

How to Review Your Medicare Part “D” Prescription Plan

Medicare Part D is a confusing and often highly private matter. Shore Benefits is glad to assist with this annual review, but if you prefer, see the easy directions below. Your medication usage will remain with you and you only.

If you prefer to keep your prescription information to yourself, take the following simple steps.

1. Go to [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), click on the 4th tab “**Drug coverage (Part D)**” then the drop down “**Find health and drug plans**”.
2. Zip code is next, then answer the next two questions “**I don’t know**”.
3. **Enter your medications next**, and it will ask you if you use mail order or retail. When done, click you are done, and the next screen will ask you to name your home pharmacy. With any of the plans you can use nearly any pharmacy so don’t get hung up on this one. Click next on continue to plan results.
4. Click next on the first choice “**Prescription drug plans with original medicare**”
5. Your best choices for plans will appear, showing the least costly overall plan first.
6. Look at the line on each PDP (prescription drug plan) showing “**Drug restrictions**” and make sure these will not present a problem. Usually these are quantity limits that most of us never hit.

Before we can meet or discuss your Part D prescription needs, a “ Scope of Appointment” form is necessary to protect your privacy. Kindly contact us and we will send you one to complete.

To enroll in your best plan, you can contact us and we are glad to assist or you can call the 800 number for non members on the plan information area.

It is very easy and joining one plan will disenroll you from your current plan, with your new plan effective January 1, 2017.

The time period when you can make these changes is October 15-December 7, and this is called the Annual Enrollment Period.

You should print the plans out you are evaluating. If you want to revisit them, there will be a password on your printout you can use to go back to your original list, which saves considerable time. Many time medicare members will look at options substituting generic medicines for brand names, changing dosages etc.

Of course, call us any time with your questions.