



Senior Services News

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TO: Providers of Pharmaceutical Services - **For Action**
Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurse Services, Nurse Midwifery
Services - **For Information**

SUBJECT: To notify pharmacy providers of the changes to the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold (SG) Discount Prescription Program.

EFFECTIVE: Claims with service dates on or after August 1, 2008

BACKGROUND: Effective August 1, 2008, the State FY09 Appropriations Act requires the following changes to the PAAD and Senior Gold Programs.

ACTION:

PAAD Co-pay Increase

For PAAD claims with service dates on or after August 1, 2008, the co-pay for brand name medications will change from \$5.00 to \$7.00 and the co-pay for generics will change from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Please post the attached notice about the PAAD co-pay increase in a location accessible to the general public.

NOTE: Any claim that is returned by the primary payor with a brand copay of \$7.00 or less or a generic copay of \$6.00 or less does not need to be sent to the PAAD program for wraparound payment. This will save your pharmacy money by eliminating unnecessary vendor processing fees.

Diabetic Testing Supplies

Effective August 1, 2008, neither PAAD nor Senior Gold will cover diabetic testing supplies (e.g., test strips, lancets) any longer. Pharmacists must bill Medicare Part B or any other coverage the beneficiary may have that covers these supplies. PAAD and Senior Gold will NOT pay for them.

Mandatory Part D Enrollment for Senior Gold

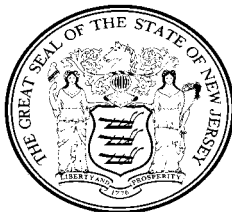
Effective August 1, 2008, eligible Senior Gold (SG) beneficiaries are required to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MAPD) to continue receiving Senior Gold benefits.

SG beneficiaries will be required to pay their own Part D premium and still will be required to pay \$15 plus half the remaining cost of the co-payment returned by the PDP.

Please remember all Senior Gold co-payments that are paid by beneficiaries count toward their yearly Senior Gold catastrophic cap.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact the PAAD and Senior Gold programs toll free at 1-866-854-1596.

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ATTENTION

Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
Beneficiaries

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective August 1, 2008

The new PAAD Co-Payments are as follows:

- \$6.00 for Generics
- \$7.00 for Brand Name Medications

To apply for the PAAD program, complete and return an application
along with supporting documents to:

PAAD
P.O. Box 715
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0715

For more information
please visit: www.njpaad.gov or
call: 1-800-792-9745