



# Medicare Part D

*Helping you to enroll for Medicare's  
prescription drug program*

**This handout explains how to enroll in Medicare's prescription drug program, and offers resource information.**

Use this handout with the two brochures written by the U.S. government. The titles of these two brochures are:

- “Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: How to Join a Medicare Drug Plan,” found online at: [www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11111.pdf](http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11111.pdf).
- “What You Need to Complete the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs,” found online at: [www.ssa.gov/pubs/10128.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10128.pdf).

You can also find these brochures at the Health Information Resource Center, near University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) information desk.

## **What is this program and who can enroll?**

Medicare offers a prescription drug program for all people with Medicare. This program is called Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. You can enroll from November 15 through December 31.

## **Who can help me if I need help getting enrolled?**

UWMC Health Information Resource Center, Pharmacy, and Social Work and Care Coordination staff are here to help you understand how to enroll for Medicare Part D prescription drug programs. Staff from the agencies listed below can explain how to enroll and answer your questions.

## **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

An online program allows you to input your medications and find the best program options for the drugs that you use.  
800-633-4227; 877-486-2048 (TTY)  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

## Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns. UWMC clinic staff are also available to help.

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### Social Security Administration (SSA)

Provides information to low-income persons who may need financial assistance with helping to cover the costs of medications and/or insurance.

800-772-1213; 800-325-0778 (TTY)

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

### Local Offices:

King County and Downtown Seattle.....	206-553-8613
Seattle North /Aurora Ave.....	800-940-0985
Kent .....	253-520-6612
Burien .....	206-243-0289
South Seattle .....	206-553-5479

### Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor (SHIBA)

Provides help in person or over the phone to understand the program and figure out your best options for coverage for prescription drugs.

800-562-6900

[www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/medicare/medprescriptdrugs.asp](http://www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/medicare/medprescriptdrugs.asp)

### Senior Services of Seattle/King County – Senior Information Line

Works with SHIBA to help low income persons find plans that meet their needs.

206-448-3110; 888-435-3377

### UWMC Health Information Resource Center

206-598-7960

### UWMC Pharmacy Help Desk

206-598-6060

### UWMC Social Work

206-598-4370

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