



State of Illinois
Group Insurance Division

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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE ONLY – No Action Required

Last fall you enrolled in one of the State of Illinois Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug coverage (MAPD) plans as part of the *Total Retiree Advantage Illinois (TRAIL)* program administered by the Department of Central Management Services (Department). Since these State MAPD plans became effective last February, it has come to the Department’s attention that, per Medicare rules, members who enroll in another Medicare plan (such as a different Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plan) will have their TRAIL coverage automatically terminated.

The following information is intended to help prevent you from inadvertently terminating your TRAIL coverage:

- **Be an informed consumer when researching other medical and prescription plan options.** Enrolling in another Medicare Advantage plan or Medicare Part D prescription plan will cause your TRAIL coverage to terminate. Something as simple as enrolling in your favorite pharmacy’s prescription savings program could enroll you in a Medicare Part D plan, thereby causing your TRAIL coverage to terminate.
- Qualifying for and receiving “Extra Help” through Social Security (referred to as Low Income Subsidy) or Medicaid through your state is acceptable under TRAIL as long as you don’t enroll in another Medicare Part D prescription plan based on qualifying for “Extra Help” or Medicaid. If you were to enroll in another Medicare D prescription plan, your TRAIL coverage will terminate.

If you have questions, call the Department at 1-800-442-1300.

Sincerely,
CMS, Bureau of Benefits

You **must** continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium in order to remain enrolled in TRAIL.