

## If you want to switch your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan you must do so between **Nov. 15** and **Dec. 31**.

“As a doctor, I encourage every senior to review their prescription coverage every year. If you find another plan will better serve you, be sure to switch before December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions about your Prescription Drug Plan, call your primary healthcare provider or contact Medicare directly at 1-800-MEDICARE. It is important for Southwest Louisiana seniors to have the proper coverage they need.”

—Dr. Charles Boustany, Jr.  
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For information on Medicare Prescription Drug Plan call  
**1-800-MEDICARE**

## If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

If you are one of the millions of seniors who has signed up for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, now is your opportunity to review your current plan and see if it is still the best option for you.

Medicare recipients can switch their Prescription Drug Plans from November 15 to December 31. If you do not switch by December 31, you will need to wait until November, 2008 to switch plans. (You do not need to do anything to remain in your current plan.)

Millions of seniors have taken advantage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to cut the amount they pay out of pocket for their medicines. But plans change every year, and you could now save more with a different plan. November 15 to December 31 is the only period when you may switch Drug Plans.

Congressman Charles Boustany, MD wants every senior to have the opportunity to take advantage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan that is best for their unique situation.

That's why Congressman Boustany is providing you with the **Prescription Work Sheet** on the back of this update. Simply fill it out and take it to your physician in order to determine which Drug Plan will work best for you. Or, you can contact Medicare directly at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to discuss which plan options would work best for you.



Congressman Charles Boustany, MD discusses issues affecting Louisiana seniors in Jennings, LA.

## If you haven't signed up for the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

If you have not already signed up for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, you can join three months before you turn 65 to three months after you turn 65 (called your Initial Enrollment Period.)

Congressman Boustany encourages you to consider joining one during your initial enrollment period if a Medicare drug plan is best for your situation. If you wait to join later your prescription drug plan may cost more.

If you are already covered by a prescription drug plan by your employer or union, you should talk to your primary healthcare provider to see if a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is best for your unique situation.

For more information on Medicare Prescription Drug Plans call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE or visit Medicare's website at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)



Return your reply card today.

Congressman Boustany wants to hear from you.

- If you have been enrolled in a Medicare Rx Drug Plan during 2007, what is the name of current plan?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not enrolled
- How satisfied have you been with your current plan?
  - Generally satisfied
  - Neutral
  - Generally dissatisfied
- Some in Congress are advocating a different approach to the Medicare Rx Drug Plan. Which statement comes closest to your opinion?
  - The current system of having seniors chose from a variety of private plans works well, but may need some improvement.
  - The current system should be replaced with a single government plan.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Call a medical professional or Medicare today to see if your current Medicare Drug Plan is still right for you.

**Important information to remember**

If you want to change your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan you must do so between Nov. 15 and Dec 31. For more information on whether your current drug plan is right for you call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

# **December 31** is the deadline to change your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.

# Make sure your **Medicare** Prescription Drug Plan is still the best for you.

**C**ongressman Charles Boustany, MD encourages every Southwest Louisiana senior currently enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to review their plan to see if it is still the best fit for them.

Medicare recipients can switch their Drug Plans from November 15 to December 31. If you do not want to switch plans, you do not need to do anything to continue the coverage you currently have.

Fill out and go over this worksheet with your doctor or a Medicare representative to see if there is a different Prescription Drug Plan that is better for you.

## Congressman Boustany's Prescription Worksheet

Review this worksheet with your doctor or healthcare provider to determine if there is a better Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for you. For more information call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE or at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

1. What current Medicare Prescription Drug Plan are you enrolled in? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have any health insurance/coverage in addition to Medicare?  
 Yes  No
3. What kind of health insurance do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How much do you pay out-of-pocket each month for your prescriptions under your current Medicare Drug Plan? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. List specific information about the prescriptions you currently take.

Prescription name	Dosage (ml, mg)	# of times a day	Monthly cost

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