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To: [ETF SMB Board Feedback](#)
Subject: Medicare Advantage Supplemental Benefits
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Hello,

I'm writing on behalf of my mother, who is a state retiree using ETF benefits and is currently on the [REDACTED]. Last year the department of Health and Human Services authorized medicare advantage plans to provide Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically ill (please see https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/HealthPlansGenInfo/Downloads/Supplemental_Benefits_Chronically_Ill_HPMS_042419.pdf). From my discussions with both the [REDACTED] and ETF benefit specialists these benefits are not currently part of the [REDACTED] plan. I would like to request the board consider adding these benefits for members for the years 2021 and beyond. For my mother's situation support for delivery of [REDACTED] tailored meals (e.g. MomsMeals) would be of most benefit, but I'm sure a range of services to help the chronically ill manage their conditions would be a great preventative care plan addition for many members.

It's my understanding the board is the appropriate place to send this suggestion, but if not I'd appreciate your forwarding it to the appropriate group. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Joe Abler