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Those with Medicare and Medicaid Have Special Enrollment Period
Dual eligibles can join a health plan with greater benefits at any time

Metairie, La. – People who receive Medicare and Medicaid benefits are urged to find out if they're getting all the benefits they're entitled to. These "dual eligible" beneficiaries can enroll in a Medicare Advantage special needs plan at any time during the year. They can also change plans at any time.

"We've designed our special needs plan to provide dual eligible beneficiaries with extra benefits that Original Medicare and Medicaid don't provide," says Mike Putiak, Chief Marketing Officer for Peoples Health, a Medicare Advantage company that serves 14 parishes in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas. "Those who enroll in our Peoples Health Secure Health plan can begin receiving enhanced health services and drug coverage the first of the month following the day they enroll."

Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries already enrolled in a special needs plan should evaluate their plans and compare the benefits they currently receive to benefits offered by other plans.

"We offer prescription drug coverage as well as vision, dental, fitness and transportation benefits at no cost to our members," says Putiak. Beneficiaries don't have to wait until the annual enrollment period, which is October 15 through December 7, to explore their options. They can do so now.

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For information about enrolling in Peoples Health Secure Health (HMO SNP) or for questions about other Peoples Health Medicare Advantage plans, 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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