



Florida Discount Drug Card

An Informational Fact Sheet



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The Florida Department of Elder Affairs, SHINE Program

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The **Florida Discount Drug Card** was created to help lower the cost of prescription drugs for Florida residents who lack drug insurance coverage or who may reach the Medicare prescription drug plan "gap." The following information is provided to help Florida's elders and their caregivers make informed choices regarding this new program.

ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible if you are an individual **age 60 or older** (no income limit) without prescription drug coverage, or in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan coverage gap,

OR

Under age 60 without prescription drug coverage and with a monthly income of less than:

- \$ 2,553 (individual)
- \$ 3,423 (family of two)
- \$ 5,163 (family of four)*

* Please contact the program about income limits for larger families.

HOW MAY THIS CARD HELP YOU?

► **NO FEES** – There is no fee to enroll, although there is a one-time \$1.50 activation charge per membership card (added to the very first purchase).

► **SAVINGS** – Current savings on 10 commonly used prescription drugs ranged from **5% to 42%**. Virtually every brand and generic prescription drug is discounted. The size of the discount depends on the prescription and pharmacy location.

► **MEDICARE** - For individuals enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan where the plan does not offer "gap" or "donut hole" coverage (or only offers coverage on generics), the card may be used when the individual is paying 100% out-of-pocket costs. (**NOTE:** Medicare beneficiaries should check with their Part D plan administrator and/or their pharmacist to determine if the Florida Discount Drug Card can be applied to out-of-pocket drug purchases made during the gap.)

► **MEDICAID** - Only recipients who must "spend down" (the individual is required to spend their own money for medical costs each month before Medicaid coverage begins) may use the discount card for out-of-pocket expenses until they become eligible for the Medicaid benefit.

► **DIABETIC SUPPLIES** - Diabetic supplies (test strips, syringes, glucose monitors) are discounted with a prescription from your doctor.

► **MAIL ORDER** - A 90-day mail order option is available.

► **OTHER DISCOUNT CARDS** - The card may be used with other discount cards. You must choose which discount card to use at the time of purchase.

► **PHARMACIES** - Over 3,000 pharmacies are participating statewide. To find a pharmacy in your area, search the "Pharmacy Locator" on the Florida Discount Drug Card Web site or call the help desk at the number listed below.

ENROLLMENT

To enroll in the program, applicants must provide their name and contact information as well as information about family members. Individuals under age 60 must provide qualifying income information. The applicant will affirm the information provided is true, complete and accurate; no additional documentation of income, age or residency is required. To apply, you may call the following number or visit the Web site at:

1-866-341-8894
(TTY 1-866-763-9630)

<http://www.FloridaDiscountDrugCard.com>

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on this discount card or other prescription cost saving programs, contact the **SHINE** (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program at **1-800-963-5337**. **SHINE** provides free and unbiased health insurance counseling to elders, family members, caregivers and eligible persons with a disability. The **SHINE** program Web site can be found at: <http://www.floridaSHINE.org>.