

2010 PDP Low Income Subsidy (LIS) Information

Automatic eligibility for LIS is given to 3 categories of beneficiaries. Those who have Medicare and:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) only
- Medicare Savings Programs

NEW – Change for 2010- Those auto-eligible (see above) for LIS 1/1/2010 **will remain eligible until 12/31/2010**. If, during the year, there are no longer in a category which receives auto-eligibility, their automatic status will end 12/31/2010.

All others must apply for eligibility via Social Security Administration (SSA) and/or state Medicaid office.

Annual Notifications

Those receiving LIS will receive **one of five** types of letters this year regarding their eligibility. The 5 types are described below based on the color paper they are printed on.

Gray Paper:

- No longer eligible
- Will need to apply for eligibility

Orange Paper:

- Continue to qualify
- Changes in co-pays for 2010

Blue Paper (version 1):

- Plan terminating
- Reassigned effective 1/1/2010

Blue Paper (version 2):

- Plan now above LIS benchmark premium
- Reassigned effective 1/1/2010

Tan Paper: “Choosers”- Those who chose a plan above LIS benchmark in 2009

- Advised of premium liability
- Given list of plans below LIS benchmark