WISCONSIN 1115 DEMONSTRATION

FACT SHEET

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SUMMARY

The demonstration is a statewide program that provides the prescription drug benefit and optional Medication Therapy Management (MTM) to eligible Wisconsin residents aged 65 and over, with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals eligible for SeniorCare must meet the following requirements:
- Be a Wisconsin resident;
- Be a citizen or have qualifying immigrant status;
- Not be a recipient of Medicaid benefits, other than as a low-income Medicare beneficiary (QMB, SLMB, QI-1 or QDWI);
- Be age 65 or older;
- Pay the applicable annual enrollment fee of $30 per person;
- Have an annual income at or below 200% FPL.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

Prescriptions drugs covered by Medicaid and for which the drug manufacturers enter into a rebate agreement with the State, and insulin prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse prescriber, or ophthalmologist or their designated nurse practitioner or physician assistant. MTM is an optional service consisting of Intervention–based Services and Comprehensive Medication Review and Assessments.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The SeniorCare application consists of a simple, one-page application form, which must be mailed to the SeniorCare central application processing center with a $30 enrollment fee. SeniorCare requires no asset test, and unlike the enrollment policies of Medicare Part D, seniors may enroll at any time without penalty. Once approved, seniors are enrolled for a 12-month benefit period.
DELIVERY SYSTEM

SeniorCare is administered on a fee-for-service basis. The pharmacy benefit provided through this demonstration will enhance and complement primary health care benefits for demonstration eligibles. Medicaid certified pharmacies must serve SeniorCare participants. There are currently 1,400 pharmacies that participate in Medicaid.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Wisconsin uses the following cost-management strategies:

- Pharmacy Point-of-Sale system, to enable providers to submit real-time claims for prescription drugs to verify participant eligibility and medical history;
- Prospective/Retrospective Drug-Utilization Review;
- Maximum Allowable Cost list for prescription drugs;
- Prior Authorization for certain drugs;
- Diagnosis Restriction and Excluded Drugs;
- Preferred Drug List.

COST-SHARING

- Participants in the SeniorCare demonstration will pay an annual enrollment fee of $30.
- Participants with incomes between 160-200% FPL will have an annual deductible of $500.
- All participants will pay a $15 copayment amount per prescription for brand-name drugs.
- All participants will pay a $5 copayment amount per prescription for generic drugs.

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