

Illinois Cares Rx Updates

The Illinois General Assembly passed a budget that will continue to include Illinois Cares Rx, but funding for the program has been cut.

The following are the changes effective September 1, 2011:

There will be new income guidelines for program eligibility:

Household size 1: \$21,780
Household size 2: \$29,420
Household size 3: \$37,060

There will also be changes in the way Illinois Cares Rx provides benefits. Coverage for member premiums will continue but co-payments will increase as follows:

\$5 for generic drugs;
\$15 for preferred brand name drugs;
\$20 for non-preferred brand name drugs; and
\$15 for specialty drugs;

Once the beneficiary reaches the coverage gap or “Donut Hole” (The total cost of drugs—the amount the beneficiary and the plan pay together reaches \$2840) the beneficiary will pay **25%** of the cost of each prescription, plus the appropriate co-payment (\$5, \$15 or \$20).

The \$25 rebate option (A previous alternative to Il Cares Rx) is no longer available

Circuit Breaker Benefits

At this time, there are no changes to the License Plate Discount or the Circuit Breaker Grant.



Where to get help?

Help is available to answer questions and enroll in Medicare Part D as well as the Circuit Breaker and Il Cares Rx programs

**Part D
2011 Open Enrollment Season:**
October 15 - December 31

Village of Skokie Human Services
847-933-8208

Evanston/Skokie Valley Senior Services
847-864-3721

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(773) 506-7100

CJE Senior Life
773-508-1000