

BENCHMARK ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR STATEWIDE PLANS TO MANAGE MEDICARE PART-D
TRANSITION AT THE STATE LEVEL FOR MI/MR POPULATION

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2005

1. State MR/DD organizations have established communications with Medicaid, Medicare, and organizations within the state who receive CMS funding for public education on Part-D transition.
2. State MR/DD agencies have communicated with all components of their own organization about pending changes in prescription benefits and pending letters of notification from CMS to recipients.
3. State MR/DD directors have established taskforces within their state agency to manage client and provider education. Printed materials are mailed to targeted leadership groups.
4. Organizations that operate ICF/MR facilities have developed transitional plans to assure continued use of or access to medications.
5. MR/DD organizations are scheduling speakers for summer/fall educational programs aimed at primary care doctors, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, and pharmacists.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS JULY-AUGUST, 2005

1. Identification of recipients who are at-risk for adverse outcomes during medication transition based on medication utilization profile.
2. Outreach/education of provider network including pharmacists, primary care providers, neurologists, and psychiatrists.

Second wave of information mailings to leadership and providers.