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RE: Medicaid ID Card Insert  
Enrollment of MQB Recipients Into a PDP

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attached is the text for the insert that will be included with the January 2006 Medicaid ID cards. This insert reminds Medicare beneficiaries receiving full Medicaid benefits including prescription drug coverage, that Medicaid will no longer cover prescription drugs beginning January 1. Medicaid will continue to cover other medically necessary services. This notice also advises these recipients to contact Medicare at 1-800-Medicare (800-633-4227), or [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) to get information regarding the plan, in which they are enrolled.

Medicaid recipients who are eligible as an MQB recipient have not been auto-enrolled, but will be auto-enrolled in May 2006. These recipients are fully eligible for the LIS, and will have the plan premium paid in full, as long as they enroll in an LIS plan. These recipients may choose to enroll in a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) prior to or any time after January 1. MQB recipients who enroll prior to the auto-enrollment will have access to prescription drug coverage from their PDP.

MQB recipients, as well as all other Medicare beneficiaries, who inquire about enrollment can contact the plan, or seek assistance with enrollment by calling Medicare, or the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at 1-800-443-9354. In addition, the DMA website: [www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma) is another tool for Medicare Part D information.

Please be sure your staff is aware of this insert. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

L. Allen Dobson

Attachment

**ATTENTION: If You Receive Medicare**

Starting January 1, 2006, Medicaid recipients who also have Medicare will receive prescription drug coverage through a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Medicaid will no longer pay for prescriptions; however, Medicaid will continue to pay for other medically necessary services.

Medicaid/Medicare recipients should have been automatically enrolled in a Prescription Drug Plan. You should have received information from the plan. The plan is now responsible for your prescription drug costs. If you wish to change plans you may do so at anytime.

If you did not receive information from your plan, you may contact Medicare to get plan information or to find out which plan you are enrolled in:

- Contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)