DAUPHIN COUNTY MH/MR PROGRAM
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**Title:** Dauphin County MH/MR Program Psychiatric Medication Prescription Coverage for Medicare Recipients

**Policy:** Dauphin County MH/MR will continue to provide psychiatric prescription coverage plan for Medicare and/or Medicare Part D Recipients until July 1, 2006.

**Definitions:**

**Medicare** - A health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

**Medicare Part D** – Prescription Drug Coverage that becomes available beginning January 1, 2006 to Medicare recipients. Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage is insurance. Private companies provide the coverage.

**Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drugs or “MA PD”** – is a type of Medicare Part D plan. An MA PD is a Medicare Managed Care with Prescription Drugs plan. An HMO manages the consumer’s medical care and consumers must utilize a network of physicians and facilities enrolled with the specific HMO plan.

**Prescription Drug Plan or “PDP”** – is another type of Medicare Part D plan. A PDP is a Prescription Drug Plan. Consumers who select a PDP receive prescription drug coverage through their PDP, but remain in Medicare FFS rather than being in a Medicare Managed Care Plan.
Eligible consumers- Eligible consumers – A consumer is eligible for the Dauphin County MH/MR funded psychiatric medication prescription plan when the following two conditions have been met:

1) The consumer is not eligible for any third party insured prescription coverage including, but not limited to, PACE and Medical Assistance coverage.

And

2) The consumer has a current outpatient liability determination that is less than or equal to $100.00 per month.

Procedure:


2. Dauphin County MH/MR will continue to provide psychiatric prescription coverage for eligible MH/MR Prescription Plan beneficiaries who also have Medicare coverage until May 15, 2006, regardless of the MH/MR consumer’s enrollment status in a Medicare Part D plan.

3. Eligible consumers can continue to present their Express Scripts, Inc. prescription card (ESI) to their pharmacist for psychiatric prescription payment until June 30, 2006.

4. Consumers who enroll in a Medicare Part D PDP or MA – PD will continue to be eligible for the MH/MR Prescription Plan through ESI.

5. The County Prescription Drug plan through ESI will become the secondary payor covering costs for psychiatric medications not covered by a consumer’s Part D Plan effective July 1, 2006.

6. Refer to MH/MR Policy # 99-03 for other conditions of primary psychiatric drug coverage including co-payments and formulary.

7. All consumers who become eligible for Medicare on or after January 1, 2006, must enroll in Medicare Part D within timeframes allowed by CMS, as a condition of eligibility for the County - funded prescription plan.

8. The Dauphin County MH Program staff will accept requests from a consumer’s case management agency director for exceptions to this policy based on financial hardship imposed by Medicare Part D enrollment.