

Need Help?

Contact your local
Indian health provider

Visit www.medicare.gov

Call toll free 1-800-MEDICARE
(1-800-633-4227)



Important dates for Medicare prescription drug coverage

October 2005

You'll get the *Medicare & You 2006*
handbook in the mail.

November 15, 2005

First day to join a plan.

January 1, 2006

Your coverage starts if you joined a
plan by December 31, 2005.

May 15, 2006

Remember to join by this date or
you may have to wait until
November 15, 2006, to join.



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Indian Health

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage is Available for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Sign up starts on November 15, 2005

Look inside for answers to these three questions

- How does Medicare prescription drug coverage help me and my community?
- How do I sign up for prescription drug coverage?
- How do I choose a Medicare drug plan?

How does Medicare prescription drug coverage help me and my community?

- You will continue to get prescription drugs from your local Indian health facility.
- It covers both brand name and generic drugs.
- It helps your local Indian health provider recover costs and expand the medical services they provide to you and your community.



How do I sign up for prescription drug coverage?

Plan starts on November 15, 2005.

- Joining will help you and your Indian community now and in the future.
- Ask your Indian health provider about the plans available in your area.
- If a plan is available, you must join to get this coverage.

How do I choose a Medicare drug plan?

In October 2005, you will receive more information from plans in your area.

Ask your local Indian health provider:

- Which plans include your pharmacy?
- Which plans cover your prescription drugs?
- Which drug plans in your area fit best with your needs?

These things are important to help you choose a plan.



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