

**Medicare Part D Reconciliation Payment Deadline
Expected To Be Set In October
September 18, 2007**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that it began mailing the "Loss of Deemed Status Letter" (GREY Letter – publication no. 11198) to beneficiaries, who automatically qualified (deemed status) for extra help in 2007 but no longer automatically qualify for the subsidy in 2008. The mailing includes an application for extra help with a postage paid envelope to return to SSA.

CMS also announced that it plans to mail a "Change in Extra Help Co-payment Letter" (ORANGE Letter – publication no. 11199) to people who continue to qualify for extra help in 2008 but will have a change in their co-payment level in early October.

CMS has posted the following materials related to these two mailings to the Limited Income and Resources web page (www.cms.hhs.gov/limitedincomeandresources/):

- ✓ Guide to LIS Mailings for CMS, Social Security and Plans
- ✓ Re-deeming Data of Beneficiary Notifications by state, county and zip code
- ✓ Notice Sent to Those who No Longer Automatically Qualify for Extra Help in 2008
- ✓ Notice Sent to Those with Change in Copayment Level in 2008
- ✓ Re-deeming Partner Tip Sheet - Information Partners Can Use on: Changes in Qualifying for Extra Help in 2008
- ✓ Re-deeming Q & A
- ✓ Re-deeming Consumer Tip Sheet – What to Do if You No Longer Automatically Qualify for Extra Help (coming soon, currently available here)
- ✓ Links to other helpful information, including locating local resources in your area

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have questions about these developments or need other advice about or assistance with Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D, or other health plan or health insurance related questions or concerns, please contact: Cynthia Marcotte Stamer, P.C., Member, Glatt, Phillips & Murray, P.C., 2200 One Galleria Tower, 13355 Noel Road, LB 48, and Dallas, Texas 75240. Telephone (972) 419-7188. E-mail cstamer@gpm-law.com. For other helpful resources and information, go to CynthiaStamer.com or contact Ms. Stamer. If you or someone else you know would like to receive future Alerts or announcements about other developments, publications or programs, please be sure that we have your current contact information – including your preferred e-mail – by registering on our website at cynthiastamer.com or by providing that information to us via telephone, fax or e-mail using the above contact information.

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