

# Manage Your Monthly Drug Costs

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option in the prescription drug law that works with your current drug coverage to help you manage your out-of-pocket Medicare Part D drug costs by spreading them across the calendar year (January–December). **All plans offer this payment option and participation is voluntary.**

- This payment option might help you manage your monthly expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.
- Each month you'll continue to pay your health or drug plan premium (if you have one), and you'll get a bill from your plan to pay for your prescription drugs (instead of paying the pharmacy).
- Participating in this payment option is voluntary, and it doesn't cost anything to participate. To participate in this payment option, contact your plan.
- You might benefit from programs that can help you save money like Extra Help, if you qualify. **Flip this card over to learn more.**

Visit [Medicare.gov/prescription-payment-plan](https://www.Medicare.gov/prescription-payment-plan), or contact your plan for more information about the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.



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# Lower Your Costs

Many people qualify for savings on their Medicare costs and don't realize it. If you have limited income and resources, find out if you're eligible for one of these programs:

- **Extra Help:** A Medicare program that helps pay your Medicare drug costs. Visit [ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help](https://ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help) to find out if you qualify and apply. You can also apply with your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office. Visit [Medicare.gov/ExtraHelp](https://Medicare.gov/ExtraHelp) to learn more.
- **Medicare Savings Programs:** State-run programs that might help pay some or all of your Medicare premiums, deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance. Visit [Medicare.gov/medicare-savings-programs](https://Medicare.gov/medicare-savings-programs) to learn more.

Visit [Medicare.gov/basics/costs/help](https://Medicare.gov/basics/costs/help), or contact your local Social Security office to learn about these programs (and others) that can help lower your costs. Find your local Social Security office at [secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp](https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp).

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