



Quick Facts about Medicare's Coverage for Prescription Drugs for people who get **Supplemental Security Income*** benefits or help from their state Medicaid program paying their Medicare premiums.

Medicare offers prescription drug plans to help you pay for the prescriptions you need. You will need to join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Medicare to pay for your drugs.

What do I need to know?

- You must join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for Medicare to pay for your drugs.
- You automatically qualify for extra help for your prescription drug costs. This means that if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, you will pay a small amount out of your own pocket for the cost of your drugs.
- Compare your drug plan options and join. You can join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan from November 15–December 31 each year. Your coverage will begin January 1 of the following year.
- Your Medicare drug coverage will begin the first day of the month that your Medicare benefits (Parts A and/or B) begin. Medicare will enroll you in a drug plan for drug coverage effective the first day that your Medicare benefits begin so you don't have a gap in prescription drug coverage. You can switch plans at any time.

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



How can I get more information?

You can look at the “Medicare & You” handbook, visit www.medicare.gov on the web or 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.