

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

MEDICARE PART D

Medicare Part D is an insurance program to cover payment for prescription drug coverage. It is insurance available to anyone eligible for Medicare, regardless of age, income or resources.

Part D policies are offered by private insurance companies. They cover both generic and brand name drugs.

The insurance companies charge a monthly premium. Some have an additional yearly deductible cost and possible co-payment costs. These costs vary from plan to plan.

www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d

Prescriptions Covered by Employers

Your Employer's Group Health Plan(s) may offer prescription drug coverage to retirees. Check with the benefits division of the company where you or your spouse are retiring.

- There may be a **penalty** if a person does not have prescription insurance coverage when first eligible for Medicare.
- The Social Security Administration office determines the **penalty** amount based on the number of months without creditable prescription coverage.
- To avoid **penalties**, talk to a SHIP counselor. (See SHIP portion of this section)
 - SHIP Prescription Information Guide
www.illinois.gov/aging/ship/documents/PrescriptionDrugGuide.pdf

GOVERNMENT PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

DuPage County Prescription Drug Card

CVS Caremark

1-877-321-2652

www.caremark.com

The Prescription Drug Card is free and accepted at all types of participating pharmacies nationwide. The card provides a discount for those prescriptions not covered at all by the insurance plan or for those who are uninsured. Some pet medications that can be filled at a retail pharmacy may also be covered.

Extra Help for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp

The Social Security Administration offers the Extra Help which may eliminate monthly premiums and deductibles and reduce the cost of co-payments.

Illinois Department of Human Services/Medicaid

This agency offers assistance for medical care and prescription drugs to low income residents. (See the Medicaid portion of this section)

Illinois RX Card

www.illinoisrxcard.com

Statewide program for Illinois residents. Prescription Assistance Program (PAP) offers a free discount card to help uninsured people afford their prescriptions. People with insurance may also use Illinois Rx Card for discounts on medications not covered by their insurance. The card is pre-activated and accepted at pharmacies around the country, including most major chains.

VA Pharmacy Benefits

Veterans may receive their prescription drugs from a VA facility at a reduced rate, or in some cases free of charge. (See the Veterans Benefits section of this manual)

PRIVATE AND CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Dispensary of Hope

accessdupage.org/dispensary-of-hope

AMITA GlenOaks Medical Center, 630-545-7310

701 Winthrop Avenue, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Bolingbrook Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy, 630-312-3970

500 Remington Boulevard, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

DuPage Convalescent (Kenneth Moy Care Center) Pharmacy, 630-784-4277

400 N County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

Hinsdale Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy, 630-856-3966

120 N Oak Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Presence Mercy Professional Building Pharmacy, 630-801-5733

1315 N Highland Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506

The DuPage Health Coalition is partnering with DuPage County to offer prescriptions to those who are uninsured; not enrolled in private or public insurance.

Needy Meds

1-800-503-6897

www.needymeds.org (Spanish website available)

Provides information to help people locate prescription assistance programs for low-cost medications and other healthcare costs to those that qualify. Also provides help with completing applications.



Partnership for Prescription Assistance

1-888-477-2669

www.pparx.org

Assists qualifying individuals with enrollment in programs which provide prescription drugs at no cost or very low cost. Individuals who qualify will be directed to the public or private programs that meet their specific needs and qualifying criteria.

Patient Advocate Foundation

1-800-532-5274

www.patientadvocate.org

Provides direct financial support for prescription co-payments to insured patients, including Medicare Part-D beneficiaries, who financially qualify and have a condition listed on the website.

