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Medicare Coverage for Medicaid Members and HIP Members Turning 65 Years Old

Dear Member:

Our records indicate that:

You are not enrolled in the Medicare program; AND

- a. You will soon turn 65, or are over age 65; or
- b. You were approved to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) more than 24 months ago

It is important that you sign up for Medicare coverage soon. All Medicaid recipients are required to take the necessary steps to receive all benefits they are entitled to. This includes Medicare coverage which is Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance), and Part D (Drug Coverage).

When you have Medicare, because you also have Medicaid the State will pay your Medicare premiums. Medicaid will also continue to pay your remaining covered medical costs that Medicare does not pay or does not cover.

When you become eligible for Medicare, Medicaid is not allowed to pay for your prescription drugs if Medicare also covers them. If you do not sign up for Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D), you will not be able to get full prescription coverage



through Indiana Medicaid. Medicaid will no longer pay for any prescription drugs that are paid for under the Medicare Part D program.

Special note for Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) members: Current HIP members turning 65 years old may be eligible for continued Medicaid coverage through the Indiana PathWays for Aging program. Your HIP coverage will only continue until your 65th birthday. To complete an eligibility determination for continued Medicaid benefits, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) will schedule an interview to verify your income and assets. If you are eligible, your Medicaid benefits will continue under the Indiana PathWays for Aging program.

The Medicaid health plans for Indiana PathWays for Aging are Anthem, Humana, and UnitedHealthcare (UHC). To choose your health plan, you must call the Indiana PathWays for Aging helpline at 87-PATHWAY-4 (877-284-9294). The helpline can help you choose a health plan that is right for you and answer questions about the program. If you do not call and pick a health plan and you are found eligible for PathWays for Aging, a health plan will be chosen for you. Once found eligible, your Indiana PathWays for Aging health plan will contact you with more information about the program and send you a new Medicaid card in the mail. You may change your Medicaid health plan at any time up to 90 days after you start the program.

- For further assistance with your Medicaid benefits call FSSA at 800-403-0864.
- For more information on Indiana PathWays for Aging, please visit our website at <https://www.in.gov/pathways/home/>.

You may also be eligible to receive Medicare benefits when you turn 65. It is important that you sign up for Medicare within 180 days of turning 65. You will need to notify the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration at 800-403-0864 when you start receiving Medicare. If you are eligible for Medicare coverage, FSSA may assist you with your Medicare costs such as premiums. If you are not eligible for Medicaid but you receive Medicare, FSSA may still determine that you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program, which helps with Medicare costs.

- For further assistance with Medicare benefits, see the resources table below under **Some ways to sign up for Medicare.**

Some ways to sign up for Medicare:

1. Call the Indiana State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 800-452-4800 to speak with a friendly and knowledgeable counselor who can help you understand your options and assist you in signing up

2. Call the Social Security Administration directly at 800-772-1213, or visit ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/

3. Contact a trusted insurance agent in your area

If you are already enrolled in Medicare, please call 800-457-4584, so we can update your file and begin paying your Medicare premiums.

If you find that you are not eligible or will not soon be eligible for Medicare, you may disregard this notice.

You have the right to get this information in large print for free. Call the Member Services number at 1-800-457-4584 for help.

Thank you for your cooperation.