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## Best Available Evidence Policy

Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 423.800 specify the requirements of Part D sponsors in the administration of the low-income subsidy program, including the reduction of cost sharing for subsidy-eligible individuals. In certain cases, CMS systems do not reflect a beneficiary's correct low-income subsidy (LIS) status at a particular point in time. As a result, the most up-to-date and accurate subsidy information has not been communicated to the Part D plan.

To address these situations, CMS created the best available evidence (BAE) policy in 2006. This policy requires sponsors to establish the appropriate cost-sharing for low-income beneficiaries when presented with evidence that the beneficiary's information is not accurate.

For more information, please view the Best Available Evidence (BAE) Policy.