Reduction of Benefits Notice (For Medical Assistance Fee-For-Service Recipients)

Important Information about Your Medical Benefits for Individuals Who Receive Both Medicare and Medical Assistance

You will soon be eligible for Medicare coverage, including Part A, Part B and Part D. Medicare will become your primary medical coverage. Once you become eligible for Medicare, there will be changes to your Medical Assistance (ACCESS) prescription drug benefits.

- Individuals who have both Medicare and Medical Assistance must get most of their prescription drugs through a Medicare Part D Prescription Plan.
- The ACCESS card will still be your secondary insurance coverage for other health care services, including doctor visits, durable medical equipment and medical supplies.



KEEP YOUR ACCESS CARD – Medical Assistance will still cover some prescriptions. You will still use your ACCESS Card to pay for the following types of prescription drugs that are not covered by Medicare Part D:

- Barbiturates This includes drugs like Phenobarbital and Seconal;
- Benzodiazepines This includes drugs like Ativan (Lorazepam) and Diazepam;
- Some over-the-counter drugs;
- Drugs prescribed for cough and colds for children under 21 years of age;
- Certain Vitamins & Minerals. This includes:
- Vitamin D products like Drisdol and Calciferol;
- Folic Acid products like Folvite; and
- Vitamin B-12 injections.

If you need any other prescription drugs besides those listed above, you will have to get them through your Medicare Part D Prescription Plan or through Medicare Part B.

For questions about the prescription drugs that your ACCESS Card will cover, please contact the Medical Assistance Call Center at: 1-866-542-3015 (TDD/TTY 1-877-202-3021).

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Keep your ACCESS card.

• Enroll in a Medicare Part D Prescription Plan that covers your drugs and works with your pharmacy.

Ask your Medicare Part D Prescription Plan if you will have to:

- Get new prescriptions to refill prescription drugs that you previously got with your ACCESS Card.
- Get new authorizations to refill prescription drugs that you previously got with your ACCESS Card.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You should call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048) if you have questions about:

- Medicare Part D Prescription Plan options
- Prescription drugs covered under Medicare
- Participating Medicare pharmacies
- Participating Medicare doctors

You can also find information on the Medicare Web site at <u>www.medicare.gov</u>.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL AND TO A FAIR HEARING

You have the right to request an appeal if you think this change is wrong, but you will have a hearing only if you think the law does not apply to you or if you think we do not have the right facts about you. If you ask for an appeal because you think the law is wrong, your appeal will be decided without a hearing. If you want to appeal this action, please read the back of this letter.

Regulations: 42 U.S.C. 1396 u-5 55 Pa. Code 275.1