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MedicareRx

Your New Medicare Rx Prescription Drug Coverage



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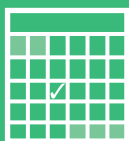
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You are receiving this booklet because you currently receive your prescription drugs through Medicaid and you are also eligible for Medicare.



What's New for You:

- **Your prescription drug coverage is changing from Medicaid to Medicare Rx.**
- **You will have a choice of prescription drug plans.**
- **All plans require you to pay \$1 to \$5 for each prescription.**
- **There's no limit on the number of prescriptions you can fill each month.**



Important Dates to Remember:

- **November 15, 2005–First day you can change your Medicare Rx prescription drug plan**
- **January 1, 2006–First day of drug coverage in your new Medicare Rx plan**



For Additional Information:

- **Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**
 - **TTY users call 1-800-325-0778**
 - **Visit www.TexasMedicareRx.org**
 - **Visit www.Medicare.gov**
 - **Call the toll-free number for your prescription drug plan.**
- See page 5.**

Welcome to the new world of Medicare Rx

As of January 1, 2006, Medicaid will no longer provide your prescription drug coverage. Instead, that coverage will be provided by Medicare Rx.

In this new world of Medicare Rx, you will have choices. By now, you should have received a letter from Medicare telling you the name of the Medicare Rx prescription drug plan that has been selected for you. You can decide if this plan covers your needs. If it doesn't, you can change to the prescription drug plan offered by Medicare Rx that works best for you. From now on, you should pay close attention to your drug coverage to make sure you get the medications you need.



Still Medicaid, only different

Even though your prescription drug coverage is shifting to Medicare Rx, Medicaid will continue to provide for your other health care needs. Medicaid will also cover a few medications that the new Medicare Rx coverage does not.

A good deal for you

There are many basic-level Medicare Rx prescription drug plans available to you without a monthly premium. All plans require a copayment of \$1 to \$5 for each prescription you receive.

Under Medicare Rx, you will not pay copayments for prescription drugs if you live in one of the following facilities:

- Nursing home
- State school
- Mental health facility
- Intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded



Are you getting what you need?

Medicare has selected a Medicare Rx prescription drug plan for you. If you do nothing, this plan will provide your prescription drug coverage beginning January 1, 2006. You need to find out if the plan selected for you covers what you need.

- Does the plan cover your specific prescription drugs? If not, you will need to make a choice: Talk to your doctor about changing your medication to one covered by your plan, pay full price for the drug, or select a different plan that covers all your medications.
- Does your pharmacy participate in the plan that's been selected for you? If it doesn't, you'll need to go to a different pharmacy to fill your prescriptions or choose a different plan that works with your pharmacy.

Take action

To find out if your new Medicare Rx plan covers the prescription medications you need:

- Make a list of your prescription drugs by talking to your doctor or pharmacist.
- Call your new Medicare Rx plan to get a list of drugs covered by the plan. This list is called a formulary.
- Compare the two lists to see if the drugs you need are covered by your new Medicare Rx prescription drug plan.
- Check the chart included in this mailing to see how your prescription needs are covered by the new Medicare Rx plans.*

** State school clients do not have a chart included in their mailing.*



If you haven't received a letter from Medicare with the name of your Medicare Rx prescription drug plan, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

What else?

To find out if your new Medicare Rx plan works with your favorite pharmacy:

- Look at the list of pharmacies that participate in your new Medicare Rx plan. See if your favorite pharmacy is on the list.
- Ask the staff at your favorite pharmacy if the pharmacy participates in your new Medicare Rx plan.

The choice is yours

If your new Medicare Rx plan covers all of your medications and includes your favorite pharmacy, you need to do nothing. Your new prescription drug coverage will begin January 1, 2006.

If your new Medicare Rx plan **does not cover all of your prescription medicines**, or if your **favorite pharmacy is not listed** as part of your new prescription drug plan, you may want to choose and enroll in another plan.

You have choices.



Talk to someone you trust

There's a lot of information about the changes happening with your prescription drug coverage. People who care about you want to make sure you get the prescription drugs you need.

Take the information in this mailing and talk it over with a family member or friend. Then, together, decide which Medicare Rx prescription drug plan provides the best coverage for you.



Change can be a good thing

If your new Medicare Rx plan does not cover your needs, you can choose and enroll in any of the other basic prescription drug plans and not pay a monthly premium. Or, if you want broader coverage and are willing to pay a monthly premium, you can enroll in a more expensive Medicare Rx prescription drug plan. However, you will be responsible for paying the extra cost of the more expensive plan.

Keep in mind, you can change plans every month if you need to. Simply call the plan you want to change to at its toll-free number.

Do what's right for you

Under Medicare Rx, you've got choices. Look closely at your plan and make sure it's the best one for you.



Look for information about your new Medicare Rx prescription drug plan:

- Watch your mail for plan information
- Visit www.Medicare.gov
- Call the plan's toll-free number

Talk to a benefits counselor by dialing 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

Basic Plans	Toll-Free Phone Numbers
AARP Medicare Rx Plan	888-867-5564
Advantage Star Plan	877-279-0370
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	800-213-4599
Blue Medicare Rx 005	888-579-9373
Blue Medicare Rx 009	888-579-9373
Community Care Rx Basic	866-684-5353
Elder Health PDP Texas	888-225-0026
Humana PDP Standard	800-281-6918
Medicare Rx Rewards	866-892-5335
PacifiCare Saver Plan	800-943-0399
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan	800-765-8900
Sierra Rx	866-789-0565
SilverScript	866-552-6106
Texas HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan	800-846-2098
United Medicare MedAdvance	888-556-6657
WellCare Signature	888-423-5252