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Important ConnPACE Changes! What ConnPACE Members Need to Know

Dear ConnPACE Member:

The Department of Social Services is sending you this letter to tell you about important changes that are being made to the ConnPACE program. These changes result from passage of the Connecticut state budget for the next two fiscal years. **This letter will give you information about these changes and what you may need to do as a ConnPACE member.**

CHANGE # 1: Beginning January 1, 2010, the ConnPACE program will only pay Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage premiums on behalf of members who are enrolled into one of the Connecticut-approved Medicare Part D **'benchmark'** plans.

- According to our records, you are currently enrolled in one of the 2010 Connecticut-approved benchmark plans listed below. You will not be required to take any action and your monthly Medicare Part D premium will continue to be covered in full.
- If you want to enroll in a different 2010 Connecticut-approved benchmark plan listed below, please contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or the Connecticut CHOICES program at 1-800-994-9422 for assistance with selecting a benchmark plan that BEST covers all of your prescription drug needs. ***This must be done during the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Period from November 15, 2009, through December 31, 2009.***
- If you choose to enroll in a plan other than those listed below, you will be responsible for paying a monthly premium cost to that plan. Also, if you have a Part D late enrollment penalty, you will be responsible for paying the additional fees associated with the penalty. Again, ConnPACE will only pay for premiums for a Connecticut-approved Medicare Part D benchmark plan.

2010 Connecticut Medicare Part D BENCHMARK PLANS

| Company Name | Plan Name and Plan Identification Number | Member Services Phone # | Monthly Premium for plan identification purposes (no cost to ConnPACE enrollee) |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|
| Aetna Medicare | Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials S5810-036 | 877-238-6211 | \$29.20 |
| Bravo Health Insurance Co. | BravoRx S5998-015 | 877-504-7252 | \$34.10 |
| CIGNA Medicare Rx | CIGNA Medicare Rx Plan One S5617-008 | 800-222-6700 | \$33.10 |
| First Health Part D | First Health Part D-Premier S5768-038 | 866-865-0662 | \$30.20 |
| Health Net | Health Net Orange Option 1 S5678-004 | 800-806-8811 | \$34.40 |
| HealthSpring PDP | HealthSpring Prescription Plan-Reg 2 S5932-003 | 800-331-6293 | \$33.30 |
| Medco Medicare Rx Plan | Medco Medicare Prescription Plan-Value S5660-105 | 800-758-4574 | \$33.70 |
| RxAmerica | Advantage Star Plan by RxAmerica S5644-068 | 800-429-6686 | \$34.50 |
| SilverScript Insurance Co. | SilverScript Value S5601-004 | 866-235-5660 | \$34.40 |
| United Healthcare | AARP MedicareRx Saver S5921-181 | 888-867-5575 | \$29.00 |
| Universal American | Community CCRx Basic S5803-071 | 866-684-5353 | \$34.40 |
| Universal American | PrescribaRx Bronze S5597-237 | 800-818-0007 | \$31.00 |

CHANGE # 2: The ConnPACE annual enrollment fee will be increasing from \$30 to \$45

- Starting on January, 1, 2010, you will be required to pay an annual \$45 enrollment fee to maintain your ConnPACE benefit. You will pay this new fee when you renew your benefits. Please DO NOT send in the new fee until you are asked to do so.

CHANGE # 3: Beginning January 1, 2010, the ConnPACE program will no longer pay for Medicare Part D prescriptions that are not covered by your Part D plan. These are drugs that are not on your Part D Plan's formulary (which means approved drug list).

- If your doctor prescribes a drug for you that is not on your Medicare Part D Plan's formulary, the pharmacist should contact your physician to discuss other drugs that are covered by your Medicare Part D Plan. Your doctor may either change your prescription to a drug that is covered by your Medicare Part D Plan, or may ask your Medicare Part D Plan to grant an exception or authorization for that drug to be covered. If the specific drug is medically necessary for you to receive and it is not covered by your Part D plan, your doctor must ask the Part D Plan for this exception or authorization.
- It is important to remember that this only applies to drugs that are non-formulary or require prior authorization under your Medicare Part D Plan. Medicare Part D excluded drugs will continue to be covered by the Department as they have in the past (i.e. Benzodiazepines, Barbiturates)

CHANGE # 4: The ConnPACE program will establish an open enrollment period for brand new applicants from November 15 to December 31 of each year.

- Beginning January 2010, the ConnPACE program will establish an enrollment period to coincide with the open enrollment period for the Medicare Part D Program for people who are applying to the ConnPACE program for the first time.
- The open enrollment period **does not apply to you as a current ConnPACE member.** You will continue to renew your benefit in the month it is due and ConnPACE will send you your reenrollment forms at that time. However, we wanted you to know about this change in case you let your ConnPACE enrollment expire for some reason and want to re-enroll. In that case, you would have to wait until the new enrollment period.

Please continue to use your ConnPACE benefit and we will provide you with additional instructions and information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions please contact ConnPACE at 1-800-423-5026 or, in the local Farmington, Connecticut, area at 860-269-2029, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Si prefieres recibir una copia de esta carta en Español, de llamar a ConnPACE a 1-800-423-5026 o 860-269-2029.