

“(3) RESOURCES FOR STATE MEDICAID AGENCIES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide for the designation of appropriate staff and resources that can address State inquiries with respect to the coordination of State and Federal policies for specialized MA plans for special needs individuals described in section 1859(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-28(b)(6)(B)(ii)), as amended by this section.

“(4) NO REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACT.—Nothing in the provisions of, or amendments made by, this subsection [amending this section] shall require a State to enter into a contract with a Medicare Advantage organization with respect to a specialized MA plan for special needs individuals described in section 1859(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-28(b)(6)(B)(ii)), as amended by this section.”

PANEL OF CLINICAL ADVISORS TO DETERMINE
CONDITIONS

Pub. L. 110-275, title I, §164(e)(2), July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2574, provided that: “The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall convene a panel of clinical advisors to determine the conditions that meet the definition of severe and disabling chronic conditions under section 1859(b)(6)(B)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-28(b)(6)(B)(iii)), as amended by paragraph (1). The panel shall include the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (or the Director’s designee).”

NO EFFECT ON MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR DUALS

Pub. L. 110-275, title I, §164(h), July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2575, provided that: “Nothing in the provisions of, or amendments made by, this section [amending this section and sections 1395w-22 and 1395w-27 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 1395w-21, 1395w-22, and 1395w-27 of this title] shall affect the benefits available under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.] for special needs individuals described in section 1859(b)(6)(B)(ii) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-28(b)(6)(B)(ii)).”

AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE OTHER PLANS AS
SPECIALIZED MA PLANS

Secretary of Health and Human Services authorized, in promulgating regulations to carry out subsection (b)(6) of this section, to provide, notwithstanding subsection (b)(6)(A) of this section, for the offering of specialized MA plans for special needs individuals by MA plans that disproportionately serve special needs individuals, see section 231(d) of Pub. L. 108-173, set out as a note under section 1395w-21 of this title.

**§ 1395w-29. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-152, title I,
§ 1102(f), Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1046**

Section, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, §1860C-1, as added Pub. L. 108-173, title II, §241(a), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2214; amended Pub. L. 111-148, title III, §3201(a)(2)(D), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 444; Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1102(a), Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1040, related to comparative cost adjustment program.

PART D—VOLUNTARY PRESCRIPTION DRUG
BENEFIT PROGRAM

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part D of this subchapter, consisting of section 1395x et seq., was redesignated part E of this subchapter.

SUBPART 1—PART D ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

§ 1395w-101. Eligibility, enrollment, and information

(a) Provision of qualified prescription drug coverage through enrollment in plans

(1) In general

Subject to the succeeding provisions of this part, each part D eligible individual (as defined in paragraph (3)(A)) is entitled to obtain qualified prescription drug coverage (described in section 1395w-102(a) of this title) as follows:

(A) Fee-for-service enrollees may receive coverage through a prescription drug plan

A part D eligible individual who is not enrolled in an MA plan may obtain qualified prescription drug coverage through enrollment in a prescription drug plan (as defined in section 1395w-151(a)(14) of this title).

(B) Medicare Advantage enrollees

(i) Enrollees in a plan providing qualified prescription drug coverage receive coverage through the plan

A part D eligible individual who is enrolled in an MA-PD plan obtains such coverage through such plan.

(ii) Limitation on enrollment of MA plan enrollees in prescription drug plans

Except as provided in clauses (iii) and (iv), a part D eligible individual who is enrolled in an MA plan may not enroll in a prescription drug plan under this part.

(iii) Private fee-for-service enrollees in MA plans not providing qualified prescription drug coverage permitted to enroll in a prescription drug plan

A part D eligible individual who is enrolled in an MA private fee-for-service plan (as defined in section 1395w-28(b)(2) of this title) that does not provide qualified prescription drug coverage may obtain qualified prescription drug coverage through enrollment in a prescription drug plan.

(iv) Enrollees in MSA plans permitted to enroll in a prescription drug plan

A part D eligible individual who is enrolled in an MSA plan (as defined in section 1395w-28(b)(3) of this title) may obtain qualified prescription drug coverage through enrollment in a prescription drug plan.

(2) Coverage first effective January 1, 2006

Coverage under prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans shall first be effective on January 1, 2006.

(3) Definitions

For purposes of this part:

(A) Part D eligible individual

The term “part D eligible individual” means an individual who is entitled to benefits under part A or enrolled under part B (but not including an individual enrolled solely for coverage of immunosuppressive drugs under section 1395o(b) of this title).