

KEESM Revision 75 (01/01/2016) Summary of Changes

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

Medical Assistance – Costs related to Medicare Part D and the Subsidy program are changing. The benchmark premium amount for Kansas and the amount of prescription co-payments are changing effective January 1, 2016.

DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE, AND DETAILS OF POLICY CHANGE

III. Medical Assistance

A. Changes

1. **Medicare Part D Subsidy** – Costs related to the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage are changing for 2016.

The following co-payments for dual eligible Medicare Part D beneficiaries are effective January 1, 2016:

- * For individuals eligible for QMB, LMB or ELMB, the co-payments will increase from \$2.65 to \$2.95 per generic and from \$6.60 to \$7.40 per brand name.
- * For full Medicaid eligibles with income at or below 100% of FPL, the co-payment will remain \$1.20 per generic and \$3.60 per brand name.
- * For full Medicaid eligible with income above 100% of FPL, the co-payment will increase from \$2.65 to \$2.95 per generic and from \$6.60 to \$7.40 per brand name.

The benchmark subsidy premium for Kansas is also changing from \$30.32 to \$30.67 effective January 1, 2016. This figure impacts the amount of Medicare Part D subsidy a beneficiary can receive. The subsidy will provide coverage of the lowest premium a Part D plan offers, up to the basic premium level for the state. A beneficiary receiving the subsidy may elect an enhanced or high cost plan, but he/she is responsible for the difference between the benchmark and the actual premium amount.

KEESM section 2675.4 is being updated with this revision.

B. Clarifications

1. **Spousal Impoverishment** – Clarification is being added to indicate that the spousal impoverishment provisions apply to all legally married couples, including those that are separated or legally separated.

KEESM sections 8144 and 8244 are being updated with this revision.

FORMS

B. Medical Assistance

1. **ES-3104.6 (Determination Worksheet for Pickle Eligibles and Other Protected Medical Groups)**

MISCELLANEOUS FORMS

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APPENDIX

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