

Operations Memos

SNAP – Medex Premium Rate Changes

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Operations Memo 2013-1

Medex is a Medicare supplement policy that is offered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA). Rate changes were effective on January 1, 2013. This Operations Memo:

- identifies the non-group plans that have changed and the corresponding rate changes;
- provides information on updates to SNAP benefits and the Medex premium amounts; and
- gives information about the 2013 Medex Premium Rate Change Report.

2013 Social Security/SSI COLA for TAFDC, EAEDC and SNAP

TAFDC, EAEDC and SNAP

Operations Memo 2013-2

Effective January 2013, Social Security benefits and federal SSI payments increased by 1.7 percent. The base level Medicare Part B Premium is \$104.90. The Medicare Part B Penalty Premium is identified in the 2013 Medicare Part B Surcharge Premiums chart on page 5 of this memo. This Operations Memo:

- explains how BEACON will update client cases with the 2013 Social Security/SSI COLA amounts and recalculate eligibility for the active updated cases;
- explains which cases listed on the Clients With RSDI and/or SSI view require case manager action; and
- transmits procedures for case managers to update cases with discrepant 2013 Social Security/SSI COLA amounts.

FYI

SSI Payment Standards Change

Effective January 1, 2013, the SSI payment standards increased and can be found at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dta/program-eligibility-charts-and-tables.html>