

(ii) Grants opportunity to appear in the case of a Board revision.

(b) *Basis for revised decision and right to review.* (1) If a revised decision is necessary, the ALJ or the Departmental Appeals Board, as appropriate, renders it on the basis of the entire record.

(2) If the decision is revised by an ALJ, the Departmental Appeals Board may review that revised decision at the request of either party or on its own motion.

§ 423.1094 Notice and effect of revised decision.

(a) *Notice.* The notice mailed to the parties states the basis or reason for the revised decision and informs them of their right to Departmental Appeals Board review of an ALJ revised decision, or to judicial review of a Board reviewed decision.

(b) *Effect—(1) ALJ revised decision.* An ALJ revised decision is binding unless it is reviewed by the Departmental Appeals Board.

(2) *Departmental Appeals Board revised decision.* A Board revised decision is binding unless a party files a civil action in a district court of the United States within the time frames specified in 423.1088.

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Subpart U—Reopening, ALJ Hearings and ALJ and Attorney Adjudicator Decisions, Council Review, and Judicial Review

SOURCE: 74 FR 65363, Dec. 9, 2009, unless otherwise noted.

§ 423.1968 Scope.

This subpart sets forth the requirements relating to the following:

(a) Part D sponsors, the Part D IRE, ALJs and attorney adjudicators, and the Council with respect to reopenings.

(b) ALJs with respect to hearings and decisions or decisions of attorney adjudicators if no hearing is conducted.

(c) The Council with respect to review of Part D appeals.

(d) Part D enrollees' rights with respect to reopenings, ALJ hearings and

ALJ or attorney adjudicator reviews, Council reviews, and judicial review by a Federal District Court.

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§§ 423.1970–423.1976 [Reserved]

§ 423.1978 Reopening determinations and decisions.

(a) A coverage determination or re-determination made by a Part D plan sponsor, a reconsideration made by the independent review entity specified in § 423.600, or the decision of an ALJ or attorney adjudicator or the Council that is otherwise binding may be reopened and revised by the entity that made the determination or decision as provided in § 423.1980 through § 423.1986.

(b) The filing of a request for reopening does not relieve the Part D plan sponsor of its obligation to make payment or provide benefits as specified in § 423.636 or § 423.638 of this chapter.

(c) Once an entity issues a revised determination or decision, the revisions made by the decision may be appealed.

(d) A decision not to reopen by the Part D plan sponsor or any other entity is not subject to review.

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§ 423.1980 Reopening of coverage determinations, redeterminations, reconsiderations, decisions, and reviews.

(a) *General rules.* (1) A reopening is a remedial action taken to change a binding determination or decision, even though the binding determination or decision may have been correct at the time it was made based on the evidence of record. Consistent with § 423.1978(a), that action may be taken by—

(i) A Part D plan sponsor to revise the coverage determination or redetermination;

(ii) An IRE to revise the reconsideration;

(iii) An ALJ or attorney adjudicator to revise his or her decision; or

(iv) The Council to revise the ALJ or attorney adjudicator decision, or its review decision.