

## MEDICARE PART D CHECKLIST

### **NOW**

- Seniors can apply to the Social Security Administration to determine if they are eligible for extra financial assistance in paying for the Medicare drug benefit.
- Talk with residents and their families about the new Medicare Part D program and what they need to do.
  - Explain the deadlines for choosing and enrolling in a PDP.
  - Explain what they need to consider when choosing a plan, including the facility's preferred pharmacy, drug formularies, costs, and benefits.

### **NOVEMBER 15**

- Initial enrollment for Medicare prescription drug plans begins.

### **BEFORE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

- Revise facility's admission policy to include the resident's responsibility for co-pays (assisted living only).
- Send revised policies to existing residents/families, and let families know which plans will work with the facility's preferred pharmacy

### **BEFORE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**