



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2017

TO: All Part D Plan Sponsors

FROM: Jennifer R. Shapiro, Acting Director
Medicare Drug Benefit and C & D Data Group

SUBJECT: DRAFT Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual - Chapter 13
(Premium and Cost-Sharing Subsidies for Low-Income Individuals (LIS)) Request for Comments by January 31, 2018

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to release draft revisions to Chapter 13 (Premium and Cost-Sharing Subsidies for Low-Income Individuals (LIS)) of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual. The chapter is being released in draft form to give stakeholders an opportunity to review the changes and comment on whether any additional updates or clarifications are needed.

Specific changes in this draft include the following:

- Inserted instructions on new process for assisting individuals without BAE documentation.
- Added references throughout the chapter to the current CY Annual Call Letter as a source for annual updates to LIS cost-sharing levels.
- Added language to address application of daily cost-share requirements for short cycling dispensing.

CMS will accept comments on Chapter 13, including the proposed revisions, through January 31, 2018. All feedback should be submitted to PartD_COB@cms.hhs.gov. Changes in the issue, effective and implementation dates within the document will be updated when the chapter is released in final form.