



HealthSense 65 Closure

Effective January 1st, 2009, Regence BlueShield of Idaho will discontinue HealthSense 65 in the nine remaining Idaho counties. The counties are Adams, Benewah, Boundary, Clearwater, Gem, Idaho, Lewis, Valley and Washington. These products continue to be available through the end of 2008 and members may continue utilizing them through the end of the year.

We understand the impact that this may have on our members health coverage needs. As a result, we are expanding our MedAdvantage portfolio of products into Boundary, Benewah and Gem counties effective January 1st, 2009. We will continue to negotiate with health care providers throughout the state in an attempt to make MedAdvantage products available to all Idaho residents in the future.

For current HealthSense 65 members not residing in a MedAdvantage county, Regence continues to offer a variety of Medicare supplement and Medicare Part D options. Our Senior Selection Medicare supplement plan offers Plan F benefits along with preventive dental coverage and an Individual Assistance Program. Members can combine their supplement coverage with a Part D prescription plan to meet their full coverage needs.

Effective October 1st, 2008, all existing HealthSense 65 members are guaranteed the right to choose **any** Regence Medicare supplement plan, to be issued at their current age. The member can choose an effective date of the first of the month following receipt of the application or January 1st, 2009. If you are the agent of record on a HealthSense 65 plan and the member enrolls in a Regence MedAdvantage, Medicare supplement or Medicare Part D plan, you will remain the agent of record on the new policy. We will be conducting free seminars in each of our closure counties to help members understand their options. We encourage you to contact your HealthSense 65 members and assist them through this transition.