



MARYLAND PHARMACY PROGRAM

Medicaid - Pharmacy Assistance – Pharmacy Discount

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ADVISORY

*In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) **Maryland Pharmacy Program (MPP)** has developed the **Maryland Pharmacy Program Advisory**. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MPP representative at 410-767-1455.*

- **Useful Medicare Phone Numbers for Pharmacies**
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Useful Medicare Phone Numbers for Pharmacies

In the event recipients know they are enrolled in a Part D plan, but do not have documentation with them, the pharmacy may call **1-866-835-7595** to identify the appropriate plan.

A pharmacy may use the E1 query point-of-sale system to determine which plan a recipient is enrolled in. If the pharmacy is having problems with the system, they may call **1-800-388-2316** for technical assistance.

To start the enrollment process or identify a recipient's plan call **1-800-662-0210**.

Maryland Pharmacy Program Wrap-Around Coverage

Since Part D Medicare excludes certain classes of drugs in basic plans, the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program will continue to cover drugs in those classes to the extent the Program historically covered them for the dual eligible recipients. The **Preferred Drug List** and **Brand Medically Necessary** restrictions will apply. The following table lists the classes that the State will cover for individuals who have both a Medicare Card and the Red and White Medicaid Card.

**Maryland Medicaid Coverage of Drug Classes Excluded from
Medicare Part D Basic Plans (For Dual Eligibles Only)**

Classes of Drugs Excluded by Medicare Part D Basic Prescription Drug Plans	Maryland Coverage for Dual Eligibles (Medicare card & Red and White Medicaid Card)
Drugs when used for anorexia, weight loss, weight gain	Products that are not central nervous system stimulants (e.g. Xenical)
Drugs when used for the symptomatic relief of cough and colds	Legend products only
Prescription vitamins and mineral products	All
Nonprescription drugs (Over-the-Counter)	Few (e.g., Ferrous sulfate, enteric coated aspirin, ergocalciferol liquid)
Barbiturates (drugs used before surgery to relieve anxiety or tension, to help control seizures in certain disorders or diseases, sometimes used to relieve nervousness or restlessness during the daytime)	All
Benzodiazepines (drugs used to relieve anxiety, treat insomnia (trouble in sleeping), or help relax muscles or relieve muscle spasms)	All