



Georgia

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) provides an opportunity for Medicare beneficiaries in the State of Georgia to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card to help lower their drug costs. Beginning this June, the Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card Program will enable Medicare beneficiaries to save discounts of 10 to 15 percent on average for their prescription drugs, and as much as 25 percent or more on individual prescriptions. In addition, the MMA enacted the Transitional Assistance Program, which provides a \$600 credit per year in 2004 and 2005 for the purchase of prescription drugs to beneficiaries with incomes that are 135 percent (or below) the federal poverty level, provided that individuals do not have Medicaid or other drug coverage.

Here's how this program is helping Georgia:

- Currently, there are over 40 million Medicare beneficiaries nationally, including 975,000 beneficiaries in Georgia. Of those in Georgia, 219,000 beneficiaries do not have any prescription drug coverage. This program primarily benefits these individuals by assisting them in paying for the drugs they need.
- Over the duration of the program, CMS estimates a potential for \$3.8 to \$5.1 billion in total beneficiary savings from discounted drug prices nationally.
- CMS expects that a total of 7 million Medicare beneficiaries, including 198,000 beneficiaries in Georgia, are currently eligible for the \$600 credit. Over the duration of the program, this translates into a potential savings of \$8.6 billion nationally and \$238 million for beneficiaries in Georgia.
- Nationally, CMS expects 65 percent of eligible (low-income) beneficiaries to participate in the Transitional Assistance Program (\$600 credit). This means that a total of close to 5 million beneficiaries are estimated to participate, including 129,000 in Georgia. Based on this assumption, these beneficiaries are expected to save a total of \$5 billion nationally and \$154 million in Georgia over the duration of the program.

Georgia has a combined total of 40 individual drug cards (excluding special endorsements). This includes 39 national drug cards, 1 regional card(s), and 0 Medicare Advantage exclusive card(s).

See attachment for more information or call **1-800-MEDICARE** (1-800-633-4227).

For local help call GeorgiaCares at 1-800-669-8387.



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The following Prescription Drug Discount Cards are available in Georgia:

National Drug Cards (39)	ENROLLMENT FEE
aClaim RxSavings Club	\$30.00
AARP Prescription Discount Card	\$19.95
Aetna Rx Savings Card (SM)	\$30.00
American Advantage-Med	\$30.00
American Prescription Plan	\$30.00
America's Pharmacy, powered by MedImpact	\$0.00
Argus Rx	\$30.00
BD Advantage Drug Discount Card	\$10.00
Community Care Rx	\$30.00
Criterion Advantage	\$30.00
EnvisionRx Plus	\$30.00
Express Scripts (Option A)	\$19.00
Express Scripts (Option B)	\$30.00
InStil Health Solutions	\$30.00
Liberty, A PolyMedica Company	\$0.00
MyPharmaCare	\$25.00
NationsHealth Prescription Drug Discount Card	\$0.00
NationsHealth Prescription Drug Discount Card	\$30.00
PBM Plus Senior Care	\$30.00
Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option A)	\$19.00
Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option B)	\$30.00
PrecisionDiscounts	\$0.00
PrecisionDiscounts	\$30.00
Preferred Prescription Discount Card	\$25.00
Prescription Discount Card	\$25.00
PSP Prescription Drug Discount Card	\$30.00
Rx Savings Access Card	\$30.00
RxSavings	\$29.95
RxSavings distributed by Mennonite Mutual Aid Association	\$29.95
RxSavings distributed by Reader's Digest	\$29.95
Sav-Rx Med-Advantage Prescription Discount Card	\$20.00
ScripSolutions Choice	\$14.95
ScripSolutions Freedom	\$0.00
ScriptSave Plus	\$30.00
ScriptSave Premier	\$0.00
SXC Health Solutions, Inc.	\$30.00
The Pharmacy SmartCard	\$30.00
Ushare	\$19.95
Walgreens Health Initiatives Prescription Discount Drug Card	\$20.00

Regional Drug Cards	ENROLLMENT FEE
Advantra X-tra Drug Discount Card Program	\$10.00

Medicare Advantage Exclusive Cards: None

Special Endorsement Cards: Long-Term Care	ENROLLMENT FEE
Community Care Rx	\$30.00
Criterion Advantage	\$30.00
LTC Card	\$30.00
PBM Plus Senior Care	\$30.00
Special Endorsement Cards: I/T/U Pharmacy	
Community Care Rx	\$30.00
Criterion Advantage	\$30.00
Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option A)	\$19.00
Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option B)	\$30.00