

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has created a new payment option that works with WyoBlue Advantage to help members with high Medicare Part D drug costs to spread their costs across the calendar year. This program is similar to a budget plan with your utility bill, where you would pay a set amount on a monthly basis through the end of the year.

There's no cost to participate in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan and participation is voluntary.

Is the Medicare Prescription Plan right for me?

The program might be a good fit for you if:

- You have high Medicare-covered Part D drug costs early in the year.
- You expect to reach the \$2,100 out-of-pocket maximum in 2026.

The program may not be a good fit for you if:

- Your yearly drug costs are low.
- If you receive Extra Help from Medicare or other help paying for your Medicare Part D drugs.

How does the program work?

If you select this optional payment option, you'll get a bill each month from your health or drug plan when you fill a prescription for a drug covered by Part D, rather than pay at the pharmacy. This includes prescriptions filled via mail order and specialty pharmacies.

Even though you won't pay for your drugs at the pharmacy, you're still responsible for the costs. These costs are spread out over the course of the year. If you want to know what your drug will cost before you take it home, call your plan or ask the pharmacist.

How would my monthly bills be calculated in the program?

Your monthly bill is based on what you would have paid for any prescriptions you get, plus your previous month's balance, divided by the number of months left in the year. Your future payments would increase as you continue to fill your prescriptions throughout the rest of the year.

How do I opt into the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan?

If you think this payment option is right for you, you have several ways to opt in.

- In 2025, for 2026: If you want to participate in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan for 2026, call the pharmacy services number on the back of your card. Your participation will start January 1, 2026, if you enroll ahead of time.
- During 2026: Starting January 1, 2026, you can visit the WyoBlue Advantage website at <u>WyoBlueAdvantage.com</u>, call the pharmacy services number on the back of your ID card or complete the enclosed form to start participating in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan anytime during the calendar year.

You can opt into or out of the program any time throughout the year. If you leave the Medicare Prescription Payment program, your Medicare Part D drug coverage and other Medicare benefits won't be affected, and you'll go back to paying the pharmacy directly for all of your Medicare-covered out-of-pocket Part D drug costs. You are still required to pay your outstanding balance if you decide to switch plans.

Questions? We can help.

If you have more questions about the program or would like to receive a copy of the Medicare Fact sheet, please call the pharmacy services number on the back of your ID card, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY: 711.

Additional information from Medicare can be found at <u>Medicare.gov/prescription-payment-plan</u>, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.