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Michael Watson, Director

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Re: Low Income Subsidy Part D and Prescription Drug Plan Reassignments

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The purpose of this letter is to notify counties of the annual re-determination of Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) and provide Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) open enrollment information.

During September 2012, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Social Security Administration (SSA) will issue a joint mailing to beneficiaries who are not automatically eligible for LIS in 2013, whose co-payment levels will change, or whose Part D plan is no longer available. Details concerning these mailings are found in the CMS LIS Guide located at:  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/2012mailings.pdf>.

Additional plans are available for 2013. Assistance with choosing a PDP is available through SHIP at 1-800-443-9354, the Medicare Hotline at 1-800-MEDICARE/1-800-633-4227 or at the Medicare website at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). The base monthly premium for 2013 is \$ 32.04.

Open Enrollment for Part D Prescription Drug Plans is October 15, 2012 through December 7, 2012. Encourage recipients to complete the enrollment prior to November 23, 2012, to allow adequate processing time. Beneficiaries only need to take action to cancel or change plans. Beneficiaries who wish to change their current plan only need to enroll in a new plan for 2013. Enrollment in the new plan will terminate the 2012 plan effective December 31, 2012.

Counties must continue taking LIS applications as required in MA-2310.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact a Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Michael Watson, Director

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