



Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs INDIAN HEALTH

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QUICK FACTS

American Indians and Alaska Natives Who Get Help from Their State Pharmacy Program to Pay for Their Prescriptions

Starting January 1, 2006, many Indian health facilities will participate in Medicare prescription drug coverage for people with Medicare. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan could benefit you and your community.

What do I need to know?

- Each state will decide how its State Pharmacy Assistance Program will work with Medicare prescription drug coverage. Some states may choose to give extra coverage when you join a Medicare prescription drug plan. Some states may have a separate state program that helps with prescriptions.
- Contact your State Pharmacy Assistance Program to get more information or ask your Indian health provider to help you.
- Many people with limited income and resources will get extra help paying for their prescription drug coverage. People with the lowest incomes and resources will get the most help.
- Some people will automatically qualify and Medicare will send them a letter to let them know. Some people who may qualify will receive a letter and an application form from the Social Security Administration (SSA). If you get an application in the mail fill it out and mail it in the postage paid envelope included or take it to your local Indian health provider for assistance.
- If you don't get an application in the mail from SSA please contact your Indian health provider who can assist you.
- If you receive prescription drugs through an Indian health facility, you will continue to pay nothing and your coverage will not be interrupted. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan could help your Indian health provider save money and increase services to your community.



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How can I get more information?

For more information on how to join see your pharmacist or check with the benefits coordinator at your local Indian health pharmacy.

Call your State Pharmacy Assistance Program. Detailed information is available now.

You can look at the *Medicare & You 2006* 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 SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov on the web.

CONTACT YOUR INDIAN HEALTH PROVIDER

