

October 1, 1994, and who is not receiving benefits under subchapter II and for whom a current mailing address can be determined through such methods as the Commissioner determines to be appropriate. In fiscal years 1995 through 1999 the Commissioner shall provide a statement to each eligible individual who attains age 60 in such fiscal years and who is not receiving benefits under subchapter II and for whom a current mailing address can be determined through such methods as the Commissioner determines to be appropriate. The Commissioner shall provide with each statement to an eligible individual notice that such statement is updated annually and is available upon request.

(2) Beginning not later than October 1, 1999, the Commissioner shall provide a statement on an annual basis to each eligible individual who is not receiving benefits under subchapter II and for whom a mailing address can be determined through such methods as the Commissioner determines to be appropriate. With respect to statements provided to eligible individuals who have not attained age 50, such statements need not include estimates of monthly retirement benefits. However, if such statements provided to eligible individuals who have not attained age 50 do not include estimates of retirement benefit amounts, such statements shall include a description of the benefits (including auxiliary benefits) that are available upon retirement.

(d) Disclosure to governmental employees of effect of noncovered employment

(1) In the case of any individual commencing employment on or after January 1, 2005, in any agency or instrumentality of any State (or political subdivision thereof, as defined in section 418(b)(2) of this title) in a position in which service performed by the individual does not constitute "employment" as defined in section 410 of this title, the head of the agency or instrumentality shall ensure that, prior to the date of the commencement of the individual's employment in the position, the individual is provided a written notice setting forth an explanation, in language calculated to be understood by the average individual, of the maximum effect on computations of primary insurance amounts (under section 415(a)(7)¹ of this title) and the effect on benefit amounts (under section 402(k)(5)¹ of this title) of monthly periodic payments or benefits payable based on earnings derived in such service. Such notice shall be in a form which shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Social Security.

(2) The written notice provided to an individual pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include a form which, upon completion and signature by the individual, would constitute certification by the individual of receipt of the notice. The agency or instrumentality providing the notice to the individual shall require that the form be completed and signed by the individual and submitted to the agency or instrumentality and to the pension, annuity, retirement, or similar fund or system established by the governmental entity involved responsible for paying the monthly periodic payments or benefits, before commencement of service with the agency or instrumentality.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, § 1143, formerly § 1142, as added Pub. L. 101-239, title X, § 10308, Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2485; renumbered § 1143 and amended Pub. L. 101-508, title V, § 5111(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-272; Pub. L. 105-78, title VI, § 605, Nov. 13, 1997, 111 Stat. 1521; Pub. L. 108-203, title IV, §§ 419(a)-(c), 421, Mar. 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 533-535.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Paragraph (5) of section 402(k) of this title, referred to in subsecs. (a)(2)(E) and (d)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 118-273, § 2(a), Jan. 5, 2025, 138 Stat. 3232.

Paragraph (7) of section 415(a) of this title, referred to in subsecs. (a)(2)(E) and (d)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 118-273, § 3(a)(1), Jan. 5, 2025, 138 Stat. 3232.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-203, § 421(1), substituted "Commissioner of Social Security" for "Secretary".

Subsec. (a)(2)(A) to (C). Pub. L. 108-203, § 421(2), substituted "Commissioner" for "Secretary".

Subsec. (a)(2)(E). Pub. L. 108-203, § 419(b), added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 108-203, § 419(a)(1), struck out "who" after "an individual" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(3)(A), (B). Pub. L. 108-203, § 419(a)(1), inserted "who" before "has".

Subsec. (a)(3)(C). Pub. L. 108-203, § 419(a)(2), (3), designated existing provisions as cl. (i), inserted "who" before "has wages", and inserted ", or" and cl. (ii) before period.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 108-203, § 421(2), substituted "Commissioner" for "Secretary" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-203, § 419(c), added subsec. (d). 1997—Subsec. (a)(2)(B), (C). Pub. L. 105-78 substituted "employer, employee," for "employee".

1990—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 101-508, § 5111(a)(2), substituted "an annual" for "a biennial".

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-203, title IV, § 419(d), Mar. 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 534, provided that: "The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) of this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to social security account statements issued on or after January 1, 2007."

§ 1320b-14. Outreach efforts to increase awareness of the availability of medicare cost-sharing and subsidies for low-income individuals under subchapter XVIII

(a) Outreach

(1) In general

The Commissioner of Social Security (in this section referred to as the "Commissioner") shall conduct outreach efforts to—

(A) identify individuals entitled to benefits under the medicare program under subchapter XVIII who may be eligible for medical assistance for payment of the cost of medicare cost-sharing under the medicaid program pursuant to sections 1396a(a)(10)(E) and 1396u-3 of this title¹ for the transitional assistance under section 1395w-141(f) of this title, or for premium and cost-sharing sub-

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sidies under section 1395w-114 of this title; and

(B) notify such individuals of the availability of such medical assistance, program, and subsidies under such sections.

(2) Content of notice

Any notice furnished under paragraph (1) shall state that eligibility for medicare cost-sharing assistance, the transitional assistance under section 1395w-141(f) of this title, or premium and cost-sharing subsidies under section 1395w-114 of this title under such sections is conditioned upon—

(A) the individual providing to the State information about income and resources (in the case of an individual residing in a State that imposes an assets test for eligibility for medicare cost-sharing under the medicaid program); and

(B) meeting the applicable eligibility criteria.

(b) Coordination with States

(1) In general

In conducting the outreach efforts under this section, the Commissioner shall—

(A) furnish the agency of each State responsible for the administration of the medicaid program and any other appropriate State agency with information consisting of the name and address of individuals residing in the State that the Commissioner determines may be eligible for medical assistance for payment of the cost of medicare cost-sharing under the medicaid program pursuant to sections 1396a(a)(10)(E) and 1396u-3 of this title, for transitional assistance under section 1395w-141(f) of this title, or for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income individuals under section 1395w-114 of this title; and

(B) update any such information not less frequently than once per year.

(2) Information in periodic updates

The periodic updates described in paragraph (1)(B) shall include information on individuals who are or may be eligible for the medical assistance, program, and subsidies described in paragraph (1)(A) because such individuals have experienced reductions in benefits under subchapter II.

(c) Assistance with Medicare Savings Program and low-income subsidy program applications

(1) Distribution of applications and information to individuals who are potentially eligible for low-income subsidy program

For each individual who submits an application for low-income subsidies under section 1395w-114 of this title, requests an application for such subsidies, or is otherwise identified as an individual who is potentially eligible for such subsidies, the Commissioner shall do the following:

(A) Provide information describing the low-income subsidy program under section 1395w-114 of this title and the Medicare Savings Program (as defined in paragraph (7)).

(B) Provide an application for enrollment under such low-income subsidy program (if not already received by the Commissioner).

(C) In accordance with paragraph (3), transmit data from such an application for purposes of initiating an application for benefits under the Medicare Savings Program.

(D) Provide information on how the individual may obtain assistance in completing such application and an application under the Medicare Savings Program, including information on how the individual may contact the State health insurance assistance program (SHIP).

(E) Make the application described in subparagraph (B) and the information described in subparagraphs (A) and (D) available at local offices of the Social Security Administration.

(2) Training personnel in explaining benefit programs and assisting in completing LIS application

The Commissioner shall provide training to those employees of the Social Security Administration who are involved in receiving applications for benefits described in paragraph (1)(B) in order that they may promote beneficiary understanding of the low-income subsidy program and the Medicare Savings Program in order to increase participation in these programs. Such employees shall provide assistance in completing an application described in paragraph (1)(B) upon request.

(3) Transmittal of data to States

Beginning on January 1, 2010, with the consent of an individual completing an application for benefits described in paragraph (1)(B), the Commissioner shall electronically transmit to the appropriate State Medicaid agency data from such application, as determined by the Commissioner, which transmittal shall initiate an application of the individual for benefits under the Medicare Savings Program with the State Medicaid agency. In order to ensure that such data transmittal provides effective assistance for purposes of State adjudication of applications for benefits under the Medicare Savings Program, the Commissioner shall consult with the Secretary, after the Secretary has consulted with the States, regarding the content, form, frequency, and manner in which data (on a uniform basis for all States) shall be transmitted under this subparagraph.

(4) Coordination with outreach

The Commissioner shall coordinate outreach activities under this subsection in connection with the low-income subsidy program and the Medicare Savings Program.

(5) Reimbursement of Social Security Administration administrative costs

(A) Initial Medicare Savings Program costs; additional low-income subsidy costs

(i) Initial Medicare Savings Program costs

There are hereby appropriated to the Commissioner to carry out this subsection, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$24,100,000. The amount appropriated under this² clause shall be

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available on October 1, 2008, and shall remain available until expended.

(ii) Additional amount for low-income subsidy activities

There are hereby appropriated to the Commissioner, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$24,800,000 for fiscal year 2009 to carry out low-income subsidy activities under section 1395w-114 of this title and the Medicare Savings Program (in accordance with this subsection), to remain available until expended. Such funds shall be in addition to the Social Security Administration's Limitation on Administrative Expenditure appropriations for such fiscal year.

(B) Subsequent funding under agreements

(i) In general

Effective for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2010, the Commissioner and the Secretary shall enter into an agreement which shall provide funding (subject to the amount appropriated under clause (ii)) to cover the administrative costs of the Commissioner's activities under this subsection. Such agreement shall—

(I) provide funds to the Commissioner for the full cost of the Social Security Administration's work related to the Medicare Savings Program required under this section;

(II) provide such funding quarterly in advance of the applicable quarter based on estimating methodology agreed to by the Commissioner and the Secretary; and

(III) require an annual accounting and reconciliation of the actual costs incurred and funds provided under this subsection.

(ii) Appropriation

There are hereby appropriated to the Secretary solely for the purpose of providing payments to the Commissioner pursuant to an agreement specified in clause (i) that is in effect, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(C) Limitation

In no case shall funds from the Social Security Administration's Limitation on Administrative Expenses be used to carry out activities related to the Medicare Savings Program. For fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2010, no such activities shall be undertaken by the Social Security Administration unless the agreement specified in subparagraph (B) is in effect and full funding has been provided to the Commissioner as specified in such subparagraph.

(6) GAO analysis and report

(A) Analysis

The Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare an analysis of the impact of this subsection—

(i) in increasing participation in the Medicare Savings Program, and

(ii) on States and the Social Security Administration.

(B) Report

Not later than January 1, 2012, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress, the Commissioner, and the Secretary a report on the analysis conducted under subparagraph (A).

(7) Medicare Savings Program defined

For purposes of this subsection, the term "Medicare Savings Program" means the program of medical assistance for payment of the cost of medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program pursuant to sections 1396a(a)(10)(E) and 1396u-3 of this title.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1144, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(6) [title IX, §911(a)(1)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-583; amended Pub. L. 108-173, title I, §103(g), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2160; Pub. L. 110-275, title I, §113(a), July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2503.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1320b-14, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1144, as added Pub. L. 103-66, title XIII, §13581(a), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 609; Pub. L. 105-34, title XV, §1503(e), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1063, related to Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-226, §1(a), Oct. 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 3033.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-275 added subsec. (c).

2003—Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(1), inserted "and subsidies for low-income individuals under subchapter XVIII" after "cost-sharing" in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(1)(A). Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(2)(A)(i), inserted "for the transitional assistance under section 1395w-141(f) of this title, or for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under section 1395w-114 of this title" before semicolon.

Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(2)(A)(ii), inserted ", program, and subsidies" after "medical assistance".

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(2)(B)(i), inserted "the transitional assistance under section 1395w-141(f) of this title, or premium and cost-sharing subsidies under section 1395w-114 of this title" after "assistance" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(2)(B)(ii), substituted "eligibility for medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program" for "such eligibility".

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(3)(A), inserted "for transitional assistance under section 1395w-141(f) of this title, or for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income individuals under section 1395w-114 of this title" after "1396u-3 of this title".

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-173, §103(g)(3)(B), inserted ", program, and subsidies" after "medical assistance".

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-275, title I, §113(c), July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2506, provided that: "Except as otherwise provided, the amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 1396u-5 of this title] shall take effect on January 1, 2010."

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(6) [title IX, §911(c)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-584, provided that: "The

amendments made by subsection (a) [enacting this section and amending section 1396d of this title] shall take effect one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 21, 2000].”

GAO REPORT

Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(6) [title IX, §911(b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-584, required the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the impact of this section on the enrollment of individuals for medicare cost-sharing under the medicaid program and to submit a report on the study no later than 18 months after the initial outreach.

§ 1320b-15. Protection of social security and medicare trust funds

(a) In general

No officer or employee of the United States shall—

(1) delay the deposit of any amount into (or delay the credit of any amount to) any Federal fund or otherwise vary from the normal terms, procedures, or timing for making such deposits or credits,

(2) refrain from the investment in public debt obligations of amounts in any Federal fund, or

(3) redeem prior to maturity amounts in any Federal fund which are invested in public debt obligations for any purpose other than the payment of benefits or administrative expenses from such Federal fund.

(b) “Public debt obligation” defined

For purposes of this section, the term “public debt obligation” means any obligation subject to the public debt limit established under section 3101 of title 31.

(c) “Federal fund” defined

For purposes of this section, the term “Federal fund” means—

(1) the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund;

(2) the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund;

(3) the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund; and

(4) the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1145, as added Pub. L. 104-121, title I, §107(a), Mar. 29, 1996, 110 Stat. 856.)

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 104-121, title I, §107(b), Mar. 29, 1996, 110 Stat. 857, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [enacting this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 29, 1996].”

§ 1320b-16. Public disclosure of certain information on hospital financial interest and referral patterns

The Secretary shall make available to the public, in a form and manner specified by the Secretary, information disclosed to the Secretary pursuant to section 1395cc(a)(1)(S) of this title.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1146, as added Pub. L. 105-33, title IV, §4321(c), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 395.)

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 105-33, title IV, §4321(d)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 395, provided that: “The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall issue regulations by not later than the date which is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 5, 1997] to carry out the amendments made by subsections (b) and (c) [enacting this section and amending section 1395cc of this title] and such amendments shall take effect as of such date (on or after the issuance of such regulations) as the Secretary specifies in such regulations.”

§ 1320b-17. Cross-program recovery of overpayments from benefits

(a) In general

Subject to subsection (b), whenever the Commissioner of Social Security determines that more than the correct amount of any payment has been made to a person under a program described in subsection (e), the Commissioner of Social Security may recover the amount incorrectly paid by decreasing any amount which is payable to such person under any other program specified in that subsection.

(b) Limitation applicable to current benefits

(1) In general

In carrying out subsection (a), the Commissioner of Social Security may not decrease the monthly amount payable to an individual under a program described in subsection (e) that is paid when regularly due—

(A) in the case of benefits under subchapter II or VIII, by more than 10 percent of the amount of the benefit payable to the person for that month under such subchapter; and

(B) in the case of benefits under subchapter XVI, by an amount greater than the lesser of—

(i) the amount of the benefit payable to the person for that month; or

(ii) an amount equal to 10 percent of the person’s income for that month (including such monthly benefit but excluding payments under subchapter II when recovery is also made from subchapter II payments and excluding income excluded pursuant to section 1382a(b) of this title).

(2) Exception

Paragraph (1) shall not apply if—

(A) the person or the spouse of the person was involved in willful misrepresentation or concealment of material information in connection with the amount incorrectly paid; or

(B) the person so requests.

(c) No effect on eligibility or benefit amount under subchapter VIII or XVI

In any case in which the Commissioner of Social Security takes action in accordance with subsection (a) to recover an amount incorrectly paid to any person, neither that person, nor (with respect to the program described in subsection (e)(3)) any individual whose eligibility for benefits under such program or whose amount of such benefits, is determined by considering any part of that person’s income, shall, as a result of such action—