

# April 2006 Brings “Facilitated Enrollment” for Some Low-Income Pennsylvanians into a Part D Medicare Drug Plan

## Who will get Facilitated Enrollment?

Two groups of Pennsylvanians will have their Part D Enrollment Facilitated in April if they have not yet chosen a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan:

- 1) Persons who are dual eligibles but do not get full Medical Assistance benefits (for example, those that have Medicare and for whom Medicaid pays only their Part B Premium)
- 2) Pennsylvanians who are enrolled in the Partial Low-Income Subsidy

## What is Facilitated Enrollment?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will auto-assign these “Other Dual Eligibles” who have not signed up on their own for a PDP. Letters will be sent to these consumers beginning in April on GREEN paper. These letters will list a randomly assigned prescription drug plan and inform the individual that, if they do not choose to join a different PDP by April 30, 2006, they will be enrolled in the plan that is listed in the GREEN letter effective May 1, 2006.

## Do I need to do anything about this?

CMS has randomly auto-assigned consumers to PDP's, so the one you have been assigned may not be the one that best suits your needs. It would be a good idea to call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to find out if that PDP covers the drugs you need, and, if it does not, to change to a plan that does cover your drugs. It is important that you do this research and decide either to remain in the plan you were assigned or to change plans by May 1, 2006 so that you do not have a gap in drug coverage.

## Am I stuck with the plan assigned to me?

No. For as long as you receive the partial subsidy or remain a dual eligible, you may change plans at any time, effective the first day of the next month. Eligibility for the subsidy and for Medicaid is reviewed and renewed annually. If you become ineligible, you may not be able to switch plans again until the next enrollment period, which is not until November, 2006.

**For more information, call the PHLP Helpline at 1-800-274-3258.**