

Medicare Part D Basics

Medicare Part D is a prescription drug benefit. Because you also receive Medicaid, the State of Alaska will pay the premium for your drug coverage.

- 100% of premium paid by State of Alaska
- No deductibles
- Co-pay of \$1/\$3 or \$3/\$5 depending on your income
- No co-pay after reaching out of pocket limit of \$3600



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What do People on the Working Disabled Medicaid Buy In need to know about Medicare Part D?



Part D Enrollment

As of May 15, 2006, the enrollment period for the Medicare Part D benefit has ended. People who receive Medicare only may change their plans or the company they have chosen to work with just once each year. Because you also receive Medicaid, you may change your plan from month to month. If the plan you have chosen or that the state has chosen for you does not meet your needs, you can select a new plan at any time. For help changing plans, go to the Medicare website:

www.cms.hss.gov

or call Medicare:

1-800-MEDICARE.

Having problems getting medications?

If you have trouble accessing any medication you need under your Part D coverage, the first thing you should do is ask your drug company for a **coverage determination** or an **exception**. This means you want them to look again at your need for a medication. You may have to provide more documentation from your doctor to help with this process.

If neither of these results in you getting a medication you need, then you can write your Part D company to ask for a **re-determination**. The company must respond to written requests within 7 days.



Need an Advocate?

There are other avenues of appeal and support available should none of the other methods previously describe succeed. If you need any more help, contact the Disability Law Center of Alaska:

1-800-478-1234



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