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Medicaid Members May be Eligible to Join a Medicare Advantage Plan

Did you know certain Medicaid members can get more coverage with a Wellcare Medicare Advantage plan? Here's how providers can help Medicaid patients determine whether they're eligible to join Medicare Advantage:

- What makes a Medicaid member potentially eligible for a Medicare Advantage plan?
- Age 65 years or older
- Entitled to Social Security disability benefits for a total of 24 months
- Diagnosed with Medicare-qualifying disabilities such as End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's disease, and other conditions

What are the benefits of a Wellcare Medicare Advantage Plan?

- Low out-of-pocket maximum costs
- Low to **NO** monthly premiums
- Healthy Foods Card: Use at participating retailers
- Free fitness membership
- Prescription drug coverage/ home delivery options
- Dental, vision and hearing coverage
- Over-the-counter (OTC) healthcare items

Do You Have Enrollment Questions?

When are members able to enroll in a Wellcare Medicare Advantage plan?
- Those who qualify for Medicare must enroll during their Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) or the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP).

When is the Initial Enrollment Period?
- The Initial Enrollment Period is 3 months before and after the member turns 65.
- If a member qualifies for Medicare due to disability, the Initial Enrollment Period is 3 months before and after the 25th month of the member's disability benefits.

When is the Annual Enrollment Period?
- An eligible member who wants to join a Medicare Advantage plan can do so from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. New coverage starts Jan. 1, 2024.

Is there a Special Enrollment Period (SEP)?
- Members can change their Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug coverage after life events such as moving or losing other sources of insurance.

What if a member qualifies for a Dual Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)?
- The member may not have to wait until the Annual Enrollment Period to enroll in a Wellcare Medicare Advantage D-SNP.

Who Can Members Contact for Help?

If your Medicaid members are interested or have questions, direct them to call Wellcare at **1-844-917-0175** (TTY: 711) or visit **Wellcare.com/Florida** and select "Need a Plan."

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