

# Medicare Part D Update!

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## RETIREE DRUG SUBSIDY INFORMATION

The Retiree Drug Subsidy Center recently posted important information regarding the Retiree Drug Subsidy (RDS) on its Web site (<http://rds.cms.hhs.gov>). For your convenience, Innoviant delivers this information directly to you as a *Medicare Part D Update*.

### Importance of the Benefit Option and the Unique Benefit Option Identifier

All RDS applications must have at least one benefit option and a corresponding Unique Benefit Option Identifier (UBOI). The naming convention for both the benefit option and the UBOI is purely at the plan sponsor's discretion. However, for practical purposes, the RDS Center suggests that plan sponsors use the Rx group number, if applicable. The RDS Center does not validate the UBOI against any external databases. At this time, after an application has been submitted to the RDS Center for processing, the UBOI cannot be changed.

Once an application is submitted, the retiree file for that application must reference the UBOI exactly as it is entered on the application. If the RDS Center cannot match the UBOI entered on the retiree file to any UBOI on the application, the entire retiree file will be rejected. An application will not be approved if your entire retiree file is rejected. If you submitted a retiree file with a UBOI that does not precisely reflect the UBOI on the application, please resubmit the retiree file using the correct UBOI.

To find the UBOI defined in the application, which must be referenced in the retiree file, refer to the Benefit Option(s) Summary page on the RDS Center's Web site.

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## Highlights

- About the Benefit Option and UBOI
- Vendor Agreement
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## Contact

Questions on Medicare Part D may be directed to your account manager



## Vendor Agreement for RDS Program

Reminder for all account managers and authorized representatives for RDS applicants: per the Plan Sponsor Agreement, the plan sponsor must certify that it has executed a written agreement with its health insurance issuer or group health plan regarding disclosure of information to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In the agreement the issuer or plan must agree to disclose to CMS, on behalf of the plan sponsor, the information necessary for the plan sponsor to comply with the requirements of the RDS Program. For plan sponsors participating in the RDS Program for 2006 plan years, the written agreement is required to be executed prior to January 1, 2006. To access Innoviant's RDS Vendor Agreement, visit our Web site at [www.innoviant.com](http://www.innoviant.com).

## Application Deadline – Plan Year 2007

For plan years ending in 2007, the RDS Center application-filing deadline is no later than 90 days prior to the beginning of the plan benefit year. For example, an application for a plan year with a start date of April 1, 2006 and end date of March 31, 2007 must be submitted by midnight, December 31, 2005.

If you would like to request a 30-day extension, you must request the extension by the application-filing deadline.

Plan sponsors must have a written agreement with their health insurance issuers or group health plans regarding disclosure of information to CMS.

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