

**§ 1395w-152. Miscellaneous provisions**

**(a) Access to coverage in territories**

The Secretary may waive such requirements of this part, including section 1395w-103(a)(1) of this title, insofar as the Secretary determines it is necessary to secure access to qualified prescription drug coverage for part D eligible individuals residing in a State (other than the 50 States and the District of Columbia).

**(b) Application of demonstration authority**

The provisions of section 402 of the Social Security Amendments of 1967 (Public Law 90-248) shall apply with respect to this part and part C of this subchapter in the same manner it applies with respect to parts A and B of this subchapter, except that any reference with respect to a Trust Fund in relation to an experiment or demonstration project relating to prescription drug coverage under this part shall be deemed a reference to the Medicare Prescription Drug Account within the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

**(c) Coverage gap rebate for 2010**

**(1) In general**

In the case of an individual described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of section 1395w-114a(g)(1) of this title who as of the last day of a calendar quarter in 2010 has incurred costs for covered part D drugs so that the individual has exceeded the initial coverage limit under section 1395w-102(b)(3) of this title for 2010, the Secretary shall provide for payment from the Medicare Prescription Drug Account of \$250 to the individual by not later than the 15th day of the third month following the end of such quarter.

**(2) Limitation**

The Secretary shall provide only 1 payment under this subsection with respect to any individual.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, §1860D-42, as added Pub. L. 108-173, title I, §101(a)(2), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2149; amended Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1101(a)(1), Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1036.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 402 of the Social Security Amendments of 1967, referred to in subsec. (b), is section 402 of Pub. L. 90-248, title IV, Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 930, which enacted section 1395b-1 of this title and amended section 1395ll of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-152 added subsec. (c).

**§ 1395w-153. Condition for coverage of drugs under this part**

**(a) In general**

In order for coverage to be available under this part for covered part D drugs (as defined in section 1395w-102(e) of this title) of a manufacturer, the manufacturer must—

(1) participate in the Medicare coverage gap discount program under section 1395w-114a of this title;

(2) have entered into and have in effect an agreement described in subsection (b) of such section with the Secretary; and

(3) have entered into and have in effect, under terms and conditions specified by the Secretary, a contract with a third party that the Secretary has entered into a contract with under subsection (d)(3) of such section.

**(b) Effective date**

Subsection (a) shall apply to covered part D drugs dispensed under this part on or after January 1, 2011.

**(c) Authorizing coverage for drugs not covered under agreements**

Subsection (a) shall not apply to the dispensing of a covered part D drug if—

(1) the Secretary has made a determination that the availability of the drug is essential to the health of beneficiaries under this part; or

(2) the Secretary determines that in the period beginning on January 1, 2011, and<sup>1</sup> December 31, 2011, there were extenuating circumstances.

**(d) Definition of manufacturer**

In this section, the term “manufacturer” has the meaning given such term in section 1395w-114a(g)(5) of this title.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, §1860D-43, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title III, §3301(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 461; amended Pub. L. 111-152, title I, §1101(b)(1), Mar. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 1037.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-152, §1101(b)(1)(A), substituted “January 1, 2011” for “July 1, 2010”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 111-152, §1101(b)(1)(B), substituted “January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011,” for “July 1, 2010, and ending on December 31, 2010.”

**§ 1395w-154. Improved Medicare prescription drug plan and MA-PD plan complaint system**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall develop and maintain a complaint system, that is widely known and easy to use, to collect and maintain information on MA-PD plan and prescription drug plan complaints that are received (including by telephone, letter, e-mail, or any other means) by the Secretary (including by a regional office of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman, a subcontractor, a carrier, a fiscal intermediary, and a Medicare administrative contractor under section 1395kk-1 of this title) through the date on which the complaint is resolved. The system shall be able to report and initiate appropriate interventions and monitoring based on substantial complaints and to guide quality improvement.

**(b) Model electronic complaint form**

The Secretary shall develop a model electronic complaint form to be used for reporting plan complaints under the system. Such form shall be prominently displayed on the front page of the Medicare.gov Internet website and on the Internet website of the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman.

**(c) Annual reports by the Secretary**

The Secretary shall submit to Congress annual reports on the system. Such reports shall

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “ending on”.