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**Background  
Information**  
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## Drug Discount Cards in Pennsylvania

### ■ OVERVIEW

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- 39 cards will be available nationally, with additional cards available on a regional basis.
- Regional cards must be offered at least state-wide.
- Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans will receive their cards through their plans.
- Enrollment fees range from \$0 to \$30.

### ■ SIGNING-UP

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- Beneficiaries can begin signing up for the drug cards on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- To receive help in selecting a card, beneficiaries should call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit the Medicare website at <http://www.medicare.gov>.
- CMS has tripled the number of customer service representatives available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer questions.
- Beneficiaries can also have their questions answered through their State Health Insurance Programs (SHIPs) and Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Programs (HICAPs). Information on these resources is available at <http://www.medicare.gov/Contacts/Related/Ships.asp>
- To enroll in a particular card, beneficiaries will contact that card and receive an application. A list of national cards is provided below.
- CMS has produced a standard enrollment form that will be accepted by all cards.

### ■ STATE PHARMACY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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- CMS has announced that State programs that enter an agreement with a single discount card may automatically enroll their pharmacy assistance beneficiaries into that drug discount card.

- Beneficiaries in State programs will have the opportunity to “opt out” of the auto-enrollment process.

## ■ ELIGIBILITY

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- All Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for the discount card except those enrolled in Medicaid and entitled to Medicaid drug coverage.
- Individuals may enroll in only one Medicare-endorsed card at a time.
- In 2004, individuals may change their designated drug card once for 2005.

## ■ TRANSITIONAL LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE

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- All beneficiaries with incomes less than \$12,569/single or \$16,862/married couple will be eligible for transitional assistance unless they have third party coverage.
- Up to \$600 per year will be provided to purchase prescription drugs.
- The annual enrollment fee for the card will be paid by Medicare.

## ■ APPROVED DRUG DISCOUNT CARDS

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### APPROVED DRUG CARDS – NATIONAL (as of 5/3/04)

SPONSORS (27); CARDS\* (39); ENROLLMENT FEE; CONTACT INFO.

- **A&A Drug Company**; Sav-Rx Med Advantage Prescription Discount Card; \$20.00; 1-800-350-6714.
- **aClaim Inc.**; aClaim RxSavings Club; \$30.00; 1-888-250-2501.
- **AdvancePCS Health, L.P.**; RxSavings distributed by Reader's Digest; \$29.95; 1-866-216-1683.
- **AdvancePCS Health, L.P.**; RxSavings; \$29.95; 1-888-601-8461.
- **AdvancePCS Health, L.P.**; RxSavings distributed by Mennonite Mutual Aid Association; \$29.95; 1-866-216-5779.
- **Aetna Health Management, LLC**; Aetna Rx Savings Card (SM); \$30.00; 1-866-895-1649.
- **Argus Health Systems, Inc.**; Argus Rx; \$30.00\*\*; 1-888-850-8029.
- **Caremark Advantage, Inc.**; BD Advantage Drug Discount Card; \$10.00; 1-866-932-2679.
- **Computer Sciences Corporation**; Community Care Rx; \$30.00; 1-877-646-5307.
- **Computer Sciences Corporation**; Criterion Advantage; \$30.00; 1-877-646-5309.
- **Discount Development Services, L.L.C.**; American Prescription Plan; \$30.00; 1-866-215-3468.
- **Discount Development Services, L.L.C.**; American Advantage-Med; \$30.00; 1-866-215-3477.
- **Envision Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.**; EnvisionRx Plus; \$30.00; 1-330-995-4710.

- **Express Scripts, Inc.;** Express Scripts (Option A); \$19.00; 1-800-722-7015.
- **Express Scripts, Inc.;** Express Scripts (Option B); \$30.00; 1-800-722-7015.
- **Liberty Healthcare Group, Inc.;** Liberty, A PolyMedica Company; \$0.00; 1-800-741-8837.
- **McKesson Health Solutions, Arizona;** Rx Savings Access Card; \$30.00; 1-888-227-3479.
- **Medco Health Solutions, Inc.;** Preferred Prescription Discount Card; \$25.00; 1-800-864-1140.
- **Medco Health Solutions, Inc.;** Prescription Discount Card; \$25.00; 1-800-864-1140.
- **Medical Security Card Company;** ScriptSave Premier; \$0.00; 1-866-537-7479.
- **Medical Security Card Company;** ScriptSave Plus; \$30.00; 1-866-895-1658.
- **MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc.;** America's Pharmacy, powered by MedImpact; \$0.00; 1-800-810-0552.
- **NationsHealth, LLC;** NationsHealth Prescription Drug Discount Card; \$0.00; 1-800-585-0383.
- **NationsHealth, LLC;** NationsHealth Prescription Drug Discount Card; \$30.00; 1-800-585-0383.
- **PBM Plus, Inc.;** PBM Plus Senior Care; \$30.00; 1-800-676-8399.
- **PGBA, LLC;** InStil Health Solutions; \$30.00; 1-800-503-3112;
- **PharmaCare Management Services, Inc.;** myPharmaCare; \$25.00; 1-800-601-3002.
- **Pharmaceutical Technologies, Inc.;** The Pharmacy SmartCard; \$30.00; 1-800-546-5677.
- **Pharmacy Care Alliance, Inc.;** Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option A); \$19.00; 1-800-722-7015.
- **Pharmacy Care Alliance, Inc.;** Pharmacy Care Alliance (Option B); \$30.00; 1-800-722-7015.
- **Public Sector Partners, Inc.;** PSP Prescription Drug Discount Card; \$30.00; 1-866-432-8311.
- **Scrip Solutions, LLC;** ScripSolutions Freedom; \$0.00; 1-877-410-0189.
- **Scrip Solutions, LLC;** ScripSolutions Choice; \$14.95; 1-877-410-0189.
- **SXC Health Solutions, Inc.;** SXC Health Solutions, Inc.; \$30.00; 1-866-528-5826.
- **United Healthcare Insurance Co.;** AARP Prescription Discount Card; \$19.95; 1-800-592-3069.
- **United Healthcare Insurance Co.;** Ushare; \$19.95; 1-800-707-3914.
- **WellPoint Pharmacy Management;** PrecisionDiscounts; \$0.00; 1-800-585-0352.
- **WellPoint Pharmacy Management;** PrecisionDiscounts; \$30.00; 1-800-585-0352.

- **WHP Health Initiatives, Inc.;** Walgreens Health Initiatives Prescription Discount Drug Card; \$20.00; 1-800-533-7606.

\*Name as appear on Drug Cards

\*\*\$20.00 in CA and HI.

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### **APPROVED CARDS FOR PENNSYLVANIANS**

All of the above, plus: (as of 5/3/04)

- **Caremark Advantage, Inc.;** Advantra X-tra Drug Discount Card Program; \$10.00.
- **First Health Services Corporation;** First Health Services Medicare Drug Discount Card; \$30.00.
- **Independence Blue Cross, Inc.;** Pennsylvania Rx Savings; \$19.95.
- **UPMC Health Plan;** UPMC for Life; \$10.00.

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State Health Insurance Programs (SHIPs) can help Medicare beneficiaries answer questions about choosing a prescription drug discount card or an integrated health plan.

Contact information in PA: 1-717-783-6207 (phone) or <http://www.aging.state.pa.us/> (Internet).

Seniors can also view more information on this program online at: <http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11062.pdf>.