

Do I have to change my Medicare drug plan for next year if I have full Extra Help?

Extra Help, the federal program that helps pay most of your Medicare drug costs, will pay the full cost of your monthly drug plan premium as long as you are enrolled in a **basic drug plan whose monthly premium is at or below \$24.18 in 2008 in New York.** (These plans are also called “benchmark plans.”)

If you enroll in a plan that has a premium above this amount, **you will have to pay the difference.**

- **If Medicare enrolled you** in a Medicare drug plan in 2007 that has a premium above \$25.18 in 2008, you will be switched to another, random plan for which Extra Help will pay your premium in full **unless you choose another plan yourself.** Medicare will send you a blue letter indicating which plan it will be enrolling you in.
- **If you chose a plan** in 2007 that will have a premium above \$24.18 in 2008, Medicare will **not** switch you to a different plan in 2008. You should switch to a plan that has a premium below this amount if you want to avoid paying a premium.

Whether you have to switch or not, you should look at all your plan options in 2008 to make sure that you enroll in the plan that covers all your prescriptions in 2008 and has the fewest barriers to getting them.

If Medicare enrolled you into one of these New York plans in 2007:

- Humana PDP Standard
- HIP Standard Part D New York
- Simply Prescriptions Rx 1
- Sterling Rx
- United Health Care AARP Medicare RX Plan-Saver



You will be moved to one of these New York plans in 2008:

- Advantage Star Plan by Rx America
- Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials
- Bravo Rx
- CIGNA Medicare Rx Plan One
- Community CCRx Basic
- Health Net Orange Option 1
- HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan- Reg 3
- Medco Medicare Prescription Plan- Value
- Medicare Rx Rewards Value
- Medicare Rx Rewards Standard
- Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan- Reg 3
- SilverScript

If Medicare enrolled you into this New York plan in 2007:

- Bravo Rx II
- CIGNATURE Rx Value Plan
- WellCare Signature



You will be moved into this New York plan in 2008:

- BravoRx
- CIGNA Medicare Rx Plan One
- WellCare Classic



▶▶ See the other side for a list of plans in New York for which full Extra Help will pay your whole premium.

Medicare Drug-Only Plans in New York for Which Full Extra Help Will Pay the Whole Premium

Extra Help is a federal program that pays most of your costs for Medicare drug coverage. If you choose one of the plans below, Extra Help will pay the full cost of your monthly premium. **Before enrolling in any plan, make sure that it will work with your health coverage.**

Plan Name	Company Name	Phone Number
▪ Advantage Star Plan by Rx America	RxAmerica	General: (877) 279-0370
▪ Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	Aetna	Enrollment: (800) 529-5586 Members: (877) 238-6211
▪ BravoRx	Bravo Health	Enrollment: (800) 935-7193 Members: (800) 235-9188
▪ CIGNA Medicare Rx Plan One	CIGNA	General: (800) 735-1459
▪ Community CCRx Basic	MemberHealth	General: (866) 684-5353
▪ Health Net Orange Option 1	Health Net	Enrollment: (800) 547-8734 Members: (800) 806-8811
▪ HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan Reg. 3	HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan	General: (800) 331-6293
▪ Medco Medicare Prescription Plan- Value	Medco Medicare Prescription Plan	General: (800) 711-2455
▪ MedicareRx Rewards Value	UniCare	Enrollment: (800) 459-1732
▪ MedicareRx Rewards Standard		ext. 720 Members: (800) 508-9355
▪ Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan Reg 3	American Progressive Life & Health Ins. Co of NY	General: (800) 825-8200
▪ SilverScript	SilverScript Insurance Company	Enrollment: (866) 552-6106 Members: (866) 235-5660

If you have any questions concerning this information, call the Medicare Rights Center's consumer hotline at 800-333-4114, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time.