North Carolina
_____County Department of Social Services

MEDICARE D NOTICE OF MEDICAID CHANGE

District Number_____ Phone Number_____ Date Mailed_____ Worker Number_____

COUNTY CASE NUMBER_____

CASE ID_____

What the change is: Effective January 1, 2006, if you receive Medicare, Medicaid will no longer pay for prescriptions. **Medicare individuals, who also receive Medicaid, must enroll in a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) to receive prescription drug coverage.**

Why the change: Federal legislation enacted the Medicare drug benefit. Medicare now provides prescription drug coverage. Medicaid can no longer cover prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries based on this regulation.

Effective Date of the change: January 1, 2006

ENROLLMENT WITH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN:
Prescription drug coverage for Medicare individuals who also receive Medicaid is only covered through a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP). You have already been assigned to a PDP, and should have received notification from the plan. You may request to change plans at anytime, now or at any time in the future. However, the coverage will not change until the month after you request this change. For questions about a PDP or assistance with enrolling, you may call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), visit www.medicare.gov, or contact North Carolina Senior Health Insurance Information Program at 1-800-443-9354. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call the Medicare TTY number toll-free at 1-877-486-2048.

The Federal Regulations Requiring This Change Are Found In 42 CFR 431(E)

HEARING RIGHTS: If you disagree with this decision, you have a right to a hearing to review this decision. Since this change was a result of a change in Federal regulation, a hearing is not allowed unless the reason for the hearing is incorrect computation or there is a factual issue regarding whether this change applies to you. Call your County Department of Social Services at the number at the top within 60 days to ask for a hearing. The 60th day is _____.
Under 42 CFR 431.220(b) a hearing does not have to be granted if the sole issue being appealed is a result of a change in Federal or state law that may automatically affect some recipients adversely.

FREE LEGAL HELP: Free Legal Aid may be available to help you. Contact your nearest Legal Aid or Legal Services office, or call **1-877-694-2464** toll free.

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