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## PDAP Program Updates

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### Medicare Discount Card Denials for Prescription Drug Assistance Program (PDAP) recipients

Last February, the Wyoming Legislature passed a statute that requires all Medicare eligible PDAP recipients to apply for and use a Medicare-approved drug discount card and the \$600 credit that comes with the card.

Recently, it has come to the Department of Health Pharmacy Unit's attention that PDAP recipients are receiving denials stating that they are receiving Medicaid benefits. **PDAP is a state-funded program and is NOT the same as Medicaid.** Upon further investigation, the Pharmacy Unit has found that there is a problem at the federal level when the original application is processed. If your Medicare premiums are paid for through the Medicaid program, the federal system believes that you are receiving full Medicaid benefits, including drug coverage, and denies your application.

If you receive this denial, you will have to participate in the appeals process in order to receive your Medicare-approved discount card and \$600 credit. As a part of the appeals process, you may be asked to submit a letter stating that you are on a state-funded program, NOT Medicaid. If you need such a letter, please contact the Pharmacy Unit at 1-800-438-5785. Leave your full name, EqualityCare Number, and mailing address and we will send you a personalized copy as soon as possible.

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