
MEDICARE-APPROVED DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR COMPLETING FORMS CMS-20016-A AND CMS-20016-B



This packet contains information about enrolling in a Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card. This discount card can help you save money on your prescription drugs. It is available to people with Medicare who meet the requirements described below. Call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227) or visit www.medicare.gov to find out about the drug card companies available in your area. You will need this information to complete your enrollment form. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Am I eligible for the Medicare-approved drug discount card?

There are **no income restrictions** for the drug discount card. You **are eligible** to enroll in the Medicare-approved drug discount card if:

- You have Medicare Part A and/or Part B, and
- You **do not** have outpatient prescription drug benefits under your State Medicaid Program (*your State may call this Medical Assistance*).

Note: If you are enrolled in a State pharmacy assistance program (*not Medicaid*), you are still eligible.

To enroll in a Medicare-approved drug discount card, complete and send in an enrollment form CMS-20016-A (*Standard Enrollment Form For A Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card*) to the sponsor you have selected. Your information will only be used for eligibility and/or payment purposes in a Medicare program.

Am I eligible for a credit to help pay for my prescription drugs?

If your income is below a certain level, Medicare may also give you a credit through your membership in a Medicare-approved drug discount card. If you qualify, you will be enrolled in the drug discount card and also receive a credit. The chart below shows how much you will get based on when the company receives your enrollment form. The income amounts are different for single people and married couples. Please see the charts on the next page to see if you may qualify.

If the company receives your enrollment form between	You will get
April 1 — June 30, 2005	\$450 credit
July 1 — September 30, 2005	\$300 credit
October 1 — December 31, 2005	\$150 credit

You may be eligible for a credit to help pay for your prescription drugs if:

- Your **monthly** income*, plus your spouse's income* (*if married*), is **no more** than the amount listed in the chart below.

State of Residence	Single Person Monthly Income	Married Person Monthly Income
48 Contiguous States	\$1,077	\$1,444
Alaska	\$1,345	\$1,804
Hawaii	\$1,239	\$1,661

These amounts are for the year 2005.

(*Income includes money that you receive through retirement benefits from Social Security, Railroad, the Federal or State governments, or other sources, and benefits you receive for a disability or as a Veteran, plus any other sources of the type that you would report for tax purposes.)

If you qualify for the credit, you will pay a coinsurance at the pharmacy for each prescription drug, until the credit is used, based on your income level as follows:

State of Residence	Single Person Monthly Income	Married Person Monthly Income	Coinsurance you pay at the Pharmacy
48 Contiguous States	\$1,077 or less	\$1,444 or less	10% of the cost of the drug
	\$ 798 or less	\$1,070 or less	5% of the cost of the drug
Alaska	\$1,345 or less	\$1,804 or less	10% of the cost of the drug
	\$996 or less	\$1,336 or less	5% of the cost of the drug
Hawaii	\$1,239 or less	\$1,661 or less	10% of the cost of the drug
	\$918 or less	\$1,230 or less	5% of the cost of the drug

These amounts are for the year 2005.

Important note: If your State helps pay your Medicare Part A or Part B premiums, you may still qualify even if your income is above these amounts. Your coinsurance at the pharmacy would be 10% of the cost of the drug.

You are not eligible to get the credit toward your prescription drugs if you have any of the following:

- Outpatient prescription drug benefits under your State Medicaid Program
- TRICARE (*military health insurance*)
- FEHB (*health insurance for Federal employees or retirees*)
- Other health coverage that includes outpatient prescription drugs, such as employer or retiree plans.*

(*However, if you have health coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan, a Medigap policy (Medicare supplement insurance) or the Veteran's Administration (VA), you are still eligible.)

How can I become a member in a Medicare-approved drug discount card?

To become a member in a Medicare-approved drug discount card, you must complete the enrollment form CMS-20016-A, **Standard Enrollment Form For A Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card**. When complete, you must return the enrollment form *to the sponsor of the discount card you have chosen*. *If you don't send this form to the sponsor, your enrollment will be delayed.*

How can I get a credit to help pay for my prescription drugs?

If you think you might qualify for the credit, you must complete Form CMS-20016-B, **Standard Enrollment Form For A Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card and a Credit to Help Pay For Your Prescription Drugs**. When complete, please sign and *return this form to the sponsor of the discount card you have chosen*. *If you don't send this form to the sponsor, your enrollment will be delayed.*

If I apply for a Medicare-approved drug discount card, when does enrollment begin?

Your Medicare-approved drug discount card (including the credit, if you qualify) will be effective the first day of the month following the month the sponsor receives your completed enrollment form.

If you apply early in the month, you may receive your Medicare-approved drug discount card before the first of the following month. If you apply late in the month, you may not receive your card by the first of the month due to mailing time. The sponsor will tell you when you may begin to use your discount card (and the credit, if it applies to you). Generally, you must have your card to use it for drug discounts (and the credit, if you qualify).

Why are there two different enrollment forms?

Anyone can apply for a Medicare-approved drug discount card. Some people might choose to also apply for a credit. If this is the case, they need to use Form CMS-20016-B, **Standard Enrollment Form For A Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card and a Credit to Help Pay For Your Prescription Drugs**, to answer additional questions about their income.

How can I get more information?

- Visit www.medicare.gov on the web. Select “Search Tools” at the top of the page.”
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). To find the telephone number for your SHIP, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also find the number at www.medicare.gov on the web. Select “Helpful Contacts.”
- Contact the Medicare-approved drug discount card sponsor you have selected.