New York State EPIC Program

Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) Assistance Changes
Effective 10/1/19
Agenda

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Background

• The Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) is an amount added to the Medicare Part D premium when the member did not enroll in a Part D plan, or have creditable coverage when first eligible.

• The cost of the late enrollment penalty depends on how long the member went without Medicare Part D or creditable prescription drug coverage.

• The Medicare Part D monthly premium, plus the LEP payment, cannot exceed the monthly Benchmark amount & the member is responsible for any remaining balance over the Benchmark amount.
Background (continued)

• EPIC’s financial assistance for LEPs was intended to support members through the Medicare Part D implementation and transition period.

• Awareness of LEP support is typically through EPIC outreach activities and/or the member’s interaction with Part D plans, or individuals providing enrollment assistance such as HIICAP counselors or NY Connects staff.

• Significant improvements to assure member awareness of enrollment requirements have been made, since the inception of Medicare Part D in 2006.

• For 2018, EPIC paid LEPs for ~1300 members at an annual cost of ~$37.00 per member.
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• Existing EPIC members that have not had LEP assistance, and new EPIC members, will not be entitled to such assistance.

• EPIC members that are currently being provided with LEP assistance will be “grandfathered” and will continue to get such assistance.

• This change aligns with other historical EPIC changes that support Medicare Part D requirements and coverage parameters.

July 30, 2019
## LEP Changes – Timeline

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Questions?

• Please submit questions via the *chat box* function