



Quick Facts about Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage if you get Supplemental Security Income* benefits or your state Medicaid program pays your Medicare premiums

Medicare offers prescription drug plans to help you pay for the prescriptions you need. You need to join a Medicare drug plan for Medicare to help pay for your drugs.

What do I need to know?

You automatically qualify for extra help for your Medicare prescription drug costs:

- If you join a Medicare drug plan, you will pay a small amount out of your own pocket for the cost of your drugs.
- If you don't join a plan on your own, Medicare will enroll you in a plan with no premium to make sure you get help paying for your prescription drugs.
- You can join, switch, or drop a Medicare drug plan at any time. To join a different Medicare drug plan, call the new plan to find out how to join. Joining a different plan will disenroll you from your current plan. You don't need to call your current plan. Your new plan coverage would start the following month.
- You can compare Medicare drug plans in your area. Be sure to ask about any premium cost when you are comparing plans. You should find out which plans cover the prescriptions you take and what pharmacies you can use to fill prescriptions.

** Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a monthly benefit paid by Social Security to people with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind, or age 65 or older. SSI benefits aren't the same as Social Security benefits.



How can I get more information?

- Read or download the “Medicare & You” handbook by visiting www.medicare.gov on the web. Under “Search Tools,” select “Find a Medicare Publication.”
- Visit www.medicare.gov on the web. Under “Search Tools,” select “Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.”
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For more information on who can get extra help with prescription drug costs and how to apply, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, or visit www.socialsecurity.gov on the web. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.