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Peoples Health Urges New Part B Enrollees to Learn Their Options
Medicare deadline fast approaching

Metairie, La. – Medicare beneficiaries who signed up for Original Medicare’s Part B medical insurance during the general enrollment period between January 1 and March 31 are **now** eligible to join a **Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan (MAPD)** before their Part B effective date of July 1. **But they must act by June 30.**

“Many beneficiaries may not realize they can choose a plan besides Original Medicare that may work better for them,” says Nick Karl, Sales Director for Peoples Health, a Medicare Advantage company that serves the Baton Rouge, Northshore and New Orleans areas. Others may think their Part B coverage must be in place *before* they can enroll in the MAPD plan of their choice. Not so, says Karl. “If they wait until July, it may be too late. It’s important for beneficiaries to know their options. It just takes a phone call to learn what those options are.” MAPD plans offered by Peoples Health provide beneficiaries with greater benefits than those offered by Original Medicare, including prescription drug coverage, preventive dental care, complimentary gym membership and free health and wellness events.

“We have representatives available around the clock to answer questions and walk people through the enrollment process,” says Karl. “But if they wait until July, then it’s probably too late.”



With few exceptions, Medicare beneficiaries who wait until after the June 30 deadline won't be eligible to get Medicare Advantage benefits until January 2012.

For information about enrolling in a Peoples Health MAPD plan, call toll-free at (800) 984-6565, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. TTY users should call 711.

About Peoples Health

Established in 1994, Peoples Health is a Medicare Advantage organization serving Medicare beneficiaries in southeast Louisiana. The physician-owned company has over 600 employees that help administer and provide a unique approach to wellness, care coordination and support services for plan members. The company is a proud supporter of many social, cultural, athletic and health organizations and holds an accreditation by URAC. More information about Peoples Health can be obtained by visiting www.peopleshealth.com.

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