

New for 2025: Medicare Updates to Help Manage Your Costs

If you have Medicare Part D or a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage:



You will pay no more than \$2,000 for all your prescriptions for the year.



You can enroll in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (MPPP)—a new option to help you spread your costs over the year.

Is the MPPP right for me?

- ✓ You have a high deductible or struggle to pay for your prescription medications early in the year.
- ✓ You have difficulty paying your medication costs all at once.
- ✓ You are taking multiple costly medications.
- ✓ Your pharmacist has given you the MPPP Likely to Benefit Notice.*
- ✗ You do not receive Extra Help or other financial assistance for your Part D medications.

How to enroll

- Contact your health plan either during open enrollment (October 15–December 7, 2024) or any time during 2025.
- Enrollment cannot be done at the pharmacy and must be completed by contacting your plan.
- After contacting your plan, it will take about 24 hours to process your enrollment beginning in 2025.

What to expect after you enroll

- You will pay \$0 at the pharmacy and receive a separate bill from your Medicare plan each month.
- You will never pay more than the total amount you would have paid for your Part D prescriptions.
- Your payments may change from month to month depending on new prescriptions that you receive, when you enroll, and other factors.
- Your health plan will provide you with an overview of the program, the effective date of your participation, and examples of your maximum monthly out-of-pocket costs.



* If a patient has a single prescription cost of \$600 or more, the pharmacist will receive a point-of-sale notification to provide the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Likely to Benefit Notice. The pharmacy will provide a paper form or notify patients via telephone that they are likely to benefit from the MPPP. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-prescription-payment-plan-final-part-one-guidance.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions: Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (MPPP)

How can I find out how much my costs will be?

Contact your Medicare plan if you want to know how much your costs are. You will pay \$0 at the pharmacy. Your monthly bill will be based on what you would have paid for your prescriptions but spread out across the remainder of the year.

Does it matter what pharmacy I go to if I enroll?

The costs for your prescriptions may vary depending on whether your pharmacy is in or out of network or if mail order is preferred. These same factors should be considered when evaluating what plan you would like to use during open enrollment. Contact your Medicare plan for help deciding which pharmacy to use for the lowest costs. Once you enroll in the MPPP, you will not pay for your prescription at any pharmacy—but you will get billed by your plan.

How will my pharmacy know if I've signed up for the MPPP?

Your pharmacy will bill your Medicare plan using a unique Bank Identification Number (BIN) and/or a Processor Control Number (PCN) that begins with MPPP. This will allow the pharmacy to charge you \$0 when you pick up your prescription medications. If you just recently signed up for the MPPP, let your pharmacy know.

What happens if I do not make my monthly payment?

Your Medicare plan will inform you of any next steps if a payment is missed. Contact your Medicare plan if you have any questions about your monthly payment.

Who do I call if I need help contacting my Medicare plan?

If you need help contacting your Medicare plan, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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Tool to help you understand if the MPPP will help you: <https://www.medicare.gov/prescription-payment-plan/will-this-help-me>, Examples of how the MPPP works: <https://www.medicare.gov/prescription-payment-plan/examples>

Resources that may help lower your costs: Medicare Extra Help: <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>, Medicare Savings Programs: <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/medicare-savings-programs>

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