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**Attention All Prescribers:  
Provider Enrollment Requirements for Writing Medicare Part D Prescriptions**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently updated a new rule that was originally finalized in 2014. This rule requires any physician or other eligible professional who prescribes Part D drugs to enroll in the Medicare program or opt out of receiving Medicare reimbursement in order to prescribe drugs to patients with Part D prescription drug benefit plans.

The new policy became *effective* January 1, 2016, but CMS has delayed *enforcement* until June 1, 2016.

Prescribers who are not currently enrolled in Medicare are advised to submit an enrollment application to their Part-B Medicare Administrative Contractor (MACS) by June 1, 2016. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to allow CMS enough time to process enrollment paperwork. If prescribing providers are not enrolled in Medicare by June 1, 2016, patients' Part-D prescription drug claims may be denied.

For more information about this requirement, review the related Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Matters bulletin [here](#) and the CMS Prescriber outreach communication [here](#). The CMS site [here](#) includes all the information Part D prescribers need to enroll in Medicare. You may submit your enrollment application electronically using the Internet-based [Medicare Provider Enrollment page](#) or by completing the paper CMS-855I or CMS-855O application, which are available online under the [CMS Forms List](#) for Medicare.

If you have questions about these requirements and how they impact your work with UCare's members with Medicare Part D coverage, please contact [providerdatavalidation@ucare.org](mailto:providerdatavalidation@ucare.org).