

Medicare Mail Cheat Sheet

Medicare clients receive a variety of letters, notices, and information that can be confusing. This document will help you easily identify what type of notice you have received by color and topic.

YELLOW: Auto-Enrollment Notice

If you get this YELLOW notice it means that you automatically qualify for extra help because you qualify for Medicare and Medicaid (and currently get benefits through Original Medicare). It can also mean you automatically qualify for extra help with a retroactive effective date. You'll be automatically enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan unless you decline coverage or join a different plan.

ORANGE: Change Extra Help Co-payment Notice

You will get this ORANGE notice if Social Security determines that you still automatically qualify for extra help, but will have different copayment levels next year.

PURPLE: Deemed Status Notice

If you get this purple notice it means you automatically qualify for extra help, because of any of the following:

- You have both Medicare and Medicaid
- You're in a Medicare Savings Program
- You get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits

GREY: Loss of Deemed Status Notice

You will get this grey notice if Social Security determines that you no longer automatically qualify for extra help for the coming year.

TAN: LIS Choosers Notice

You will get this notice if you get extra help, have joined a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan on your own, and your plan's premium is changing. This tan notice lets you know that you'll have to pay a portion of your plan's premium in the coming year unless you join a new \$0 premium plan.

GREEN: Facilitated Enrollment Notice

This green notice lets people with Medicare know that because they qualify for extra help, Medicare will enroll them in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan if they don't enroll themselves or decline coverage. If you get this notice, you qualify for extra help because of one of the following:

- You belong to a Medicare Savings Program
- You get Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- You applied and qualified for extra help

BLUE: Reassignment Notice

You will get this notice if you get extra help and your current Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan or Part D is leaving the Medicare Program. You may also get a blue notice if Medicare reassigns you into a new Medicare drug plan or if the premium is increasing above the amount covered by extra help. This blue notice lets you know that you'll be reassigned to new plan for the coming year if you don't do one of these on your own:

- Join a new Medicare Advantage Plan
- Join a Medicare drug plan

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