

NOVA SCOTIA SENIORS' PHARMACARE PROGRAM

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The Nova Scotia Seniors' Pharmacare Program provides drug coverage for residents of the province who are age 65 years and over. Our records show that you will soon turn age 65 and may be eligible for the program. Please review the enclosed information booklet carefully. It provides important information on the benefits and costs of the program.

Who is eligible to join the Seniors' Pharmacare program?

- People age 65 and over, who do not have private drug coverage, are eligible for this program.

How do I join Seniors' Pharmacare?

- To join, you will need to complete the attached numbered forms. These must be sent to our office in the provided envelope within 90 days of the first day of the month in which you turn age 65. For example: If your birthday is January 19, you must return the forms by April 01.

- Form 1: Registration Form – this form gives us with the information we need to determine how much premium you may have to pay.
- Form 2: Copayments Option Form – this form tells us how you want to pay your copayment.
- Form 3: Billing Choices Form – this form tells us how you wish to pay and on what payment schedule.

What will it cost me to join this program?

Seniors contribute to the Seniors' Pharmacare Program in two ways – through a "premium" and a "copayment".

The **premium** is the fee you must pay each year to join the Seniors' Pharmacare Program. Some seniors may have their premium reduced or waived entirely depending on their income level, or if they receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

The **copayment** is the portion of the prescription cost that you must pay each time you have a prescription filled at the pharmacy.

What if I receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)?

- Pharmacare will contact Human Resources and Social Development Canada to determine if you receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement. You do not have to contact them to request any information. Pharmacare will do this for you.
- If you receive the GIS you **do not** have to pay any premium.
- You **do** still have to pay the copayment as described above.

Questions? Call 429-6565 or 1-800-544-6191. Please have your Nova Scotia Health Card number ready.

Questions can also be emailed to us at SeniorsPharmacare@medavie.bluecross.ca. We will respond by email.