

WHY are you being CHARGED MORE and being asked to pay for your medical equipment UP FRONT?



If you are on Medicare and are wondering why you are paying more for your mobility products and accessories, please continue reading. Over the past several years, Medicare has made changes to payment rates that have impacted your personal out-of-pocket expenses **above and beyond your 20 percent copay**.

On Jan. 1, 2016, there are two additional changes that will further add to your out-of-pocket expenses.

1. While you still have your Medicare benefits, **the government is shifting more of the cost to you** for the same services. This is why you are being asked to pay more out of pocket and possibly make payment up front.
2. In some cases, **some of the equipment you need may no longer be available** because of these changes.

We are NOT responsible for these changes and would rather not have to charge you more for these services.

Medicare has implemented changes that we have no control over. We have strongly voiced our concern about these changes with Medicare officials and Congress. However, at this point, Medicare is proceeding with these changes that will shift costs from your Medicare benefit to **YOU**.

Medicare says that unless they hear that this is an issue from Medicare beneficiaries, then they don't believe it is an issue. **They've heard from us and now they need to hear from you.**



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you are unhappy with how these changes are impacting your costs or restricting your access to the equipment you need, **PLEASE let your congressional representative know that you are unhappy with Medicare's decision.**

Here are **TWO ADDITIONAL CHANGES** that Medicare is planning to implement on Jan. 1, 2016, that will further increase your out-of-pocket expense.

1. Reduce the Medicare payment rates for wheelchairs and accessories by 30 to 50 percent due to what they call the "Rural Rollout" of Competitive Bidding Prices **NATIONALLY**.
2. Reduce the Medicare payment rate for rehab accessories such as head rests, harnesses, power tilt and height adjustable armrests, to name a few. There are 171 rehab accessories that will be reduced by 10 to 40 percent.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD?

Contact your representative and senators to let them know how these changes will affect you. People for Quality Care has made this simple.



Email your representative or senators. Visit **"PeopleForQualityCare.com/ TakeAction"** to let them know how these cuts will impact you!



Don't have Internet access but still want to voice your concerns? Call People for Quality Care at **800-260-7913** to share your concerns.