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Wisconsin SeniorCare Medicare Special Enrollment Periods

Wisconsin SeniorCare is a program that helps any Wisconsin resident aged 65 or older pay for prescription drugs and vaccines. SeniorCare has four unique levels of coverage determined by an individual or married couple's annual income.

Regardless of income, all individuals in Wisconsin aged 65 or older are eligible to enroll in Wisconsin SeniorCare.

Wisconsin SeniorCare Enrollment

SeniorCare requires an application for enrollment. Applications (fee of \$30 per person each year) are accepted via mail at any time of year. SeniorCare coverage starts the month after the application is received. For questions about applying for SeniorCare contact SeniorCare at 1-800-657-2038.

Creditable Coverage & Medicare Part D Coordination

Wisconsin SeniorCare is considered creditable coverage by Medicare. This means a beneficiary will not have a penalty if they choose SeniorCare instead of Medicare prescription drug coverage. Beneficiaries can be enrolled in both SeniorCare and a Medicare prescription plan, SeniorCare will coordinate coverage with the Medicare prescription plan, paying after the Medicare coverage.

Medicare Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to Maintain Other Creditable Coverage

Wisconsin SeniorCare is considered creditable coverage by Medicare. SeniorCare Members are eligible to use the Medicare SEP to maintain other creditable coverage. This SEP can be used to disenroll from a Medicare Part D plan or Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage. To use this SEP:

1. Call 1-800-Medicare (633-4227)





2. Share that you would like to disenroll from your Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan with prescription coverage to maintain other creditable coverage (SPAP coverage).

The effective date of the disenrollment is the first day of the month following the month the request is received by Medicare. [42 CFR §§ 422.62(b)(14) and 423.38(c)(18)]

Medicare State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program Special Enrollment Period (SEP)

Wisconsin SeniorCare is a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP). Enrolling in a SPAP gives a beneficiary a special enrollment period (SEP) to add or change a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage (MAPD) once per year. To use this SEP:

1. Call 1-800-Medicare (633-4227)
2. Share that you would like to add or change a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage (MAPD) due to your membership in a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP).

The effective date of Medicare enrollments using this SEP is the first day of the month following when the enrollment request is received by Medicare. [42 CFR §§ 422.62(b)(12) and 423.38(c)(17)]

For further questions or assistance about Medicare-related health insurance coverage in Wisconsin, contact the Medigap Helpline at **1-800-242-1060** to speak with a counselor.

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