

Subject: Delays in sending out [Medicare Part D] LIS riders

For Advocates:

Just a heads up to everyone that some Medicare Part D LIS recipients may be getting their LIS rider late this year.

CMS just released a memo to plans saying that data transmission to plans about LIS status for 2012 that should have been fed to the plans starting in July, only started on September 21 (apparently some computer snafu). Because of the delays, plans may not know LIS status in time to meet the September 30 deadline for sending both the ANOC/EOC and LIS rider. So CMS is telling plans that they should send the ANOC/EOC on the usual schedule but are permitted to send the LIS rider separately later as long as they do so by October 31.

So if you get calls from clients who are worried that they may have lost their subsidy, that may be the problem.

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