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Start Saving with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

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More than <update number as appropriate> people with Medicare in <insert State/county as appropriate> have already joined Medicare drug plans that meet their needs, either on their own, or with help from one of the thousands of counselors and volunteers across the country. Medicare data shows that people are choosing plans with low premiums, low deductibles, fixed co-pays, no coverage limits, and broad formularies. On average, these people are saving \$1,100 a year on their prescription drug costs compared to people without drug coverage.

If you or a loved one has Medicare, you owe it to yourself to learn more about how you could save money, too. The sooner you join, the sooner you'll start saving on prescription drugs. Join by May 15, 2006 to make sure you won't have to pay a higher premium that includes a penalty.

Here's where you can get more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage and the plans in your area:

- Speak with a live operator 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Visit www.medicare.gov to see a list of all the plans in your area and use the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder to help narrow down your options.
- Find places to get personalized assistance in your community by going to your local Office on Aging, or visit www.eldercare.gov on the web. <Insert info on local events when available>

Join by May 15 and don't let this opportunity for savings and peace of mind pass you by!

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