



Additional Information and Support

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)*

The mission of PPA is to increase awareness of patient assistance programs and boost enrollment of those who are eligible. Through the web site, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.

To access the Partnership for Prescription Assistance by phone, you can call toll-free, 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or view online at www.pparx.org.

*PPA is an independent organization not affiliated with Novartis.

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit

Since its inception, Medicare Part D has helped millions of Americans access prescription drug coverage.

Patient Eligibility Requirements:

- Individuals who have Medicare Part A or Part B

Program Enrollment:

- Enrollment is on an annual basis
- Annual open-enrollment period is November 15 through December 31 of each year
- Some Medicare beneficiaries can enroll in Part D any time during the year. These include:
 - New Medicare beneficiaries
 - Medicare beneficiaries who lose their employer-sponsored retiree coverage
 - Medicare beneficiaries who are approved for financial assistance with Part D costs by the Social Security Administration

Additional Information:

- Please go to www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information
- Consult the "Medicare and You" handbook, which lists the Medicare prescription drug plans available in the beneficiary's area
- State Health Insurance Assistance Programs and other local and community-based organizations offer free, personalized counseling
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the telephone number of your locally based organization