

PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNTS

FEDERAL & STATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Illinois Cares Rx/Circuit Breaker
Illinois Department on Aging
 P.O. Box 19022, Springfield, IL 62794-9022
www.cbrx.il.gov
1-800-252-8966
1-888-206-1327 (TTY)



Illinois Cares Rx is part of the **Circuit Breaker** property tax relief program, available through the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Department on Aging. Illinois Cares Rx offers two different plans, **Basic** and **Plus**, that are contingent on income level and provide differing coverage. Both plans will pay monthly premiums for a coordinating Medicare drug plan, annual deductibles and will help pay other drug costs. The chart below indicates how these plans vary.

Illinois Cares Rx BASIC	Illinois Cares Rx PLUS
Formerly Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance	Formerly SeniorCare
Who can enroll?	
Seniors age 65 or older, or persons with disabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single with an annual income less than \$24,808 or • Married with an annual income less than \$32,916 	Seniors age 65 or older: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single with an annual income of no more than \$23,225; or • Married with an annual income of no more than \$31,264; and • A citizen or qualified non-citizen
If eligible for Medicare, you must apply for "Extra Help" from Social Security	
What's covered?	
Prescription drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, glaucoma, heart and blood pressure problems, lung disease and smoking-related illnesses, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis and Parkinson's disease.	All classes of medically necessary prescription drugs are covered.
For enrollment information, see next page.	

Both Illinois Cares Rx BASIC and PLUS plans require you to apply on Form IL-1363 each year to qualify.

There are two options available to enroll:

1. File your application on the Internet at **www.cbrx.il.gov**. Applications submitted online are processed faster, however if you are required to file Schedule A or P, or include attachments, you must mail a paper application.
2. Mail the application Form IL-1363 to: **Illinois Department on Aging, P.O. Box 19022, Springfield, IL 62794-9022**. To obtain Form IL-1363, call the Senior HelpLine at **1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)**, or link to **www.cbrx.il.gov.org**.

If you would like help filing your application, call **DuPage County Senior Citizen Services** at **(630) 407-6500, 1-800-942-9412, (630) 407-6502 (TDD)**.

Illinois Rx Buying Club provides, on average, 20% discount (individual discounts vary) on both generic and brand name drugs from a Preferred Drug List. To qualify you must be an Illinois resident with household income of 300% of poverty or less. This discount card is accepted at more than 50,000 pharmacies and a mail order option for everyday medications is available also. Individuals approved for Circuit Breaker and not eligible for Medicare Part D are automatically enrolled. There is a \$10 non-refundable annual administrative fee. To apply, call **1-866-215-3462/1-866-215-3479 TTY** or download an application at **www.illinoisrxbuyingclub.com**.

Medicare Part D, is an insurance program for prescription drug coverage. Part D covers both generic and brand name drugs and is available to everyone with Medicare, regardless of age, income or resources. Like other insurance, you will pay a monthly premium, a yearly deductible (not to exceed \$295 in 2009) and part of the cost of your prescriptions. Those costs vary from plan to plan and may be affected by other assistance you qualify for.

Enrollment is voluntary but should be seriously considered. There is a 1% per month penalty added to the premium if enrollment is delayed beyond initial eligibility. Those individuals with coverage through other resources such as the VA or private pension plans are exempt from this penalty while they continue to carry acceptable coverage. Though many older adults may not be taking any regular prescription medication upon enrolling in Medicare Part D, that is likely to change with age.

Those individuals with limited income and assets may apply for **Extra Help**. To qualify for **Extra Help** from the Social Security Administration in 2008, assets are limited to \$11,990 for an individual and \$23,970 for a married couple living together. The annual income limits are \$15,600 and \$21,000 respectively. **Extra Help** may

eliminate monthly premiums or deductibles and reduce co-payments. For more information or to apply on line, go to **www.socialsecurity.gov**.

Medicare D plans are numerous and vary from state to state. Each of the plans may have different formularies, or lists of drugs that they include in their plan and different costs associated with them. Determining which plan is right for you may take some research. For help with this, visit **www.medicare.gov** or call **DuPage County Senior Citizen Services, (630) 407-6500** or **1-800-942-9412**.

Illinois Department of Human Services/Medicaid

Offers assistance for medical care and prescription drugs to low income residents. See Page 28 for more details.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Through the **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**, IDPH provides assistance to persons who are HIV positive and not eligible for Medicaid. For more information on ADAP contact **IDPH** at **1-800-825-3518** or **www.idph.state.il.us**.

Veterans

Veterans may receive their prescription drugs from a VA facility at a reduced rate, or in some cases free of charge. Veterans should inquire with their local Veterans Affairs office or nearest VA facility. For the nearest location call **1-800-827-1000** or visit **www.va.gov**.

DuPage County Prescription Drug Card

Prescription discount cards are available to all county residents thanks to a contract between DuPage County/National Association of Counties and **Caremark**. The **Prescription Drug Card** is free, provides an average of 20% off a pharmacy's regular retail prices and is accepted at 57,000 retail pharmacies nationwide. Some pet medications that can be filled at a regular pharmacy may be covered. **Caremark Mail Service Program** is also available for up to a 90-day supply of select medications. For more information visit the **Caremark** website at **www.naco.advancerx.com**, phone toll free **1-877-321-2652**, or call **DuPage County Senior Services** for locations where these discount cards are available at **(630) 407-6500**, or **1-800-942-9412**.

Retail/Mail Order Discount Prescription Programs



AARP Pharmacy Service/Walgreen's Health Initiative
P.O. Box 1087
Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020-9956
1-800-289-8849
www.aarppharmacy.com

Provides members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) with quality prescription and non-prescription medications and other health care products in a convenient, low-cost manner and enhances the value of services through education and information about medication and other health matters.

CanUSAMeds.com/Canadian Prescriptions online or by mail

3108 S. Route 59, Suite 124-287
Naperville, IL 60564
(630) 904-3677
1-877-469-9619

No membership, enrollment, or sign-up fees required. A Canadian doctor reviews your "chart" and approves your prescription under his/her Canadian license. Company also has U.S. Pharmacy options for Medicare "D" clients.

CVS.Com

One CVS Drive
P.O. Box G
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895
1-888-607-4287
www.cvs.com



Offers a mail order program with low-cost shipping and handling and no membership fee. To sign up, call the above number to set up a client profile that CVS will verify with your physician.

Needy Meds

www.needymeds.com

Provides information about patient assistance programs providing no cost prescription medications to eligible participants.

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (NORD)
(203) 744-0100
1-800-999-6673 (voicemail only)
www.rarediseases.org

A patient assistance program to help uninsured or underinsured individuals obtain life saving/life sustaining drugs. NORD also administers early access programs to investigational new drugs, approved by the FDA, prior to the drug's marketing. All of NORD's programs are subject to eligibility requirements.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Program (PhRMA)
950 F Street NW, Suite 300
Washington D.C. 20004
1-800-762-4636
www.phrma.org

PhRMA's Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) is a national program committed to helping eligible individual's access prescription medicines that they might not otherwise afford. PPA brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors and other healthcare providers, advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients without prescription coverage get the medicines they need through public or private programs. Medications are provided free or nearly free. PPA's mission is to increase awareness of patient assistance programs and boost enrollment of those who are eligible.

For further information on these or other prescription assistance programs or to request a copy of the **Prescription Drug Information Guide** produced by **Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)**, call **DuPage County Senior Citizen Services** **(630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412** or SHIP at **1-800-548-9034**.

