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**A State of Montana program  
to help pay monthly premiums  
for people with  
Medicare prescription  
drug coverage**

**1-866-369-1233**



# Need Help Paying Medicare Rx Premiums?

## What is Medicare Rx?

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance provided by private companies approved by Medicare starting January 1, 2006. This new coverage will be available to anyone with Medicare. Drug plans may vary in which prescription drugs are covered, how much you have to pay, and the pharmacies you can use. You will have to pay a monthly premium. Call **Medicare** at **1-800-Medicare** with questions about Medicare Rx.

## What is Big Sky Rx?

Big Sky Rx is a State of Montana program administered by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Big Sky Rx helps pay monthly Medicare drug coverage premiums up to \$33.11 for qualified Montana residents with Medicare. Anyone on Medicare can apply for Big Sky Rx. Fill out an application for Big Sky Rx even if you are not yet enrolled with a Medicare Rx plan. Call **Big Sky Rx** at **1-866-369-1233** with questions.

## To Qualify for Big Sky Rx You Must:

- Be a Montana resident,
- Be on Medicare, and
- Have an annual family income less than about \$19,600 if you are single or about \$26,400 if you are married and living together (this income changes on an annual basis).

## To Enroll in Big Sky Rx You Must:

- Be qualified,
- Be enrolled in a Medicare Rx plan, and
- Have applied for Extra Help if you have an annual family income less than \$14,700 if you are single or \$19,800 if you are married and living together (this income changes on an annual basis). Big Sky Rx will tell you if your application looks close to being eligible for Extra Help.

**You should apply even if you think your income is too high. Some income is not counted in determining eligibility for Big Sky Rx.**

Even if you have not yet signed up for a Medicare Rx plan, you can fill out the Big Sky Rx Application. Big Sky Rx will tell you if you qualify. You will not be enrolled in Big Sky Rx until your Medicare Rx information and your Extra Help information (if appropriate) is received.

## What is Social Security Extra Help?

If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify for Extra Help. Extra Help offers assistance in paying for prescription drug plan premiums, co-payments, and deductibles through Social Security. The amount of Extra Help you get depends on your income, resources and family size. You still need to join a Medicare prescription drug plan for Medicare to pay for your drug costs. Call **Social Security** at **1-800-772-1213** with questions about **Extra Help**.

## How Do I Apply for Big Sky Rx?

Call **Big Sky Rx** for an application or print one from our Big Sky Rx website.

In-State Toll Free 1-866-369-1233

Out-of-State and Helena Area 1-406-444-1233

**Complete the Big Sky Rx application.** Call Big Sky Rx if you need help. Send the completed application to our Big Sky Rx address.

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**Fax** 1-406-444-1861

**Email** bigskyrx@mt.gov

**Website** www.bigskyrx.mt.gov

You will receive a letter from Big Sky Rx within about 20 calendar days of sending your Big Sky Rx application to tell you if you are qualified, enrolled or ineligible.

## Medicare Part D Resources

### Medicare

1-800-Medicare or www.medicare.gov

### Social Security Administration and Extra Help

1-800-772-1213 or www.socialsecurity.gov

### Area Agency on Aging / State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

(Counselors will help with Medicare Rx)

1-800-551-3191

Please keep this outside cover for your information.



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