



MEDICARE SECONDARY PAYER REPORTING

As we have previously communicated, Principal Life Insurance Company, as your TPA is required to provide certain information about your covered employees and their dependents under the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) provisions of the Social Security Act.

The updated information provided by CMS now defines Active Covered Individuals as:

- Effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010, all individuals covered under a Group Health Plan age 55 through 64 who have coverage based on their own or a family member's current employment status; and
- All individuals covered in a Group Health Plan age 65 and older who have coverage based upon their own or a spouse's current employment status; and
- All individuals who have been receiving kidney dialysis or who have received a kidney transplant; and
- All individuals covered in a Group Health Plan who are under age 55, are known to be entitled to Medicare, and have coverage in the plan based on their own or a family member's current employment status.

Expanded reporting requirements will be effective January 1, 2011, to include individuals age 45 and over.

Principal previously registered under the Voluntary Data Sharing agreement last year. We are now required to reregister in April under the Mandatory Insurance Reporting requirements. Once we reregister we will be advised of the date your first file must be submitted to CMS. We will communicate that date once we receive it.

We have prepared updated data based on the new information outlined above. **Your administrator will be contacting you shortly with the revised list of individuals for whom we need to obtain social security numbers so we will be prepared to send CMS the required data elements by the new assigned deadline.**

We want to **Thank You** for all your assistance to date in obtaining the information we need to prepare for this reporting. The information still outstanding should be much less due to all your help. If you have any questions please give us a call.

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