# 2009 MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE AVAILABLE IN NORTH CAROLINA

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## Fast Facts for North Carolina in 2009

- **84**% of people with Medicare have prescription drug coverage (including 57% in Part D).
- **46**% of those in Part D are receiving the low-income subsidy (LIS).
- **49** Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) are available for 2009.
- **99.29**% of people in a PDP can switch to a PDP with a lower premium in 2009.
- **26** PDPs offer enhanced benefits or services.
- **27** PDPs have $0 deductibles.
- **3** PDPs have premiums under $25.
- **$15.20** is the lowest monthly premium for a PDP.
- **$31.90** is the lowest monthly premium for a PDP with any generic coverage in the Gap.
- **11** PDPs have a premium amount of $0 for people who qualify for the full extra help.
- **91.70**% of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with Drug Coverage (MA-PD) for a $0 premium.
- **14** MA-PDs have a $0 premium.
- **100%** of people with Medicare will have access to a MA-PD with a $0 drug deductible.

***Each year plans change their premiums and what they cover. People with Medicare should review the changes being made by their current plan and compare it to others to make sure it still meets their needs. Make changes to Medicare prescription drug plans from Nov. 15 - Dec. 31, 2008.***

## Important Dates in 2009

### October

- Medicare, Social Security, Health Plans, and Drug Plans notify you of changes for 2009.
- Your copy of "Medicare & You 2009" arrives in the mail.
- Beginning October 15, you can compare 2009 plans on ***www.medicare.gov***.

### November 15 through December 31

- Annual Open Enrollment Period for 2009.

## All People with Medicare Should:

- ☑ Review the 2009 costs for their current drug plan
- ☑ Compare the cost and coverage to other plans in their area
- ☑ Choose a plan that meets their needs

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