

All-State Medicaid and CHIP Call February 7, 2023



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Medicare Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Benefit (Part B-ID)

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Overview

- New Medicare immunosuppressive drug benefit (Part B-ID) for certain individuals who would otherwise lose all Medicare coverage 36 months after a successful transplant.
- New Medicare Savings Program (MSP) coverage for individuals enrolled in Part B-ID benefit (MSP Part B-ID).
- Effective January 1, 2023.

The Part B-ID Benefit

- Section 402 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 created a new Part B-ID benefit for certain individuals:
 - Whose Medicare entitlement based only on End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) ends 36 months after a transplant; and
 - Who **do not have** certain other types of health coverage, including full Medicaid that covers immunosuppressive drugs, Marketplace, employer, and TRICARE coverage.
- Part B-ID benefit **only** covers immunosuppressive drugs.
- Implemented in 11/5/2023 Medicare Eligibility and Enrollment Final Rule.

Part B-ID Enrollment/Disenrollment

- Individuals can:
 - Call the Social Security Administration (SSA):1-877-465-0355 to enroll or disenroll
 - Complete/mail CMS Form 10798 to enroll
 - Complete/mail CMS Form 1763 to disenroll
- Individuals must attest that they:
 - Do not have, or except to have, certain other kinds of coverage; and
 - Will notify SSA within 60 days of obtaining such coverage.
- No Medicare enrollment periods.

MSP Part B-ID

- Individuals who enroll in Part B-ID and meet the income and resource requirements of an MSP can enroll in MSP Part B-ID (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), and Qualifying Individual (QI) groups).
- MSP Part B-ID covers Part B-ID premiums (\$97.10 in 2023) and for QMB, the Part B-ID deductible (\$233 in 2023) and 20% coinsurance, as well.

Individuals Projected to Enroll in Part B-ID

- Most likely to be QMBs in non-expansion states and fall in coverage gap - e.g., have income too high for Medicaid and income too low for Marketplace subsidies.
- Most individuals losing ESRD Medicare who are enrolled in an MSP in expansion states will qualify for adult group and be ineligible for Part B-ID.
- Most individuals losing ESRD Medicare who are enrolled in an MSP in non-expansion states will qualify for full Marketplace subsidies and not be eligible for Part B-ID if they enroll in Marketplace.

Enrollment in MSP Part B-ID

- **Rollover from ESRD Medicare MSP to Part B-ID MSP.** CMS will take action to ensure that individuals enrolled in partial benefit (MSP-only) nearing the end of ESRD Medicare will not experience a gap in state buy-in coverage if they enroll in Part B-ID by the last month of ESRD Medicare (36th month post-transplant).
- Individuals can also apply for an MSP after signing up for Part B-ID.

Outreach and Redeterminations

- SSA and CMS will send notices to individuals before loss of ESRD Medicare that include information about Marketplace, Medicaid, and Part B-ID.
- States must redetermine partial benefit Medicaid individuals (MSP-only) losing Medicare ESRD for all Medicaid eligibility groups, including MSP Part B-ID, but can only enroll individuals in MSP Part B-ID if they complete required attestation and still meet income and resource requirements.
- States must screen beneficiaries on all bases of eligibility, refer to the Marketplace, and enroll eligible individuals in MSP Part B-ID.
- CMS strongly encourages early redeterminations to avoid coverage gaps.

Resources

- The CMS 11/5/2022 Medicare Eligibility and Enrollment Final Rule is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2022-23407/medicare-program-implementing-certain-provisions-of-the-consolidated-appropriations-act-2021-and>
- SSA Program Operations Manual System (POMS) HI 00805.400 is available at: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0600805400>

Resources – contd.

- **CMS Notice:** <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/forms-publications-mailings/mailings/costs/ESRD-coverage-ending-letter>
- **Part B-ID forms:**
 - Enrollment: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-10798.pdf>
 - Disenrollment: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS1763.pdf>
- **CMS Part B-ID information:** <https://www.cms.gov/partbid-provider>

Questions?

- Submit buy-in systems questions to CMS Office of Information Technology (OIT) at: MEPBSEDBSSStaff@cms.hhs.gov
- Submit all other questions to CMS Offices of Hearings & Inquiries (OHI) at: statebuy-in@cms.hhs.gov

Questions
