

✓ **ENROLL WITH MEDICARE**

As of June 1, 2016, most dental practices that treat patients over 65 years of age are affected by a significant change to the Medicare regulations. If a dentist takes no action, patients with Medicare Advantage Part D prescription plans will not receive benefits when their dentist writes a prescription for them (which can result in a very disgruntled patient). Medicare recipients who purchase supplemental Medicare insurance policies (i.e., Part D drug plans) will be eligible for benefits from those plans only when the ordering doctor is enrolled in Medicare, i.e., opted in, opted out, or enrolled using the CMS 855O. Because enrollment is not immediate, dentists should submit the necessary documentation – or register online – to opt in, opt out or submit an 855O form with Medicare *as soon as possible*, but no later than January 1, 2016.

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/medicareprovidersupenroll/enrollmentapplications.html>