



TO: Pharmacy Providers

RE: Medicare Part D Co-pays for Dual Eligible HUSKY Low Income Subsidy Clients

The co-payment threshold for Low Income Subsidy/Full Benefit Dual Eligible individuals is changing for Calendar Year 2026. Currently, the co-pay for generic drugs is \$4.90 and the co-pay for all other drugs is \$12.65. **For dates of service January 1, 2026, and forward**, the co-pay for generic drugs will be \$5.10 and, for all other drugs, the co-pay will be \$12.65.

Clients covered under a HUSKY Benefit Plan will continue to be responsible for the first seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per month of their Medicare Part D co-pays. For a pharmacy or compound claim billed with Other Coverage Code of 8 and a Carrier Code of MDD (Medicare D co-pay-only claim), a co-pay will be applied until \$17.00 has been charged to the patient.

All Medicare Part D primary claims for clients who have Medicaid as a secondary payer must be submitted to Gainwell Technologies for claims processing. This will allow the Department of Social Services (DSS) to track a client's \$17.00 monthly co-pay responsibility. Submitting **all Medicare Part D** claims will allow the client's co-pays to systematically accrue to include prescriptions processed by another pharmacy or the reversal of a previously paid claim. The pharmacy should not try to tally the client's co-pays on their own or charge a client their Medicare Part D co-pay without submitting the claim to Gainwell Technologies first, as either practice may cause the client to pay more than the maximum of \$17.00 per calendar month.

Beginning January 1, 2026, Dual Eligible clients should never be billed a co-pay greater than \$12.65 by their Medicare Part D

Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) for a formulary drug.

To prevent the inappropriate use of the co-pay only transaction, the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) will not allow a co-pay greater than \$12.65 to be billed on or after January 1, 2026. These claims will deny and return the following message back to the pharmacy: **"Co-pay only claim greater than \$12.65 not allowed"**. If a claim is returned from the PDP with a co-pay of greater than \$12.65, **this issue must be resolved with the PDP.**