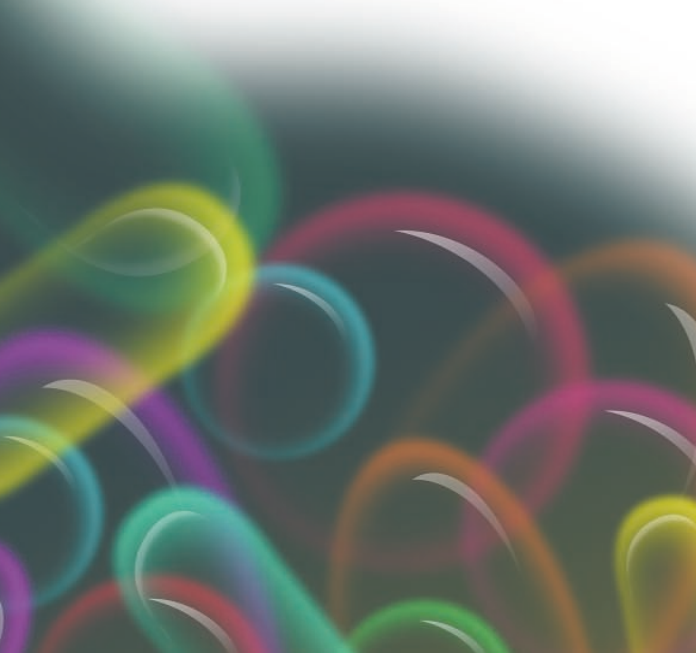


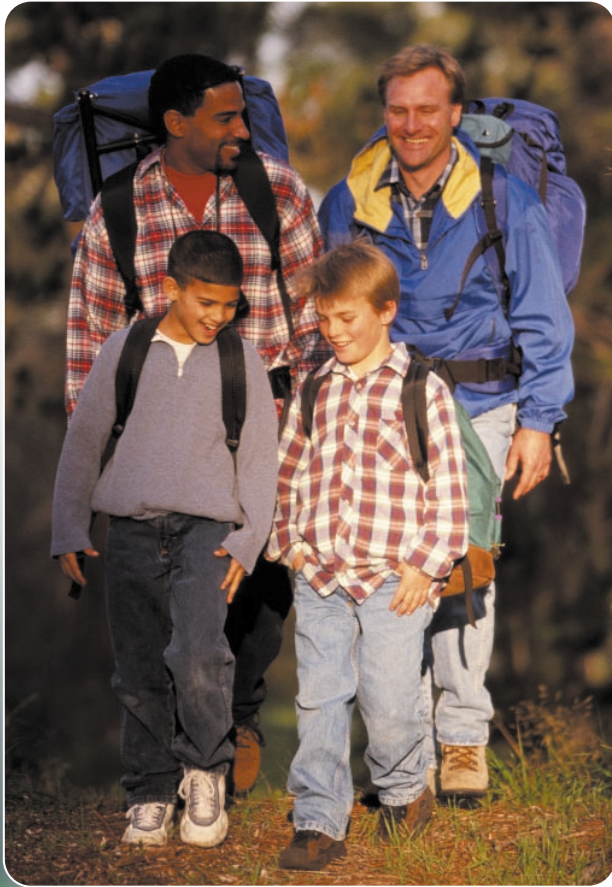


Maine Department of Human Services

**Healthy Savings on
Prescription Drugs**

MAINE *R_x* PLUS





**With Maine Rx Plus,
you can join with
thousands of your
friends and neighbors
in Maine who want
to pay less for
prescription drugs.**

What is Maine Rx Plus?

Maine Rx Plus is a new benefit sponsored by the Maine Department of Human Services. There are two kinds of benefits under Maine Rx Plus.

Maine Rx Plus (all members)

The first benefit will help you save 15% on brand name drugs and up to 60% on generic drugs. More than 200,000 Maine residents may be eligible to join.

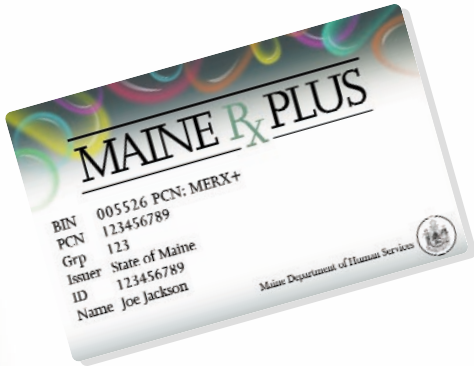
Maine Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled Program (DEL) Benefit

The second benefit is for those who are eligible for the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled Benefit (DEL).

How To Use Your Card

You will get two identical Maine Rx Plus drug cards; one for you and an extra card. These cards will list eligible household members who have the benefit. You will use these cards for Maine Rx Plus and, if you are eligible, the Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled Benefit.

After January 1, 2004, when you get a new prescription from your doctor, or you need to refill a prescription, simply show your new Maine Rx Plus card at a participating pharmacy.



We will send you a form when you need to re-enroll. This will happen before you lose eligibility for this benefit.

As long as you stay eligible for Maine Rx Plus, you can use the same card. If you lose your card or need to make changes, please call toll-free 1-866-RxMaine (1-866-796-2463) TTY/ TDD (207) 287-1828 or 1-800-423-4331 for a new card.

You may also drop out of the benefit at any time, for any reason, by calling 1-866-RxMaine (1-866-796-2463) TTY / TDD (207) 287-1828 or 1-800-423-4331.

What Will You Pay?

The price you pay for prescription drugs with your Maine Rx Plus card will always be less than full retail price. The amount you save may vary with each prescription you fill.



Covered Services for Maine Rx Plus

The Maine Rx Plus drug card covers all drugs that are preferred in the MaineCare Program.

Some over-the-counter products such as products to stop smoking, insulin, syringes and blood glucose test strips will be covered by the Maine Rx Plus with a prescription. To be sure if the medicine you need is covered, ask your pharmacist or doctor.



Maine Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly or Disabled (DEL) Benefit

If you are enrolled in the Maine DEL Benefit your Maine Rx Plus drug card will **replace** your DEL card. You get cost savings benefits through Maine Rx Plus as well as benefits under DEL. If you want to apply for the DEL Benefit, call toll-free 1-866-RxMaine (1-866-796-2463) for an application.

Covered Services for the DEL Benefit

Under this benefit, members pay 20% + \$2.00.

- **Diabetes**
- **Heart Disease**
- **High Blood Pressure**
- **Chronic Lung Disease (also Emphysema and Asthma)**
- **Arthritis**
- **Anticoagulation**
- **Hyperlipidemia (High Cholesterol)**
- **Incontinence**
- **Thyroid Disease**
- **Osteoporosis (Bone Density Loss)**
- **Parkinson's Disease**
- **Glaucoma**
- **Multiple Sclerosis**
- **ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)**

Catastrophic Spending Limit for DEL Benefit

Only those drugs covered under DEL as of May 31, 2001, will count toward the catastrophic cap. After you have spent \$1,000 on eligible prescription drugs, the State will then pay 80% of the cost of all eligible prescription drugs, regardless of your disease. The drugs must be medically necessary and supplied from companies with an agreement. The State will track all these prescription drug costs for you. If you are already enrolled in the DEL Benefit, prescription drug costs will be tracked from August 1 each year to July 31 of the following year. For new DEL Benefit enrollees, prescription drug cost tracking will begin on the date your Maine Rx Plus card is issued and will end July 31 of each year.

Guidelines for Both Maine Rx Plus and DEL

Some prescriptions will need prior approval before they can be filled. Prior approval is when your doctor gives us more information before you get your prescription. Most drugs do not need a prior approval. Your doctor or pharmacist can tell you if your medicine needs prior approval. Your doctor will fill out a prior approval form. You can always get a supply of your medicine during the prior approval process. Some types of prior approval are:

Quality – Some drugs need prior approval to be sure the medicine is the best choice for your medical condition.

Dose Strength – Some drugs need prior approval to make sure you get your medicine in the right strength and form.

Cost Effectiveness – Some drugs need prior approval to encourage doctors and patients to try the drugs that are the best mix of cost and effectiveness.



Other Prescription Drug Coverage

Under this benefit, there is a 34-day supply limit for brand name drugs. You can get generic drugs in up to 90-day supplies. The Maine Rx Plus only provides a discount on prescription drugs. It is not a substitute for insurance coverage. Please be sure you compare benefits carefully before you make any changes to your coverage.

We hope you feel good about Maine Rx Plus

We are pleased to be able to bring you these exciting prescription drug benefits. If you are not currently enrolled, you can pick up an application at any DHS office, your physician's office, or your pharmacy. If you have questions, please call the Maine Department of Human Services at 1-866-RxMaine (1-866-796-2463) TTY / TDD (207) 287-1828 or 1-800-423-4331. You may also visit the DHS web site at: www.maine.gov/dhs

Start enjoying healthy savings today!

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