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ADvantage Improves Quality of Life

Quote from the Tulsa World: January 16, 2008

“Consumers overwhelmingly reported benefits to their quality of life and quality of care from the program.”

Member Experience Survey Results to Be Presented

Results of the ADvantage Program Member Experience Survey will be presented to ADvantage Providers on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Metro Technology Center-Springle Campus, 1900 Springlake Drive, in Oklahoma City. The event is scheduled for 9:30am to 11:30am in the Carousel Room. Visit www.metrotech.org for directions to the campus.

Way To Go, ADvantage!

Some of the positive results?

- 96% of those surveyed stated their life has been better with ADvantage service;
- 91.5% stated they received good care and service from their service providers.

Whitney Brosi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Oklahoma State University Department of Human Development and Family Science will present the survey findings. An ADvantage Collaborative will follow the presentation.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 18 to Tammy Smith at 918-879-5340 or e-mail at tsmith@ltca.org.

Where Do We Go From Here?

This same presentation was given in Tulsa on December 5th. However, at this event we will be brainstorming ideas on where to go from here. A summary of this presentation and brainstorm ideas will be given at the LTCA host site for the CMS teleconference call on January 24th...see page 2.



CMS Conference Call Scheduled for January 24th
Listening Sites Established for Access to Call



CMS will host a national teleconference on January 24th from 2:00pm-3:30pm (CST) to present the core components and current status of the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration. While the CMS invitation letter states people can call in to participate, there are actually a limited number of lines available for the call. This means that CMS will cut the call access off at a certain point. The call is then closed to any additional callers. Providers will have an opportunity to sit in on the call through **designated listening sites**. LTCA invites all interested providers to participate in the live call session in Tulsa, 130 North Greenwood. OHCA will also host a site in Oklahoma City. To reserve a spot at either site, contact Tammy Smith at 918-879-5340 or e-mail at tsmith@ltca.org. Further details about the call will be available at the ADvantage Program Member Survey presentation on January 23rd...see page 1.

Medicare Part D Prescription Co-Payments for 2008

Starting January 1, 2008, prescription co-payments under Part D plans will increase for ADvantage Members. The new co-payment will be dependent upon the Member's income.

Income Level	2007 Co-Payment	2008 Co-Payment
Members with incomes at or below 100% of federal poverty level	\$1 for Generics \$3.10 for Name Brand	\$1.05 for Generics \$3.10 for Name Brand
Members above 100% of federal poverty level	\$2.15 for Generics \$5.35 for Name Brand	\$2.25 for Generics \$5.60 for Name Brand

Current poverty index levels can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml>

ADvantage Members can change Part D plans at any time during a year, even up to once a month. If Members need to change plans to ensure all medications are covered, then contact Medicare's customer service line at 1-800-633-4227.

New ADvantage Members without a Medicare Part D plan are covered by a transition period that lasts 30 days and covers most all medications. During this period, Members must find a plan that covers their medications in order to avoid paying full price once the transition (30 days) period ends. If they do not enroll in a plan, they will be assigned a Medicare Part D plan. This plan may or may not provide coverage for all their medications. If new Members are already enrolled in a Part D plan, then they can stay with that plan.

Part D Resources

The following resources can provide you with up-to-date information concerning Medicare D:

Medicare Part D Resources

National Council on Aging	www.mymedicarecommunity.org
The Vintage Newsmagazine	vintage@seniorline.org (to subscribe)
Medicare	www.medicare.gov
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Dallas Regional Office	217-767-6401

Oklahoma's Rx Discount Card Available to Oklahomans

The Oklahoma **Rx Discount Card** may be able to help Oklahomans struggling with the high cost of prescription medications. Citizens who do not have health insurance or those who have insurance but regularly exceed their annual maximum benefit for prescription drugs may benefit from this service.

Highlights include:

- Available to all Oklahoma residents
- Membership fee is \$9.95 annually if household income is greater than 150% of federal poverty level. The fee is paid if household income falls below the federal poverty level
- Discounts range from 10-55% depending on drug type and where purchased
- Discounts given at time of purchase
- Most major retailers are participating—over 570 pharmacies in Oklahoma
- Discount card is delivered 7-10 business days after enrollment

While most ADvantage Members medications are covered through Medicare D or Medicaid, this card could assist with purchasing non-covered medications at a discount. This program may also be beneficial to a Member's informal supports.

Contact RxAmerica at 800-511-7410 or visit www.okrxdiscount.com. This program is funded by a partnership between the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.