

Summary for
Official Notice DMS-2006-Q-4 – Prescription Drug
Coverage for Dual Eligibles Covered by Medicare

Effective for claims with dates of service beginning January 1, 2006 through March 17, 2006, Arkansas Medicaid will suspend the Part D edit; this will allow prescription drug claims for full dual eligibles to be processed and paid by the Medicaid system. The Part D edit will be reinstated at midnight Friday, March 17, 2006. This will allow providers to bill Medicaid for dates of service beginning January 1, 2006 through March 17, 2006. Effective for claims with dates of service on or after March 18, 2006 the edit will be reinstated.

To process claims submitted February 15 through March 17, 2006 for the dual eligibles with dates of service from February 1, 2006 through March 17, 2006, the pharmacist must enter the Medicare denial date into the Third Party Liability (TPL) denial date field (443-E8 Other Payer Date). Please note that this is a new requirement for claims for dual eligibles which was not included in our two previous notices.

This change will only affect those people who are eligible for both full Medicaid and Medicare. Medicare beneficiaries for whom Medicaid pays only their regular Medicare premiums and co-payments will not be covered by this change. Medicaid did not pay for their prescribed drugs prior to the implementation of Part D, and they are not in the Medicaid eligibility system to receive drug coverage. Similarly, other Medicare beneficiaries who have no Medicaid eligibility at all will not be covered by this policy.