

BELLEVUE DRUG COMPANY NEWS

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Part D Recipients of Extra Help Expect Changes for 2008

MEDICARE PART D TIMELINE

OCTOBER, 2007

MEDICARE & YOU 2008
HANDBOOK MAILED

NOVEMBER, 2007

ALL PART D PLANS MAIL
ANNUAL NOTICE OF CHANGE
FOR 2008

ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT
PERIOD BEGINS NOV. 15, 2007

DECEMBER, 2007

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD
ENDS DEC. 31, 2007

IMPORTANT PART D REMINDERS FOR 2008

- ◆ IF YOUR PLAN HAS A DEDUCTIBLE, YOU WILL PAY 100% OF YOUR DRUG COSTS UNTIL DEDUCTIBLE IS MET.
- ◆ PRIOR AUTHORIZATION ON SPECIFIC PRESCRIPTIONS MAY NEED TO BE RE-AUTHORIZED FOR 2008.
- ◆ REPLACE YOUR 2008 PART D PLAN ID CARDS WITH YOUR OLD ONES & SHOW OUR STAFF YOUR NEW CARDS.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), along with the Social Security Admin. have been sending out mailings and notices to Medicare Beneficiaries regarding enrollment status, eligibility changes and plan information on Part D Plans for 2008. It is important to read and respond to all requests by CMS & SSA, as it could affect your eligibility.

Here is a summary of our research:

Late August—Premium Withhold Letter. If you receive this letter, Social Security is notifying you if there was a problem regarding proper withholding amounts for your premium. You may owe money to your Plan.

Late August—Social Security Review of Eligibility of Extra Help. SSA needs to review your eligibility if you are receiving extra help for premiums. Complete the application and mail within 30 days.

September—Loss of Deemed Status Letter (GREY LETTER). If you receive this letter, you are being notified that you no longer qualify for Extra Help as of 1/1/08. Re-Apply for Extra Help.

By October 2nd—Change in Prescription Plan. Your plan will notify you if it will terminate by 12/31/07. If you receive this letter you must enroll in new plan.

Early October—Change in Extra Help Copayment Letter (ORANGE). You are being notified by CMS that your Copayment levels will change effective 1/1/08.

By October 31—Your Plan's Annual Notice of Change. Your current plan will notify you of formulary, copay and premium changes for '08.

October 30th—Reassignment Letter. If CMS mails you this notice (BLUE LETTER), it explains that your current plan is leaving the Medicare Program and Medicare will RE-ASSIGN you to a new plan effective 1/1/08, unless you join a new plan on your own.

- If none of the above issues apply to you, you may not receive any of these notices. Your plan *should* automatically renew for 2008. Read all correspondence carefully.
- If you have questions, call us.



If you need help selecting a Medicare Part D Plan for 2008, we can help. Call 609-561-0825, ext.208, to schedule your personal appointment. Open Enrollment Begins: November 15, 2007.



**BELLEVUE DRUG'S EMERGENCY PAGER NUMBER
(609) 625-6868**

Pharmacy Hours

Monday to Friday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday

9 a.m. to 12 Noon

(609) 561-0825

Health Safety Alert



If you are pregnant or nursing, and picking up prescriptions for yourself, please advise our staff. Thank you.

COMING SOON . . .

**BELLEVUE DRUG WILL BE
OPENING A SHOWROOM
FOR ALL YOUR HOME
HEALTHCARE NEEDS.**

After Hours Prescription Emergencies.

Recently, one of our customers noted that he was not aware of how to contact our “on call” pharmacist after hours.

It is Bellevue Drug’s goal to provide the highest quality service and professionalism to our community, and providing an “on call” pharmacist is one of the many ways we meet those goals. Our experienced staff is your resource to con-

cerns you have regarding your prescription medication.

Bellevue Drug has emergency service available to you, whether it is a question regarding proper dosage or the need for an emergency prescription to be filled.

Our After Hours Emergency Number is (609) 625-6868.

But please, if you have a serious health

emergency, please call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency department.

You can count on our pharmacists to answer your questions and concerns regarding prescription medication, over the counter products and supplements, and possible drug interactions. We strive to establish a triad of care between you, your physician and your pharmacist.

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Vitamin or Mineral
Supplement
Expires: 10/31/07

Are You Covered . . . ?

Many people receive prescription benefits through their employer or group plan. Others receive their benefits through their retirement program, and still others with Medicare Part D. At least once each year you should receive your ID Card for your

medical and prescription benefits.

Often, you may receive a new ID card mid-term. Even if your benefit’s office advises you there are no “changes” in coverage, very frequently, the billing process has changed and the

pharmacy will be unable to process your prescriptions without your updated card. Please present your prescription card each time you need prescriptions filled. This will ensure timely processing and dispensing of your prescriptions.