

MEDICARE PART D SUBSIDIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Do you get Medicare benefits? Do you have low income? Below you will find some important information regarding both the new Medicare drug coverage full subsidy and the other low-income subsidy. If you qualify, these subsidies will help you pay for your prescription drugs.

**If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact NC Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at (800) 443-9354.

Do you get Medicare? Do you also get Medicaid benefits?

- If you answered **yes** to both of these questions, you will be automatically enrolled in the Medicare drug benefit program. You are considered a “dual eligible.” This means that you are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Dual eligible people do not need to enroll in the low-income subsidy—it will automatically be done for you.

Do you only receive Medicare?

- If you only receive Medicare and not Medicaid or MQB, you will have to file TWO different applications to be eligible for the full benefits of the new Medicare drug benefit program.
 1. The first application is so you can be enrolled in a Prescription Drug Plan. This application is done directly through the individual drug companies. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE or NC SHIIP at 800-443-9354 to determine which Prescription Drug Plan is best for you. You will also receive information from Medicare by mail each Fall to help you make the best decision.
 2. The second application is to check your financial information to see if you are eligible for a low income subsidy (LIS) to help you pay for your medications. There are two types of subsidies available and they depend on the amount of your income and resources.
 - If your monthly income is below \$1,218 per month in 2009 for an individual (with resources less than \$8,100) or \$1,639 for a couple (with resources less than \$12,910), then you are eligible for the full subsidy. You will not have any premiums to pay or deductibles to meet. You will still have to pay a co-pay to get your prescriptions.
 - If you are an individual and your income is between \$1,219 and \$1,354 per month (with resources less than \$12,510) or if you are a couple with income between \$1,639 and \$1,821 per month (with resources less than \$25,010), then you are eligible for the partial low-income subsidy. You will have an annual deductible of \$50 and you will get a subsidy of up to 75% of the amount of your premium. You will also have a co-pay to get your prescriptions.

You can get the application for the subsidy through your local Social Security Office or your local Department of Social Services. Another program is NCRX, which pays up to \$29 per month for Medicare Part D premiums for those over income for LIS.

Department of Social Services

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Medicare Help Line

1-800-MEDICARE

Social Security Office

1-800-772-1213
5800 Executive Center Drive
Suite 300
Charlotte, NC 28212

NC SHIIP

1-800-443-9354

Legal Services

(704) 376-1600
1431 Elizabeth Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28204

NCRX

1-888-488-6279