

WAC 284-55-160 Annual adjustment notice to conform existing medicare supplement policies to medicare changes. No later than thirty days prior to the annual effective date of changes required by the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988, every insurer providing medicare supplement insurance policies to a resident of this state shall notify its insureds of modifications it has made to medicare supplement insurance policies in an annual adjustment notice. For the years 1989 and 1990, and in 1990 only if outpatient prescription drugs are covered by the policy or contract, such notice shall be substantially in the format prescribed by the commissioner at WAC 284-55-165 through 284-55-177. The annual adjustment notice is intended to be informational only and for the sole purpose of informing policy and certificate holders about changes in medicare benefits, indexed deductible and copayment provisions, premium adjustments, and the like. The forms of annual adjustment notices provided to residents of this state shall be filed with the commissioner prior to use.

(1) Such notice shall include a description of revisions to the medicare program and a description of each modification made to the coverage provided under the medicare supplement insurance policy.

(2) Such notice shall inform each covered person as to when any premium adjustment due to changes in medicare benefits will be made.

(3) Such annual adjustment notice of benefit modifications and any premium adjustment shall be furnished in outline form and in clear and simple terms so as to facilitate comprehension.

(4) Such notice shall not contain or be accompanied by any solicitation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060 (3)(a) and 48.66.050. WSR 89-11-096 (Order R 89-7), § 284-55-160, filed 5/24/89. Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060 (3)(a) and 48.30.010(2). WSR 88-22-061 (Order R 88-9), § 284-55-160, filed 11/1/88.]