



Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs INDIAN HEALTH

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Starting January 1, 2006, many Indian health facilities will participate in Medicare prescription drug plans to provide you with the prescriptions you need. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan may benefit you and your community.

What do I need to know?

- Ask your local Indian health provider about prescription drug plans available to you.
- To get Medicare prescription drug coverage, you must choose and join a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- You can first join a Medicare prescription drug plan from November 15, 2005 through May 15, 2006.
- If you join by December 31, 2005, your coverage will begin January 1, 2006.
- Many people with limited income and resources will get extra help paying for their prescription drug coverage. This will be beneficial to Indian health providers who cover the cost of prescriptions for Indian patients. People with the lowest incomes and resources will get the most help. If you are in this group, you will get information in the mail from the Social Security Administration (SSA) or from Medicare telling you what to do.

What if I already have prescription drug coverage?

If you already have prescription drug coverage through an Indian health facility or other insurance, check with your current plan to see if this coverage may affect you. If you get prescription drugs through an Indian health facility, you will continue to pay nothing and your coverage will not be interrupted. Joining in 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. 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.

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