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May 20, 2004

Re: Medicare Discount Drug Card

Dear County Director of Social Services:

You were sent a Dear County Director letter dated April 22, 2004, which informed you about the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card and Transitional Assistance Programs. Drug card sponsors began taking applications for these programs on May 3, 2004. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the local Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) representatives are conducting regional trainings on the Medicare Discount Drug Card.

You are invited to attend these trainings. The schedule is attached. If you plan on attending a training session, please notify the contact person to let them know the number that is planning on attending so that they can prepare enough handouts.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the Medicaid Eligibility Unit at 919-855-4000.

Gary H. Fuquay
Director

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Attachment

(This letter was written by Debbie Pittard, Policy Consultant, Medicaid Eligibility Policy Unit.)

SHIIP Regional Agency Training Schedule

Region	Counties Served	Date	Time	Location	Address	Contact	Phone Number
A	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain (EBCI)	June 15	10:00 a.m.	Tartan Hall 1 st Presbyterian Church (Refreshments provided)	26 Church Street Franklin, NC	Tamara McGee	(828) 488-9211 x 3033
B	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania	June 3	9:30 a.m.	Land of Sky Regional Council (Refreshments provided)	25 Heritage Drive Asheville, NC	Joan Tuttle	(828) 251-6353
B	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania	May 26	9:15 a.m.	Successful Aging Conference – UNCS Reuter Center (Refreshments provided)	One University Heights Asheville, NC	Jacque Buttles	(828) 258-8027
C	Cleveland, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford	June 10	1:00 p.m.	King's Mountain Senior Center (Refreshments provided)	909 East King Street King's Mountain, NC	Carolyn Bell	(704) 734-0047
C	Cleveland, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford	June 17	1:30 p.m.	AAA Provider Conference Session Spindale United Methodist Church (Refreshments provided)	Spindale, NC	Lori Simpson	(828) 287-2281 x1222
D	Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey	June 1	1:00 p.m.	AAA Provider Quarterly Meeting Project on Aging (Refreshments provided)	2 nd Floor Conference Room 312 Poplar Trove Connector Boone, NC	Tonia Cook	(828) 265-5434 x113
E	Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba	May 21	10:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Refreshments provided)	921 2 nd St. NE Hickory, NC	Mary Mode	(828) 485-2300

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E	Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba	June 3	1:00 p.m.	Grace Ridge Retirement Center (Burke) (Refreshments provided)	500 Lenoir Road Morganton, NC	Alice Evans	(828) 580-6450
E	Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba	June 4	10:00 a.m.	Caldwell Senior Center (Refreshments provided)	650-A Pennton Avenue Lenoir, NC	Sharon Berry	(828) 758-2883
F	Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, Union	June 1	1-4:00 p.m.	Shamrock Senior Center	2925 Willard Farrow Road Charlotte, NC	Jeanie Schepisi	jschepisi@ncdoi.net
G	Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham	June 3	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Smith Senior Center (Refreshments provided)	2401 Fairview Street Greensboro, NC	Blair Barton-Percival	(336-294-4950
I	Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin	June 4	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Reynolda Public Library	2839 Fairlawn Drive Winston-Salem, NC	Dean Burgess	(336) 761-2111
J	Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, Wake	May 21	12:00-4:00 p.m.	Wake County Commons Building (Refreshments provided)	Poole Road	Stephanie Bias	(919) 733-0111
K	Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, Warren	May 20	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Vance Granville Community College Civic Center (Refreshments provided)	Vance Granville Community College Main Campus Henderson	Stephanie Bias	(919) 733-0111
L	Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Northampton, Wilson	May 19	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Upper Coastal Plains COG Office (Refreshments provided)	1309 S Wesleyan Blvd. Rocky Mount, NC	Stephanie Bias	(919) 733-0111

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M	Cumberland, Harnett, Sampson	June 1	11:30 a.m – 2:00 p.m.	TBA	Fayetteville	Tracy Davis	(910) 323-4191
N	Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland	June 10	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lumber River Council of Governments	4721 Fayetteville Road Lumberton, NC	Jennifer Hall	(910) 683-5533
O	Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender	June 11	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Cooperative Extension Office	Government Complex Bolivia, NC	Pearl Stanley	(910) 253-2610
P	Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Wayne	June 7, 2004	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	O'Marks Building 2 nd Floor Conference Room (Lunch Provided)	233 Middle Street New Bern, NC	Kristen McCuiston	(252) 638-3185 x3011 RSVP by May 26
Q	Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin, Pitt	June 3, 2004	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn Cobb's Restaurant (Lunch Provided)	Williamston		(252) 974-1839 RSVP by May 26
R	Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington	June 4, 2004	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Albemarle Commission (Lunch Provided)	512 Church Street Hertford, NC	Lynne Raisor	(252) 426-5753 x232 RSVP by May 24