



Department
of Health

New York State EPIC Program

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

Agenda

1. Background
2. LEP Changes & Timeline
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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.

LEP Changes – Effective 10/1/19

- 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.

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Questions?

- Please submit questions via the *chat box* function