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## **The Deadline for Medicare Drug Coverage Is Approaching. Please Act Soon!**

You're getting this letter because our records show that your Medicare prescription drug coverage ended on December 31, 2009, and that you haven't joined a new Medicare drug plan. **This is a reminder from Medicare that you need to act soon if you want Medicare prescription drug coverage for 2010.**

### **You have until February 28 to get Medicare drug coverage.**

Our records show that as of [MailTape Date], you don't have Medicare drug coverage. If you want Medicare drug coverage for 2010, you need to join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage by February 28, 2010. Your new coverage will start as early as the month after you join.

If you updated your Medicare drug coverage choice recently and are happy with your coverage for 2010, you can ignore this letter.

### **Here's what to do next:**

Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) to compare the Medicare health and drug plans available in your area, see your "Medicare & You" 2010 handbook, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to get help choosing and joining a plan. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you decide not to join a new Medicare health or drug plan, you'll still have Original Medicare coverage, but your next chance to join a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan won't be until November 15, 2010. You may also have to pay a late enrollment penalty if you decide to add Medicare drug coverage later.

### **Don't wait! Let Medicare help.**

Medicare offers help and information 24 hours a day to help you understand your choices. Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program for free personalized health insurance counseling at <SHIP phone number>.

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