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Introduction to Medicare Part D in New York State

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2014 Medicare Part D Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans -- New York State

Data as of September 3, 2013. Includes 2014 approved contracts/plans. Employer sponsored plans (800 series) are excluded. Plans under sanction are not shown.

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Aetna Medicare	Aetna Medicare Rx Premier (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	144.40	\$ -	Few Generics	S5810	239	EA
Cigna Medicare Rx	Cigna Medicare Rx Secure (PDP)	Basic	х	\$	36.80	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5617	013	AE
Cigna Medicare Rx	Cigna Medicare Rx Secure-Max (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	105.70	\$ -	Many Generics, Some Brands	S5617	229	EA
Cigna Medicare Rx	Cigna Medicare Rx Secure-Xtra (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	53.30	\$ -	No Gap Coverage	S5617	248	EA
Cigna-HealthSpring	Cigna-HealthSpring Rx -Reg 3 (PDP)	Basic	х	\$	37.90	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5932	004	DS
EmblemHealth Medicare PDP	EmblemHealth Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP)	Basic		\$	50.00	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5966	001	AE
EnvisionRx Plus	EnvisionRxPlus Silver (PDP)	Basic		\$	41.40	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S7694	003	AE
Excellus Health Plan, Inc	BlueCross BlueShield Rx PDP (PDP)	Basic		\$	50.90	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	\$3521	001	AE
Express Scripts Medicare	Express Scripts Medicare - Choice (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	49.50	\$-	No Gap Coverage	S5983	006	EA
Express Scripts Medicare	Express Scripts Medicare - Value (PDP)	Basic	х	\$	36.40	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5983	004	AE
First Health Part D	First Health Part D Essentials (PDP)	Basic		\$	43.10	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5569	007	AE
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HealthNow New York Inc.	SmartSaver Rx PDP (PDP)	Basic		\$	42.90	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S1140	001	AE
Humana Insurance Company of New York	Humana Enhanced (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	52.50	\$ -	Few Brands	S5552	003	EA
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Humana Insurance Company of New York	Humana Walmart Rx Plan (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	12.60	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5552	005	EA
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UnitedHealthcare	AARP MedicareRx Enhanced (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	101.00	\$ -	Some Generics, Some Brands	S5921	213	EA
UnitedHealthcare	AARP MedicareRx Preferred (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	44.30	\$ -	No Gap Coverage	S5805	001	EA
UnitedHealthcare	AARP MedicareRx Saver Plus (PDP)	Basic	х	\$	23.40	\$ 310.00	No Gap Coverage	S5921	379	AE
WellCare	WellCare Classic (PDP)	Basic	x	\$	29.00	\$ -	No Gap Coverage	S5967	140	BA
WellCare	WellCare Extra (PDP)	Enhanced		\$	50.60	\$-	No Gap Coverage	S5967	175	EA

Number of Plans	25
Number of Plans with \$0 premium for Extra Help	6
Average premium	\$54.08
Average premium for basic coverage	\$39.41
% of plans with \$0 premium for Extra Help	24%
Minimum premium	\$12.60
Maximum premium	\$144.40
Median premium	\$49.50
Number of plans with no deductible	11
Average premium for benchmark plan	\$31.55

2014 Medicare Advantage, and Cost Plans -- NYC and Nassau County

Data as of September 3, 2013. Includes 2014 approved contracts/plans. PACE, Special Needs Plans, Part B Only Plans, and Employer sponsored plans (800 series) are excluded. Plans under sanction are not shown. Medicare/Medicaid plans are shown in a separate Landscape file. Notes: Data are subject to change as contracts are finalized. For 2014, enhanced alternative plans may offer additional gap coverage which is calculated as the percentage of "generic" formulary products with coverage above and beyond the 2014 standard "generic" coverage gap cost-sharing benefit and/or the percentage of "brand" formulary products covered in addition to the coverage gap discount for applicable drugs. Additional gap coverage levels are determined separately for formulary generic and brand products covered in addition to the coverage gap discount for applicable drugs. Additional gap coverage levels are determined separately for formulary generic and brand products as for and are described as follows: "All": 100% of formulary drugs are covered through the gap, "Some": ≥10% to <55% of formulary drugs are covered through the gap, "Some": ≥10% to <56% of formulary Drugs" is applied for plans that cover 10% of "generic" and 100% of "brand" products (either by covering all formulary drugs are to overed through the gap, of "Stand" products in the gap or by having no initial coverage imit).

* Indicates plan does not offer Part D drug coverage.

** MOOP is defined as: Maximum Out-of-Pocket (MOOP) limit on enrollee spending that includes costs for all in-network Part A and Part B Services. N/A is defined as Not Applicable

Counties: Bx=Bronx, Bk=Brooklyn, Ma=Manhattan, Na=Nassau, Qu=Queens, SI=Staten Island, NYC=5 boroughs

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* Your premium may be lower depending on your eligibility for medical

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Affinity Health	Affinity Medicare Solutions												Long
Plan	(HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Dual-Eligible	\$	37.20	\$	310.00	Basic	None	AE	H5991	002	Island
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Amida Care	Amida Care Live Life Advantage (HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Chronic or Disabling Condition	\$	37.20	\$	310.00	Basic	None	DS	H6745	003	NYC, Long Isl
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CenterLight Healthcare, Inc.	CenterLight Healthcare Direct Complete Plan (HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Institutional	\$	34.00	\$	310.00	Basic	None	BA	H5989	002	NYC

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UnitedHealthcare	Plan (HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Institutional	\$	28.30	\$	310.00	Basic	None	DS	H3379	002	Nassau

UnitedHealthcare	UnitedHealthcare Dual										NYC, Long
Community Plan	Complete (HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Dual-Eligible	\$ 24.10	\$ 310.00	Basic	None	DS	H3387	010	Isl
VNSNY CHOICE	VNSNY CHOICE Medicare										NYC, Long
Medicare	Maximum (HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Dual-Eligible	\$ 31.50	\$ 310.00	Basic	None	DS	H5549	006	Isl
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WellCare	WellCare Access (HMO SNP)	Local HMO	Dual-Eligible	\$ 36.00	\$ 310.00	Basic	None	BA	H3361	109	Isl

2014 Part D Standard Plan Cost-Sharing*

Part D Benefit Cost Periods	Costs and Who Pays	Beneficiary Pays (TrOOP)	Plan Pays	Total Amount Spent on Plan-Covered Drugs
Initial Deductible	Beneficiary pays 100%.	Up to \$310	\$0	\$310 (Amount spent on deductible, before ICP begins)
Initial Coverage Period (ICP)	Costs of covered drugs are shared: 25% by beneficiary, 75% by plan.	Up to \$635	\$1,905	\$2,540 (Amount spent during ICP, before Coverage Gap begins)
Coverage Gap ("Donut Hole")	 Discounts in 2014: Costs of <i>plan-covered</i> drugs are slipher of the seneficiary pays 72% for generic anominal pharmacy dispension. Plan pays 28% for generic Drug manufacturer provides Note about True Out-of-Pocket (The total amount spent in the Cover of the drug costs paid by the ben how many brand-name drugs the solow discount on brand-name drugs the solow discount on brand-name drugs) do not count the total amount spent in the plan during brand-name drugs) do not count the total drugs of the solow discount on brand-name drugs the solow discount on brand-name drugs the brand-name drugs) do not count the total drugs of the solow discount drugs brand-name drugs) do not count the brand-name drugs of the brand-name drugs of the drugs of the brand-name drugs of the brand-n	eneric drugs, 47.5% for ng fee (approx. \$1-\$3). drugs and 2.5% for bra 50% discount on bran TrOOP) costs: erage Gap (up to \$3,60 eficiary (slightly more the taken and pharmacy dist ame drugs provided by g the Coverage Gap (28)	and-name drugs. nd-name drugs. (5) includes: han \$1712, depending on spensing fee amount), and the drug manufacturer.	 \$2,850 - Initial Coverage Limit (total spent on any deductible and during Initial Coverage Period). Coverage Gap begins once reaches the Initial Coverage Limit. \$3,605 (Total amount spent during the Coverage Gap) \$6,455 (Total amount spent during ICP and Coverage Gap, before Catastrophic Benefit Period begins)
Catastrophic Benefit Period	Costs of covered drugs are shared: Beneficiary pays reduced copay/coinsurance; plan pays the difference.	Greater of: 5% coinsurance OR \$2.55 copay for generic, \$6.35 copay for brand or non-preferred	Any remaining portion of the negotiated drug price.	Beneficiary will remain in the Catastrophic Benefit Period through December 31, 2014. Part D benefit will reset on January 1, 2015, starting again with a deductible.

*Most Part D plans are not standard plans. This means calculating TrOOP costs during the deductible and ICP varies by plan.

Source: 2014 Call Letter (pg. 58), at: <u>http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/HealthPlans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2014.pdf</u> -6-

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2013 Transition Rights to Medications Under Medicare Part D

Transition Policy: A Critical Protection.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that sponsors of Medicare Part D prescription drug plans provide beneficiaries with access to transition supplies of needed medications to protect them from disruption and give adequate time to move over to a drug that is on a plan's formulary, file a formulary exception request or, particularly for Low Income Subsidy (LIS) recipients, enroll in a different plan.

In early 2013, transition rules will be particularly important for low income beneficiaries who were automatically reassigned to new plans, which may or may not cover their medications.

In addition, all plans change their formularies each year, so even people who remain in the same plan may find that their plan no longer covers their medications or has newly imposed utilization management requirements.

To assist advocates with transition issues, this paper sets out the CMS minimum requirements for all plans.

CMS Minimum Transition Requirements

CMS requires Part D plans to establish transition policies to ensure that beneficiaries who are stabilized on a medication are not left without coverage:

- When they first enroll in a Part D plan.
- When they are moving to a new plan that does not cover their current drug, including when that move is mid-year.
- When, at the start of a new plan year, the plan in which they currently are enrolled drops coverage of a drug they are taking or imposes new utilization management restrictions on that drug.
- When they experience a change in level of care (e.g., from hospital to a nursing facility, from a nursing facility to home, or out of hospice status to standard Medicare, etc.).

For all enrollees:

Plans must provide a one time fill–**30 day supply** (unless a lesser amount is prescribed) — of an **ongoing** medication within the first 90 days of plan membership.

- Applies both to drugs not on formulary and to those subject to utilization management controls.[1]
- Applies to the first 90 days in the plan, even if not at the beginning of the plan year and even if the 90 day period extends over two plan years (e.g., a November enrollment).
- Applies both to new members and to continuing members when a plan has changed formulary.
- Does <u>not</u> cover non-Part D drugs.
- Does not cover multiple fills. For example, if a doctor only prescribes a pain medicine in 14 day batches, the transition will only cover one batch.

Plans must mail a **written notice** explaining that the transition supply is temporary, including instructions for identifying appropriate substitutes; notice of the right to request a formulary exception; and instructions on how to file an exception request. The notice must be mailed within 3 business days of the temporary fill.

If, at the point of sale, a plan cannot determine whether a newly written prescription is for ongoing drug therapy or not, the plan must assume that the prescription is ongoing and apply transition policies.

Residents in a long-term care (LTC) facility or other institution get further protections.

- Plans must provide a 31 day supply during the first 90 days.
- Plans must honor multiple 31 day fills during the first 90 days.

A change in status brings additional rights.

- Early refill edits may not be used to deny an enrollee access to a refill upon admission or discharge from a facility.
- For members leaving facilities, plans should permit fills of prescriptions in the week before discharge to avoid gaps or delays.
- Extension of transition supplies is required on a case-by case basis until an "appropriate and meaningful transition can be effectuated." (See box below for fuller details.)

For CMS Guidance on transition drug supplies, go to Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual, Chapter 6 at 30.4 et seq. <u>http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-</u> <u>Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/Chapter6.pdf</u> (excerpt copied below)

Extending Transition Supplies: Plan Responsibilities

CMS Prescription Drug Benefit Manual, Chapter 6 at 30.4.4.3

A Part D sponsor may need to make arrangements to continue to provide necessary drugs to an enrollee via an extension of the transition period, on a case-by case basis, to the extent that his or her exception request or appeal has not been processed by the end of the minimum transition period. It is vital that sponsors give affected enrollees clear guidance regarding how to proceed after a temporary fill is provided, so that appropriate and meaningful transition can be effectuated by the end of the transition period. *Until that transition is actually made, however, either through a*

switch to an appropriate formulary drug, or a decision is made regarding an exception request, continuation of drug coverage is necessary, other than for drugs not covered under Part D."

For further information, contact Georgia Burke <u>gburke@nsclc.org</u> or Kevin Prindiville <u>kprindiville@nsclc.org</u>.

[1] Plans must waive utilization management rules during the transition. However, if a plan limits dosage to, for example, 14 pills, the plan may distribute 14 pills when the enrollee first presents the prescription but must provide refills until the 30 day transition supply is met.

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Guide to consumer mailings from CMS, Social Security, & plans in 2013/2014

(All notices available online are hyperlinked, but note that current year versions for many notices aren't posted until fall.)

Mail date	Sender	Mailing/color	Main message	Consumer action
Mid-May	Social Security	Social Security LIS and MSP Outreach Notice (SSA Pub. Forms L447 & L448)	Informs people who may be eligible for Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) about MSPs and the Extra Help available for Medicare prescription drug coverage.	 If you think you qualify for Extra Help, you should apply. Apply for Extra Help through Social Security.
Early September	Social Security	Social Security Notice to Review Eligibility for Extra Help (SSA Form No. 1026)	Informs people selected for review that they should see if they continue to qualify for Extra Help. Includes an "Income and Resources Summary" sheet.	If you get this notice, you must return the enclosed form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope within 30 days or your Extra Help may end.
September	Plans	Plan Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) and Evidence of Coverage (EOC) <u>Model ANOC</u>	By September 30 , people will get a notice from their current plan outlining 2014 formulary, benefit design, and/or premium changes.	Review changes to decide whether the plan will continue to meet your needs in 2014.
September	Plans	Plan LIS Rider <u>Model LIS Rider</u>	By September 30 , all people who qualify for Extra Help will get an LIS rider from their plan telling them how much help they'll get in 2014 towards their Part D premium, deductible, and copayments.	Keep this with your plan's "Evidence of Coverage" (EOC), so you can refer to it if you have questions about your costs.
September	Employer /union plans	Notice of Creditable Coverage	By September 30 , employer/union and other group health plans must tell all Medicare- eligible enrollees whether or not their drug coverage is creditable.	Keep the notice.
September	CMS	Loss of Deemed Status Notice (Product No. 11198) (GREY Notice)	Informs people that they no longer automatically qualify for Extra Help as of January 1, 2014.	Apply for Extra Help through Social Security (application and postage-paid envelope enclosed) or a State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office.
Late September	CMS	" <u>Medicare & You"</u> 2014 Handbook	Mailed to all Medicare households each fall. Includes a summary of Medicare benefits, rights, and protections; lists of available health and drug plans; and answers to frequently asked questions about Medicare.	Keep the handbook as a reference guide. You can also download a copy online at <u>Medicare.gov</u> .

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October	Plans	Plan Marketing Materials	On October 1, plans begin sending marketing materials for 2014.	Use this information to compare options for 2014.
October	Plans	Plan Non-Renewal Notice	By October 2, people whose 2013 plan is leaving the Medicare program in 2014 will get notices from plans.	You must look for a new plan for coverage in 2014.
October	CMS	Change in Extra Help Co-payment Notice (Product No. 11199) (ORANGE Notice)	Informs people that they still automatically qualify for Extra Help, but their copayment levels will change starting January 1, 2014.	 Keep the notice. No action, unless you believe an error has occurred.
Late October	CMS	Consistent Poor Performer Notice (Product No. 11627)	Informs people that they're enrolled in a plan that has been identified as a consistent poor performer (i.e. fewer than three stars for three or more consecutive years) and encourages them to explore other plan options in their area.	 Visit <u>Medicare.gov/find-a-plan</u> find and compare plans in your area. You can change plans during the Open Enrollment Period (October 15– December 7). Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to change plans outside of this period. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
		Reassignment Notice <u>Plan Termination</u> (Product No. 11208) (BLUE Notice) Informs people that their current Medicare plan is leaving the Medicare Program and they'll be reassigned to a new Medicare dr plan effective January 1, 2014, unless they a new plan on their own by December 31, 2013.		 Keep the notice. Compare plans to see which plan meets your needs. Change plans, if you choose, in early
Late October	CMS	Reassignment Notice <u>– Premium Increase</u> (Product No. 11209) (BLUE Notice)	Informs auto-enrollees that because their current Medicare drug plan premium is increasing above the regional LIS premium subsidy amount, they'll be reassigned to a new Medicare drug plan effective January 1, 2014, unless they join a new plan on their own by December 31, 2013.	 December. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit <u>Medicare.gov</u>, or contact the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free, personalized help.
Late October/ Early November	CMS	MA Reassignment Notice (Product No. 11443) (BLUE Notice)	Informs people who get Extra Help and whose current Medicare Advantage (MA) plan is leaving the Medicare Program that they'll be re-assigned to a Medicare drug plan effective January 1, 2014, if they don't join a new MA or PDP plan on their own by December 31, 2013.	 Keep the notice. Compare plans to see which plan meets your needs. Change plans, if you choose, in early December. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit Medicare.gov, or contact the SHIP for free, personalized help.

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Early November	CMS	LIS Choosers Notice (Product No. 11267) (TAN Notice)	Informs people who get Extra Help and chose a Medicare dug plan on their own that their plan's premium is changing, and they'll have to pay a portion of their plan's premium in 2014 unless they join a new \$0 premium plan.	 Keep the notice. You may want to look for a new plan for coverage for 2014 with a premium below the regional low income subsidy benchmark. (Notice includes list of local plans with no premium liability.) Change plans in early Dec. if you choose.
November	CMS	CMS Non-Renewal Reminder Notice (Product No. <u>11433</u> & Product No. <u>11438</u>)	Reminds people who don't get Extra Help and whose plan is leaving the Medicare Program that they need to choose a new plan for 2014.	You must look for a new plan for coverage in 2014.
November	Social Security	Social Security Part B & Part D Income- Related Adjustment Amount Notice	Tells higher-income consumers about income- related Part B and Part D premium adjustments. Includes the information in the December BRI notices (see below).	Keep the notice.
November	Social Security	Social Security LIS Redetermination Decision Notice Begins	Social Security begins mailing notices letting people know whether they still qualify for Extra Help in the coming year.	 Keep the notice If you believe the decision is incorrect, you have the right to appeal it. The notice explains how to appeal. If you have questions, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.
Late November	Social Security	Social Security LIS and MSP Outreach Notice (Form SSA-L441)	Informs people who may be eligible for Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI) about the Medicare Savings Programs and the Extra Help available for Medicare prescription drug coverage.	 If you think you qualify for Extra Help, you should apply. For more information about the Extra Help or if you want to apply, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.
December	Social Security	Social Security Benefit Rate Change (BRI) Notice	Tells people about benefit payment changes for the coming year due to cost of living increases, variations in the premiums that are withheld, etc.	Keep the notice.
December	CMS	Reassign Formulary Notice (Product No. <u>11475</u> & Product No. <u>11496</u>) (BLUE Notice)	Informs people who get Extra Help and were affected by reassignment which of the Part D drugs they took in 2013 will be covered in their new 2014 Medicare drug plan.	 Consider whether this plan is right for you, or whether another plan might cover more of your drugs. Compare this Medicare drug plan with others in your area. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit <u>Medicare.gov</u>, or contact the SHIP for free, personalized help.

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January	CMS	CMS Non-Renewal Action Notice (Product No. 11452)	Reminds people who don't get Extra Help and whose Medicare plan left the Medicare Program that they need to join a new Medicare drug plan if they want Medicare drug coverage for 2014.	You must join a Medicare drug plan by February 28 if you want Medicare drug coverage for 2014.
Early February	CMS	<u>Consistent Poor</u> <u>Performer Notice –</u> <u>February Notice to</u> <u>New Enrollees</u> (Product No. 11633)	Informs people that they're enrolled in a plan that has been identified as a consistent poor performer and encourages them to explore other plan options in their area.	 Visit <u>Medicare.gov/find-a-plan</u> to find and compare plans in your area. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE to move into a higher-rated plan.
Daily - ongoing	CMS	Deemed Status Notice (Product No. 11166) (PURPLE Notice beginning in Sept/Oct)	Informs people that they'll automatically get Extra Help, including people 1) with Medicare and Medicaid, 2) in Medicare Savings Program, and 3) who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.	 Keep the notice. No need to apply to get the Extra Help. Compare Medicare prescription drug plans with others to meet your needs. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit <u>Medicare.gov</u>, or contact the SHIP for free, personalized help.
Daily - ongoing	CMS	Auto-Enrollment Notice (Product No. 11154) (YELLOW Notice)	Sent to people who automatically qualify for Extra Help because they qualify for Medicare & Medicaid and currently get their benefits through Original Medicare. These people will be automatically enrolled in a drug plan unless they decline coverage or enroll in a plan themselves.	 Keep the notice. No need to apply to get the Extra Help. If you don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one. Compare Medicare prescription drug plans with others to meet your needs. For more information call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit Medicare.gov, or contact the SHIP for free, personalized help.
Daily - ongoing	CMS	Auto-Enrollment - Retroactive Notice (Product No. 11429) (YELLOW Notice)	Sent to people who automatically qualify for Extra Help with a retroactive effective date because they either 1) qualify for Medicare & Medicaid or 2) get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). These people will be automatically enrolled in a drug plan unless they decline coverage or enroll in a plan themselves.	 Keep the notice. No need to apply to get the Extra Help. If you don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one. Compare Medicare prescription drug plans with others to meet your needs. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit Medicare.gov, or contact the SHIP for free, personalized help.

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Daily - ongoing	CMS	Facilitated Enrollment Notice (Product No. <u>11186</u> & Product No. <u>11191</u>) (GREEN Notice)	Informs people who either 1) belong to a Medicare Savings Program or 2) get Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or 3) applied and qualified for Extra Help that they will be automatically enrolled in a drug plan unless they decline coverage or enroll in a plan themselves.	 Keep the notice. If you don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one. Compare Medicare prescription drug plans with others to meet your needs. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE, check "Medicare & You," visit Medicare.gov, or contact the SHIP for free, personalized help.
Daily - ongoing	CMS	FBDE RDS Notice (Product No. 11334)	Informs people with Medicare & Medicaid who already have qualifying creditable drug coverage through an employer or union that they automatically qualify for Extra Help, and can join a Medicare drug plan if they want to at no cost to them.	Contact your employer or union plan to learn how joining a Medicare drug plan may affect your current coverage.
Daily - ongoing	Social Security	Initial IRMAA Determination Notice	Sent to people with Medicare Part B and/or Part D when Social Security determines whether any IRMAA amounts apply. Notice includes information about Social Security's determination and appeal rights.	Keep the notice.

2014 Medicare Part D Benchmark** Prescription Drug Plans (PDP) in New York State, with Changes from 2013

COMPANY	Plan Name 2013	Change from 2013 to 2014	2014 Premium (Free for Extra Help)	Tel.
Aetna Medicare	Aetna CVS/pharmacy Prescription Drug Plan-PDP	No longer benchmark	\$61.40 (about \$24 with Extra Help)	800-832-2640
CIGNA Medicare Rx	1. CIGNA Medicare Rx Plan One (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$36.80	800.735.1459
CIGNA Medicare Rx	2. CIGNA HealthSpring Rx – Reg 3	Remains benchmark	\$37.90	Formerly known as Healthspring, merged with CIGNA this year
EnvisionRx Plus	EnvisionRx Plus Silver (PDP)	No longer benchmark	\$41.40	866.250.2005
Express Scripts Medicare (was Medco)	3. Express Scripts Medicare - Value (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$36.40	800.758.3605
First Health Part D	First Health Part D Essentials (PDP)	No longer benchmark	\$43.10	
First United American Life Insurance Co.	First United American - Select (PDP)	No longer benchmark	\$40.10	866.524.4171
Humana Insurance Company of New York	4. Humana Walmart-Preferred Rx Plan (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$25.80	800.281.6918
SilverScript Insurance Company	SilverScript Basic (PDP)	NO LONGER EXISTS		
SmartD Rx	SmartD Rx Saver (PDP)	NO LONGER EXISTS		
HealthNow New York Inc.	SmartSaver Rx PDP (PDP)	No longer benchmark	\$42.90	
WellCare	5. WellCare Classic (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$29.00	888.293.5151
UnitedHealthcare*	6. AARP MedicareRx Saver Plus (PDP)	Becomes benchmark again (was in 2012 but not 2013)	\$23.40	877.699.5710

6 Plans with FREE PREMIUMS for People with Extra Help – down from 12 in 2013

• PLANS DISCONTINUED IN 2014 will be reassigned but not known yet to what plan.

^{*} Although CMS allows plans whose premiums are within \$2.00 above the benchmark amount to waive the difference and remain free for people with Full Extra Help, UnitedHealthcare has chosen not to do this for 2013. As a result, any members of AARP MedicareRx Preferred with Full Extra Help will be billed for a \$0.50/mo. premium, and may be disenrolled if they fail to pay. See <u>http://wnylc.com/health/news/43/</u> for more information.

• 2014 Benchmark Premium is \$37.23, BENCHMARK plans are those with premiums that are below this "benchmark amount" which is set each year by CMS. These plans are free for people with Extra Help. When Medicaid recipients and others with Extra Help are randomly assigned to plans if they don't select one, they can only be assigned to benchmark plans.

http://wnylc.com/health/download/283/ revised Jan. Oct. 9, 2013New York Legal Assistance Group – Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

2013 NYS INCOME AND RESOURCE STANDARDS AND FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS (FPL)



Reference Documents: SA 2012 -00484-00, SA 2012-00737-00, GIS 13 MA//01, GIS 13 MA//02, SA 203-00061-00



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1. Medicaid for Pregnant Women and Me	dicaid Mon	thly Income	Levels (Pre	gnant Wom	en and Chil	dren Under	19)
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l Person
Children under 1 yr; Pregnant Women Perinatal Coverage Only (200% FPL)	\$1,915	\$2,585	\$3,255	\$3,925	\$4,595	\$5,265	\$670
Children 1-18 yrs (133% FPL)	\$1,274	\$1,720	\$2,165	\$2,611	\$3,056	\$3,502	\$446
Pregnant Women (count as 2 people) Full Coverage (100% FPL)		\$1,293	\$1,628	\$1,963	\$2,298	\$2,633	\$335

2. Child Health Plus Premium Levels – Monthly Income by Family Size (Effective 04/01/2013) (Children Under 19 NOT Medicaid Eligible)							
Premium Categories	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l Person
Free Insurance (Calculated at 160% FPL less \$1.00)	\$1,531	\$2,067	\$2,603	\$3,139	\$3,675	\$4,211	\$536
\$9 per child per month (Max. \$27 per family) (222% FPL)	\$2,126	\$2,870	\$3,614	\$4,357	\$5,101	\$5,845	\$744
\$15 per child per month (Max \$45/Family) (250% FPL)	\$2,394	\$3,232	\$4,069	\$4,907	\$5,744	\$6,582	\$838
\$30 per child per month (Max. \$90 per family) (300% FPL)	\$2,873	\$3,878	\$4,883	\$5,888	\$6,893	\$7,898	\$1005
\$45 per child per month (Max. \$135 per family) (350% FPL)	\$3,352	\$4,524	\$5,697	\$6,869	\$8,042	\$9,214	\$1,173
\$60 per child per month (Max. \$180 per family) (400% FPL)	\$3,830	\$5,170	\$6,510	\$7,850	\$9,190	\$10,530	\$1,340
Full Premium per child/month if over 400% FPL (Premium amount varies from plan to plan)	Over \$3,830	Over \$5,170	Over \$6,510	Over \$7,850	Over \$9,190	Over \$10,530	

3. Regular Medicaid Levels (Parents, 19 and 20 year olds, disabled or blind 21-64 year olds, persons 65 and over) [Income level testing applies to all. Resource level testing applies only to disabled or blind 21-64 year olds and persons 65 and over]											
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Add'l Person
Monthly Income	\$800	\$1,175	\$1,352	\$1,528	\$1,704	\$1,880	\$2,057	\$2, 233	\$2,410	\$2587	\$177
Resource Level	\$14,400	\$21,150	\$24,323	\$27,495	\$30,668	\$33,840	\$37,013	\$40,185	\$43,358	\$46,531	\$3,173

4. (a) FHP Income Levels (Parents Living with Children Under 21 in their Household; 19-20 year olds living with their parents)											
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Add'l Person
FHP Limit 150% FPL	\$1,437	\$1,939	\$2,442	\$2,944	\$3,447	\$3,949	\$4,452	\$4,954	\$5,457	\$5,960	\$503

4. (b) FHP Income Levels (Adults Without Children Under 21 in Household and 19-20 Year Olds Living Alone)									
INCOME LEVELS (100% FPL)	Family of 1	\$958							
	Family of 2	\$1,293							

5. Family Pla	ogram In	6. MBI-WPD (Persons 16-64)									
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l Person	Family Size	1	2	Resource
FPBP 200% FPL (Child Bearing Age)	\$1,915	\$2, 585	\$3, 255	\$3, 925	\$4, 595	\$5, 265	\$670	MBI-WPD 250% FPL	\$2,394	\$3,232	(1) \$20,000(2) \$30,000

7.	Monthly Medicaid Standards (Non-Disabled Adults ages 21-64 Without Children under 21 in the Household and Low Income Families)										
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Add'l Person
Monthly Income	\$750	\$936	\$1,114	\$1,293	\$1,479	\$1,614	\$1,757	\$1,940	\$2,046	\$2,152	\$106

8.	Medicar	e Savings Pro	ogram (Buy	v-In)	9. Other Important Fig	ures				
			Incom	ie	Medicare Part A Premium:\$243.00 (30-39 Quarters)\$441.00 (Less than 30 Quarters)					
		Family	y of 1	Family of 2	Medicare Part B Premium: \$104.90 for al Standard Allocation: From non-SSI-related	1	-SSI-related			
QMB		Annual	\$11,496	\$15,516	child \$375 PASS-THROUGH FACTORS: .967 and	- -				
100% FPL		Monthly	\$ 958	\$1,293		.100				
SLIMB		Annual	\$13,788	\$18,612	Family Size	1	2			
120% FPL		Monthly	\$1,149	\$1,551	COBRA (100% FPL)	\$ 958	\$1,293			
QI-1 135% FPL		Annual	\$15,516	\$20,940	AIDS Health Ins. Program (AHIP) (185% FPL)	\$1,772	\$2,392			
155% FPL		Monthly	\$1,293	\$ 1,745	QWDI (200% FPL)	\$1,915	\$2,585			
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10.		Spousal Support and Resource Levels									
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ME (MMMNA) - \$2,898 (Inst Spouse) - \$50RESOURCES - (Minimum) - \$74,820 (Maximum) - \$115,920FAMILY MEMBER ALLOWANCE FORMULA: USE - \$1,939 \$ 647 is the maximum family member allowance										
11.	. SSI –Related Resource Levels										
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Each Add'l Person
Resource Level	\$14,400	\$21,150	\$24,323	\$27,495	\$30,668	\$33,840	\$37,013	\$40,185	\$43,358	\$46,531	\$3,173
12.			Μ	onthly Reg	ional Nursin	g Home Ra	tes				

12. Monthly Regional Nurse	ing Home Rates
NEW YORK CITY (All boroughs) - \$11,350	LONG ISLAND - \$12,034 Nassau, Suffolk
NORTHEASTERN - \$8,950 Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington	NORTHERN METROPOLITAN - \$10,737 Duchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester
WESTERN (Buffalo) - \$8,682 Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming	ROCHESTER - \$9,782 Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Yates
CENTRAL (Syracuse) - \$8,432 Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkime Tompkins	r, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga,

In determining the community resource allowance on and after January 1, 2009, the community spouse is permitted to retain resources in an amount equal to the greater of the following: \$74,820 or the amount of the spousal share up to \$115,920. The spousal share is the amount equal to one-half of the total value of the countable resources of the couple as of the date of the first continuous period of institutionalization of the institutionalized spouse on or after September 30, 1989. The look-back period is anchored in the month the A/R is both institutionalized and applying for MA.