



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Medicare Part D provides prescription drug coverage through private insurance plans.

- The benefit is available to any Medicare beneficiary who has Medicare Part A OR Part B.
- There is a monthly premium, and there may be an annual deductible and co-payments for each prescription.
- Enrollment in Part D is optional. But if you do not sign up when you are first eligible and change your mind later, you will have to pay a lifetime penalty.
- The Annual Enrollment Period is from October 15th to December 7th.
- For help on choosing the Plan that is right for you, read [Guide to Choosing a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan](#).

Extra Help with your Prescription Costs

Some Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for Low Income Subsidy ‘Extra Help’ to pay for some of the costs, including the monthly premium of a Part D prescription plan, annual deductible and prescription co-pays. To qualify for [Extra Help](#) the person must be on Medicare and have limited income and resources.

Other Programs that have Prescription Coverage

Medicaid

Prescription drug coverage under Medicaid is now under Medicare Part D. If you have both Medicare & Medicaid (Dual Eligible), you must enroll into a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to get your prescription coverage.



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Patient Assistance Drug Programs

These are special programs by drug companies to help people who cannot afford the cost of their brand name prescription drugs. These companies have programs to give people prescription medication free-of-charge or for a very low cost to individuals in need, regardless of age, if you meet their criteria.

For more information on Patient Assistance Programs go to one of the following:

[NeedyMeds](#)

[RX Assistance Program](#)

[GoodRX](#)

Veterans Benefits

Outpatient pharmacy services are provided to qualifying veterans who meet eligibility requirements. For general information about [VA pharmacy services](#).

For additional information on Prescription Drugs:

- CHOICES at (800) 994-9422 or (203) 333-9288.
- Visit [Medicare Publications](#) to read, print or order booklets regarding Medicare.