

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Tell Your Patients About New Drug Plan Choices

The **Dept. of Health and Human Services** has approved prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans that will offer coverage under Part D beginning Jan. 1, 2006. Your patients will have a choice of PDPs in every state, and 11 to 20 organizations will offer PDPs in each region.

At least one PDP in each state (except for Alaska) offers a premium of less than \$20 per month, HHS notes. And at least five PDPs in each state will offer coverage without a premium to qualified beneficiaries, HHS says.

View a map of the PDP and MA plan regions at: www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarereform/mmaregions/.