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Governor

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Dear Program Participant,

You are receiving this letter because you are enrolled in the Indiana Department of Health's **HIV Services Program – Medicare Drug Assistance Program (MDAP)**. MDAP helps pay **all your out-of-pocket Medicare prescription drug costs**, ensuring you can access the medications you need without interruption.

Medicare has announced that it will continue offering the **Medicare Prescription Payment Plan**, also called the **Medicare Smoothing program**, in 2027. This optional program, first introduced in 2025, allows people to spread their prescription drug costs out over time. When someone enrolls, their Part D plan pays for medications upfront at the pharmacy, and the individual repays the plan in monthly installments until reaching their Medicare **out-of-pocket maximum (OOPM)**.

Important information for MDAP participants

Because you are enrolled in **MDAP**, you **do not need to participate** in the Medicare Smoothing program. MDAP already covers **all your prescription drug costs up to the Medicare OOPM**.

It is also important to know that **MDAP cannot help with any costs created by the Medicare Smoothing program**. If you enroll in Smoothing, you would be responsible for the monthly repayment amounts, and those payments **would not be covered** by MDAP.

What you should do

- **Do not enroll** in the Medicare Smoothing program if you are currently receiving support through MDAP.
- If you are unsure whether you are enrolled in MDAP, please **contact your case manager right away** to confirm your enrollment and avoid any unnecessary costs.

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Thank you for taking the time to review this information and for staying engaged in your health coverage.

Sincerely,
Indiana Department of Health
HIV Services Program