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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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This year the prescription drugs you need are covered by Medicaid with the MediPlan card you get from the State of Illinois.

This will change next year because you also get Medicare health benefits.

- **Starting on January 1, 2006, Medicare will cover your prescription drugs instead of Medicaid.**
- **Medicaid will continue to cover your other health care costs.**

You receive the MediPlan card because you are enrolled in the **Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities Program**.

In order to get the Medicare prescription drug benefit without paying other costs, **you should continue to pay the premium to stay in the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities Program**. If you stop paying the premium for Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities, your Medicaid health benefits will be canceled. It also means that your Medicare prescription drug coverage may be canceled when Medicare reviews your situation next year to see if you are still eligible.

Remember, you are now eligible for the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage without extra costs because you are enrolled in the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities program.

If you have any questions about your Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities coverage, and how it works with Medicaid and the new Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, please call (extra line at HBWD).

If you have questions about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Sincerely,

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