest. All remain committed to the process and SRS is pleased with progress made.

DD Waiver Definitions – The work group has finalized their work and is preparing its recommendations for SRS. The next work will relate to the mechanics of implementing the recommendations.

Capacity Building Plans – Please submit plans to Frank Stahl who is now coordinating the plans.

BASIS Meetings – BASIS meetings will commence once the new changes to BASIS have been determined by the work group.

Waiting List – Management of the waiting list issues was deferred to the Statewide Funding Committee for recommendations.

Crisis Determination – SRS recommends that CDDOs work to consistently implement crisis determinations. At this time, SRS is assessing options for review to ensure consistency.