

# Introduction to the CMS Part D Non-renewal Notice

## What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

This notice reminds people whose Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is leaving the Medicare Program in 2012 that they need to choose and join a new Medicare plan by December 31, 2011 to make sure they have adequate drug coverage on January 1, 2012.

The notice is one page, printed in English on the front and Spanish on the back.

## Who Gets This Notice?

Medicare mails this notice to everyone currently enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan that is leaving the Medicare Program on December 31, 2011.

## When Do People Get This Notice?

The notice will be mailed by mid-November.

## What Should People Do Next?

People with Medicare should consider their options carefully. People who want more information about Medicare health and drug plans in their area can do the following:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and get personalized plan information.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Call their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free personalized health insurance counseling. See the “Medicare & You” handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for the telephone number for their state.

People can reference CMS Product No. 11438 when calling Medicare or their SHIP with questions about this notice.



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## Reminder: Your Current Plan Coverage Ends December 31, 2011

By now you should have already gotten a letter from <Org Name> letting you know that <Plan name> won't operate next year. This means your drug coverage with <Org Name> will end on December 31, 2011. **This is a reminder that you must take action now to choose a new plan to make sure you continue to have Medicare prescription drug coverage.**

### Act by December 31, 2011 to choose the coverage you need.

You should choose and join a new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan with prescription drug coverage before December 31 to make sure you have drug coverage on January 1, 2012.

You have until February 29, 2012 to join a new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan with prescription drug coverage. If you wait until AFTER December 31, 2011 to join a new Medicare plan, your coverage won't start until the month after you join. It's best to act now to make sure you have coverage that meets your needs starting January 1, 2012.

### Don't wait — let Medicare help.

Medicare offers help and information 24 hours a day to help you understand your choices.

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) to compare the Medicare health and drug plans available in your area.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- You can also call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program for free personalized counseling at <SHIP phone number>.

If you currently have other health or drug coverage through an employer or union, check with your plan benefits administrator. Make sure to learn how joining a new Medicare plan will affect your current coverage before you make any changes.

**Vea al dorso para la versión en español.**





## **Recordatorio: Su cobertura termina el 31 de diciembre de 2011**

Usted ya debe haber recibido una carta de <Org name> informándole que <Plan name> no participará el próximo año. Esto significa que su cobertura de medicamentos con <Org name> terminará por completo el 31 de diciembre de 2011. **Este es un recordatorio de que debe elegir un nuevo plan ahora para seguir teniendo la cobertura de Medicare para recetas médicas.**

### **Actué antes del 31 de diciembre de 2011 para elegir la cobertura que necesita.**

Usted debe elegir e inscribirse en un nuevo plan de Medicare o Medicare Advantage con cobertura de medicamentos recetados antes del 31 de diciembre para asegurarse de que tiene cobertura de medicamentos el 1 de enero de 2012.

Usted tiene hasta el 29 de febrero de 2012 para inscribirse en un nuevo plan de recetas médicas de Medicare o en un Plan Medicare Advantage con cobertura de medicamentos recetados. Si espera hasta DESPUÉS del 31 de diciembre de 2011 para inscribirse en un nuevo plan de Medicare, su cobertura no comenzará hasta el mes después de inscribirse. Es mejor tomar acción ahora para asegurarse de que tiene una cobertura que responda a sus necesidades comenzando el 1 de enero de 2012.

### **No espere — deje que Medicare lo ayude.**

Medicare ofrece información las 24 horas al día para ayudarle a comprender sus opciones.

- Visite [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) para comparar los planes Medicare de medicamentos y salud disponibles en su área.
- Llame al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048.
- También puede llamar a su Programa Estatal de Asistencia con el Seguro Médico (SHIP por su sigla en inglés) durante sus horas de oficina para el asesoramiento personalizado y gratuito al < SHIP number>.

Si actualmente tiene otra cobertura de salud o de medicamentos a través de un empleador o sindicato, hable con su administrador de beneficios, antes de hacer cualquier cambio, para saber cómo inscribirse en un nuevo plan de Medicare afectará su cobertura actual.

**See the other side for this notice in English.**