Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D)

Medicare offers prescription drug coverage to everyone with Medicare. Even if you don’t take a lot of prescriptions now, it’s very important for you to consider joining a Medicare drug plan. If you decide not to join a Medicare drug plan when you’re first eligible, and you don’t have other creditable prescription drug coverage, or you don’t get Extra Help, you will likely pay a late enrollment penalty. To get Medicare prescription drug coverage, you must join a plan run by an insurance company or other private company approved by Medicare. Each plan can vary in cost and specific drugs covered. The prescription drug benefit that Medicare offers is often referred to as Medicare Part D.

Source: Medicare & You 2012

Websites

http://www.medicare.gov/
Medicare
The official U.S. government site for Medicare.

https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/
Medicare Plan Finder

Medicare & You 2017

http://www.cms.hhs.gov
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services provide health insurance for over 74 million Americans through Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP (the Children’s Health Insurance Program).

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/
CMS: Prescription Drug Coverage – General Information
http://www.benefitscheckup.org
National Council on Aging’s BenefitsCheckUp
BenefitsCheckUp provides tools that screen seniors with limited income and resources for eligible benefits programs, including help with prescription drug costs.

http://www.medicareinteractive.org
Medicare Interactive
Medicare Interactive (a site run by the Medicare Rights Center) allows people to search for information on Medicare benefits.

http://www.medicarerights.org
Medicare Rights Center
Helpline: 800-333-4114
The Medicare Rights Center (MRC) is a not-for-profit organization working to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities get affordable health care.

http://www.aarp.org/
AARP
AARP advocates on behalf of and provides information and services to people age 50 and above. The site has extensive information on health topics, including insurance.

http://www.aarp.org/health/medicare-insurance/
AARP: Insurance & Medicare


AARP: The Driving Parts of Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Electronic Publications

http://hpi.georgetown.edu/rxchanges.html

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