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Affordable Pharmaceuticals

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State Pharmaceutical Assistance Transition Commission

- Created by MMA
- Advise HHS
- Develop a proposal
- Submit report to Congress and President by 1/1/05

Composition of Commission

- 8 SPAPs
- 2 other state programs
- 3 MA/PBM
- 11 other



Subcommittees

- Beneficiary Transition
- Program Design
- Providers/Systems



Lessons from Discount Card Transition

- Education critical
- Coordination can save state \$
- SPAPs as wrap-around
- COB major concern
- Outreach for pre-duals



Next Steps

- Rules and regs out soon
- Grants to States
- Need clarification on:
 - Using existing assets tests
 - Decliners
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