



DIOCESE of LA CROSSE

FINANCE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM – November 14, 2006

To: Active and Retired Priests
All Lay Employees, Retirees and Dependents Currently Enrolled on the Medical Insurance Plan

From: Sondra Rieder, Finance Officer

Re: Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage)

Attached please find important information regarding Medicare Part D and your current health plan.

The Medicare Part D Annual Election Period for coverage effective January 1, 2007, starts November 15. You must decide whether or not to enroll.

Your existing coverage is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage. Because your current coverage is creditable, you can keep this coverage and not pay a penalty, if you should elect to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage at a later date.

If you elect to enroll in the Medicare prescription drug plan, you will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits. The plan will coordinate benefits with Medicare. **If you elect to drop your Diocesan health plan benefits, you may not be able to get this coverage back.**

If you have questions regarding this notice and your current coverage, **please contact Beth Dee, Custom Benefit Administrators, at 800-944-2188.**