



Medicare Part D - Cheatsheet

On or around October 1st you will receive your “Annual Notice of Change” (ANOC) from your stand-alone Medicare Part D carrier. This notification lays out the changes for next year in regard to your premiums, formulary, and deductibles. **October 15 – December 7** is your Annual Election Period (AEP); you can review your current Rx plan or change to a new plan next year.

Here are some steps to consider for your Medicare Part D Rx Plan:

1. If you liked your current Medicare Part D drug plan, but want more information, simply turn your prescription card over and call the customer service number. Then ask these specific questions:
 - A. What will my premiums be next year?
 - B. Will there be a deductible? If so, is it on all drug tiers?
 - C. Are my prescriptions in your formulary next year?
 - D. What will the cost be for each of my prescriptions?
 - E. Can I keep my current Pharmacy? Is it a PREFERRED PHARMACY?

If you are satisfied with the changes to your current plan and the benefits for next year, then **there is nothing to do**, your plan will renew automatically.

2. If your current plan will not work for you next year, OR if you want to get a true comparison / analysis of the entire available Medicare Part D drug plans to choose from, here are the options to consider:
 - A. You can call our office at 417-889-7700. We will be more than happy to review your Medicare Part D Rx coverage for you.
 - B. You could call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Once the computer message comes on, you will be asked to enter your Medicare number, “hit 00” on your phone every time the computer asks you a question please **hit “00.”** After 3 or 4 times, it will default you to a human, I promise you this works. Please have your Medicare card out, and all medications you are currently taking. Be patient as it may take a few minutes for a representative to come on the phone. Please explain to them you want to find the best **PLAN D Drug plan only** for you for next year. They will help you find a plan and enroll you as well. Again, be sure to specify **PART D only!**
 - C. You could log onto www.medicare.gov and follow the steps to enter all your current prescription medications or enter the username and password you may have created. Then, you can review all drug plans. If you find a plan that you believe is best for next year, you can call our office at 417-889-7700, as we can assist you with your enrollment.

In addition, if you would like to see if you qualify for extra help to pay for your prescription drug plans, you can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to apply over the phone or ask for Form SSA-1020 to complete.