

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Information
(as of March 2004)

May 2004 – December 31, 2005:

- Discount cards (with Medicare-approval) will become available
 - Members will request cards on a voluntary basis; cards are not automatically sent out
 - Cards will provide a discount of approximately 10 – 25% on individual drugs
 - Additional benefit based on income will give the member a \$600 credit toward the purchase of medications
 - Individual annual income less than \$12,124
 - Married couples annual income less than \$16,363

January 2006:

- Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit will go into effect
- Enrollment is voluntary
 - Estimated \$35 per month premium
 - \$250 deductible
- Benefit details:
 - When the member is purchasing drugs that fall into the price range between the \$250 deductible and \$2250, **Medicare will pay 75%** of the drug cost
 - When the drug costs fall into the price range of \$2250 to \$5100, the **MEMBER will pay 100%** of the drug cost
 - After the drug costs exceed \$5100, **Medicare will pay 95%** of the cost
- The benefit will provide additional assistance to low-income/limited asset individuals and married couples

Helpful websites:

General: http://www.medicare.com/faq_prescription.asp

How to get a Medicare drug discount card: <http://www.medicare.gov/maddc/home.asp>

Rx drug assistance programs:

<http://www.medicare.gov/AssistancePrograms/home.asp?version=default&browser=IE%7C6%7CWinXP&language=English&defaultstatus=0&pagelist=Home>