



MEDICARE PART D FAST FACTS: **CALIFORNIA 2009**

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES IN CALIFORNIA

- 4,407,441 Medicare beneficiaries.¹
- 3,844,890 Medicare Part D enrollees.¹
- 1,045,340 Dual Eligibles (Medicare beneficiaries who also receive Medi-Cal).¹
- 1,151,602 Low Income Subsidy recipients (including Dual Eligibles).¹
- 102,440 Medicare beneficiaries with no drug coverage who could be eligible for the Low Income Subsidy.²

CHANGES TO FULL SUBSIDY PLANS FROM 2008

- 3 of the 9 plans available to low-income beneficiaries for no monthly premium in 2008 will not be available for no monthly premium in 2009.³
- Over 219,000 low income beneficiaries will have to change plans to maintain a \$0 premium.⁴
 - Approximately 203,000 will be reassigned to a new plan by CMS.⁴
 - Approximately 16,000 will have to switch plans on their own to avoid a premium in 2009.⁴

FULL SUBSIDY PLANS IN 2009

- 6 plans available to low-income beneficiaries for no monthly premium in 2009.³

2009 PLAN OFFERINGS

- Premiums for stand-alone prescription drug plans in California are increasing by an average of 35%.⁵
- Premiums will increase by more than \$5.00 for 80% of PDP enrollees if they do not switch to a less expensive plan. Over 30% will see an increase of \$10.00 or more.⁵
- In 2008, the least expensive plan in California cost \$14.30 (First Health Part D-Secure). In 2009 that plans premium will rise to \$18.30 – a 28% increase.³

¹ “2008 PDP Enrollment Information” available at: www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn.

² “Low Income Subsidy 2008 Targeting Estimates” available at: www.cms.hhs.gov/Partnerships/Toolkits/itemdetail.asp?itemID=CMS1188820.

³ Comparison of “2009 PDP Landscape Source” and “2008 PDP Landscape Source.” Source data available at: www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn.

⁴ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, “Year 2008 Re-Assignment Data – Premium Increases,” “Year 2008 Re-Assignment Data – Terminating Plans,” and “Year 2008 Chooser Data,” November 2008. Available at: www.cms.hhs.gov/limitedincomeandresources/.

⁵ “The Medicare Drug Benefit in California: Facts and Figures” Avalere Health, November 2008; available at: <http://www.chcf.org/documents/insurance/MedicareDrugBenefitFactsAndFigures2008.pdf>.