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Dear Medicaid and Medicare Beneficiary:

Our records show you have both Medicaid and Medicare. This letter contains important information about your prescription drug coverage.

Beginning on January 1, 2006, the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) will pay for **most** of your prescription drugs. Missouri Medicaid will still pay for the following drugs:

- Benzodiazepines
- Barbiturates
- Some over-the-counter drugs

Missouri Medicaid will not pay for drugs that Medicare Part D covers. Missouri Medicaid cannot pay for drugs covered by Medicare after December 31, 2005 because the law at Section 1935(d) (1) of the Social Security Act requires us to stop paying as soon as Medicare starts to pay. The law applies only to people who have both Medicare and Medicaid. Your other Medicaid benefits will **not** change.

You have the right to appeal if you think this change is wrong. You will have a hearing only if you think the law does not apply to you. If you ask for an appeal because you think the law is wrong, your appeal will be decided without a hearing. If you want to appeal this action, please read the information in the paragraph below.

If you feel the Division of Medical Services was wrong to transfer your prescription drug coverage, you may write to the Division of Medical Services, Recipient Services Unit, PO Box 3535, Jefferson City, MO 65102-3535, to request a State fair hearing. You may also call the Recipient Services Unit at **1-800-392-2161** toll free or 573-751-6527 at your expense. You must contact the Recipient Services Unit within 90 days of the date of letter if you want to request a hearing.

Recently, you may have received a letter (on yellow paper) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid telling you the name of your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan. Your plan will be sending you a member card and other information about the plan soon. If you don't like that plan, you can switch to another plan at any time by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or visiting www.medicare.gov.

The new Medicare drug plan will help you pay for most of your prescription drug costs. You may have a copayment for each prescription of \$1 to \$3 depending on whether it is a generic or brand name drug. Your pharmacy will tell you if you have a copay. Beginning on January 1, 2006 take **both** your Missouri Medicaid card and your Medicare Part D plan card to your pharmacy when you fill your prescriptions.

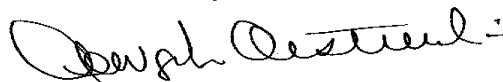
Missouri has created a new state pharmacy plan that will be part of Missouri Medicaid. The new Missouri Rx plan will help you pay for part of what Medicare Part D will not pay. During the 2005 legislative session, Missouri's General Assembly enacted the Missouri Rx Plan. This plan will provide extra help for out of pocket costs for people who have **both** Medicare and Medicaid. Beginning January 1, 2006, anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid will be automatically enrolled in the new Missouri Rx plan.

When you get your prescription filled, your Medicare Prescription Drug plan will pay all but your copayment of \$1 to \$3. **The new Missouri Rx Plan will pay 50% (one-half) of your \$1 to \$3 Medicare copayment.** If you fill more than one prescription at the same time, you will have to pay a copayment for **each** prescription. **You will pay nothing out of pocket if you have full coverage from Medicaid and live in a skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded or inpatient psychiatric hospital.**

On behalf on the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Medical Services, we welcome you to the Missouri Rx Plan. We are pleased to provide you with this extra help with your prescription costs.

If you have questions or need help understanding how the Missouri Rx Plan will work with Medicare Part D, please call the Missouri Rx Plan Helpdesk at **1-800-375-1406**.

Sincerely,



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