



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION



Medicare and Prescription Drugs

Starting on January 1, 2006, Medicare covers most prescription drugs. This program is called Part D. Part D helps many people get their prescriptions. If you have Medicare Part A or B, then you can get Part D.

Will Part D cover all my drugs?

To get your drugs from Part D, you must pick a drug plan. Each plan covers different drugs. Also, each plan uses different pharmacies. You need to pick a plan that covers the drugs that you take and the pharmacies that you like. To learn more about the drug plans, call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227). You can also call **(202) 739-0668** to talk to a counselor. The counselor can help you pick a drug plan. If you already belong to a Part D drug plan, you should review it in November and December each year, to make sure it will still meet your needs.

How much do I have to pay for Part D?

Part D is not free. Different plans have different costs. However, you can get “extra help” to pay these costs. With the extra help, you will normally pay only \$1 or \$2 for each prescription.

There are special drug plans for people who get the extra help. If you pick one of these drug plans, then you will not have to pay a monthly premium for Part D. There is a list of these special drug plans on the next page.

If you already have DC Medicaid, you will automatically get this extra help.

Also, you will get this extra help if DC already pays your Medicare premiums.

If Social Security is taking money out of your check, then you should apply for the extra help. To get this extra help, you must get less than \$1,809 per month (\$2,712 if you are married.) The limit is higher if you are working. To apply, call (202) 724-5506.

What if I already have DC Medicaid?

If you have Medicare, starting January 1, 2006, you must get most of your drugs through Medicare Part D.

If you have DC Medicaid **and** a red, white, and blue Medicare card, then you need to pick a drug plan. After December 31, 2005, you cannot use your DC Medicaid card to get most of your drugs.

If you do not have Medicare, then you can still get your drugs through DC Medicaid.

Who should I call with questions?

To learn more about the drug plans, call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227.) You can also call **(202) 739-0668** to talk to a counselor. The counselor can help you pick a drug plan. Also, if you have other insurance, call (202) 739-0668 to see if you should also sign up for Part D.

To get extra help for Part D, call (202) 724-5506. We will help you to apply for the extra help.

The following drug plans will not charge a monthly premium if customers get "extra help" from IMA.*

Medicare Part D Drug Plans in DC for 2007 with Low Income Subsidies

Part D Drug Plan	Telephone	Monthly premium if you get help from IMA
AARP Medicare RX Plan	(888) 867-5564	\$0
AARP MedicareRx Plan-Saver	(800) 745-0922	\$0
Advantage Star Plan	(877) 279-0370	\$0
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	(800) 445-1796	\$0
Bravo RX II	(800) 787-0272	\$0
Cignature RX Value Plan	(800) 735-1459	\$0
First Health Premier	(800) 588-3322	\$0
Healthnet Orange Option 1	(800) 606-3604	\$0
Healthnet Orange Option 2	(800) 606-3604	\$0
Healthspring Prescription Drug	(888) 802-2415	\$0
Humana PDP Standard	(800) 706-0872	\$0
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan	(800) 978-9500	\$0
SilverScript	(866) 552-6106	\$0
UnitedHealth Rx Basic	(888) 867-5561	\$0
Wellcare Classic	(888) 423-5252	\$0
Wellcare Signature	(888) 423-5252	\$0

Note: Medicare also has "Advantage" health plans that are different than regular Medicare. These health plans manage your doctor's visits and other care. You may also get some extra benefits. However, you may have to pay a monthly premium for an "Advantage" plan. You can choose an "Advantage" plan, or you can stay with regular Medicare Part A and B. To find out more, call (202) 739-0668 or 1-800-MEDICARE.

* All of the information above about the Medicare Part D drug plans is subject to change. Call 1-800-MEDICARE or check www.medicare.gov to get the latest information.