



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly and the
Disabled (ConnPACE)

Important Information about Your Prescription Drug Coverage

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Dear ConnPACE Member:

This letter provides important information about changes to your prescription drug coverage beginning **June 1, 2009**. This change is only for prescriptions that **are not** covered by your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (Medicare Drug Plan). Currently, the Department of Social Services pays for prescriptions that your Medicare Drug Plan does not cover on its list of covered medications (formulary).

Beginning June 1, 2009, if your provider prescribes a drug for you that you are not currently taking, and that drug is not on your Medicare Drug Plan's formulary, the Department of Social Services will not pay for it. The Department will continue to pay for drugs you are currently taking, even if they are not on your Medicare Drug Plan's formulary.

On and after June 1, 2009, if your provider prescribes a drug for you that you are not currently taking, and that drug is not on your Medicare Drug Plan's formulary, the pharmacist should contact your provider to discuss other drugs that are covered by your Medicare Drug Plan. Your provider may either change your prescription to a drug that is covered by your Medicare Drug Plan, or ask your Medicare Drug Plan to grant an exception or authorization so that the drug will be covered. If it is medically necessary for you to receive the specific drug that is not covered by your Medicare Drug Plan, your provider must ask for this exception or authorization from your Medicare Drug Plan.

We strongly urge you and your provider to work within your Medicare Drug Plan's formulary.

The Department of Social Services will continue to assist pharmacies and providers with questions about your Medicare Drug Plan. For assistance with this process, they may contact the Department's Pharmacy Unit at (860) 424-4880, or toll free at 1-800-340-0715.

The change will be in effect until the remainder of this state fiscal year (June 30, 2009) or until a new budget is passed, if such passage is after the end of the fiscal year. Depending on final budget, the new policy may or may not be changed.

Thank you.

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