

Disclosure Requirements for Health Insurance

Policies Sold to Medicare Beneficiaries

31 Pa. Code s 89.783(e) states,

(1) An accident and sickness insurance policy or certificate, other than a Medicare supplement policy; a policy issued under a contract under section 1876 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.A. § 1395mm), disability income policy; or other policy identified in § 89.771(b) (relating to applicability and scope) issued for delivery in this Commonwealth to persons eligible for Medicare, shall notify the insured under the policy that the policy is not a Medicare supplement policy or certificate. The notice shall be printed or attached to the first page of the outline of coverage delivered to insureds under the policy, or if no outline of coverage is delivered, to the first page of the policy, or certificate delivered to insureds.

The notice shall be at least 12 point type and shall contain the following language:

"THIS (POLICY OR CERTIFICATE) IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT (POLICY OR CONTRACT). If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare available from the company."

(2) Applications provided to persons eligible for Medicare for the health insurance policies or certificates described in subsection (e)(1) shall disclose the extent to which the policy duplicates Medicare. The disclosure statement shall be provided in the form required by the Department as set forth in the Medicare Supplement forms relating to Instructions for Use of the Disclosure Statements for Health Insurance Policies Sold to Medicare Beneficiaries that Duplicate Medicare as a part of, or together with, the application for the policy or certificate.

The following formats are made available to the Industry in accordance with the above regulation and 31 PA Code Section 89.783(f) which states in part, "Notice will be published, in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, of the availability of amended Medicare Supplement forms. Below is a copy of the original forms preceded by the alternate forms that are captured at 31 PA Code Section 89 Appendix I.

APPENDIX I

DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES SOLD TO MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES THAT DUPLICATE MEDICARE

1. Section 1882(d) of the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.A. § 1395 ss) prohibits the sale of health insurance policies (the term policy or policies includes certificates) that duplicate Medicare benefits unless it will pay benefits without regard to other health coverage and it includes the prescribed disclosure statement on or together with the application for the policy.
2. All types of health insurance policies that duplicate Medicare shall include one of the attached disclosure statements, according to the particular policy type involved, on the application or together with the application. The disclosure statement may not vary from the attached statements in terms of language or format (type size, type proportional spacing, bold character, line spacing, and usage of boxes around text).
3. State and Federal law prohibits insurers from selling a Medicare supplement policy to a person that already has a Medicare supplement policy except as a replacement.
4. Property/Casualty and Life insurance policies are not considered health insurance.
5. Disability income policies are not considered to provide benefits that duplicate Medicare.
6. Long-term care policies are insurance policies that coordinate with Medicare and other health insurance are not considered to provide benefits that duplicate Medicare.
7. The Federal law does not preempt state laws that are more stringent than the Federal requirements.
8. The Federal law does not preempt existing state form filing requirements.
9. Section 1882 of the Social Security Act was amended in subsection (d)(3)(A) to allow for alternative disclosure statements. The disclosure statements already in Appendix I remain. Carriers may use either disclosure statement with the requisite insurance product. However, carriers should use either the original disclosure statements or the alternative disclosure statements and not use both simultaneously.

(Original disclosure statement for policies that provide benefits for expenses incurred for an accidental injury only).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PERSONS ON MEDICARE
THIS INSURANCE DUPLICATES SOME MEDICARE BENEFITS**

THIS IS NOT MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE

This insurance provides limited benefits, if you meet the policy conditions, for hospital or medical expenses that result from accidental injury. It does not pay your Medicare deductibles or coinsurance and is not a substitute for Medicare Supplement insurance.

This insurance duplicates Medicare benefits when it pays:

- hospital or medical expenses up to the maximum stated in the policy

Medicare generally pays for most or all of these expenses.

Medicare pays extensive benefits for medically necessary services regardless of the reason you need them. These include:

- hospitalization
- physician services
- other approved items and services

BEFORE YOU BUY THIS INSURANCE

- Check the coverage in *all* health insurance policies you already have.
- For more information about Medicare and Medicare Supplement insurance, review the *Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare*, available from the insurance company.
- For help in understanding your health insurance, contact your state insurance department or state senior insurance counseling program.

(Original disclosure statement for policies that provide benefits for specified limited services).

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This insurance provides limited benefits, if you meet the policy conditions, for expenses relating to the specific services listed in the policy. It does not pay your Medicare deductibles or coinsurance and is not a substitute for Medicare Supplement insurance.

This insurance duplicates Medicare benefits when:

- any of the services covered by the policy are also covered by Medicare

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- hospitalization
- physician services
- other approved items and services

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(Original disclosure statement for policies that reimburse expenses incurred for specified diseases or other specified impairments. This includes expense-incurred cancer, specified disease and other types of health insurance policies that limit reimbursement to named medical conditions).

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This insurance provides limited benefits, if you meet the policy conditions, for hospital or medical expenses only when you are treated for one of the specific diseases or health conditions listed in the policy. It does not pay your Medicare deductibles or coinsurance and is not a substitute for Medicare Supplement insurance.

This insurance duplicates Medicare benefits when it pays:

- hospital or medical expenses up to the maximum stated in the policy

Medicare generally pays for most or all of these expenses.

Medicare pays extensive benefits for medically necessary services regardless of the reason you need them. These include:

- hospitalization
- physician services
- hospice
- other approved items and services

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(Original disclosure statement for policies that pay fixed dollar amounts for specified diseases or other specified impairments. This includes cancer, specified disease and other health insurance policies that pay a scheduled benefit or specific payment based on diagnosis of the conditions named in the policy).

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THIS IS NOT MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE

This insurance pays a fixed amount, regardless of your expenses, if you meet the policy conditions, for one of the specific diseases or health conditions named in the policy. It does not pay your Medicare deductibles or coinsurance and is not a substitute for Medicare Supplement insurance.

This insurance duplicates Medicare benefits because Medicare generally pays for most of the expenses for the diagnosis and treatment of the specific conditions or diagnoses named in the policy.

Medicare pays extensive benefits for medically necessary services regardless of the reason you need them. These include:

- hospitalization
- physician services
- hospice
- other approved items and services

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(Original disclosure statement for indemnity policies and other policies that pay a fixed dollar amount per day, excluding long-term care policies).

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This insurance duplicates Medicare benefits when:

- any expenses or services covered by the policy are also covered by Medicare

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- hospice
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(Original disclosure statement for policies that provide benefits upon both an expense-incurred and fixed indemnity basis.)

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This insurance pays limited reimbursement for expenses if you meet the conditions listed in the policy. It also pays a fixed amount, regardless of your expenses, if you meet other policy conditions. It does not pay your Medicare deductibles or coinsurance and is not a substitute for Medicare Supplement insurance.

This insurance duplicates Medicare benefits when:

- any expenses or services covered by the policy are also covered by Medicare; or
- it pays the fixed dollar amount stated in the policy and Medicare covers the same event

Medicare generally pays for most or all of these expenses.

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- hospitalization
- physician services
- hospice care
- other approved items & services

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- the benefits stated in the policy and coverage for the same event is provided by Medicare.

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