

SENIORCARE AND MEDICARE PART D

Basic Overview of Eligibility and Program Features

SeniorCare

- A single, comprehensive plan administered by the State
- 4 eligibility/benefit levels based on income
- No asset test

SeniorCare Eligibility and Cost Sharing

FPL*	Individual Max. Income	Couple Max. Income	Enrollment Fee	Deductible	Copay	Asset Test
Level 1: 160%	\$15,312	\$20,528	\$30	0	\$5/\$15	None
Level 2a: 200%	\$19,140	\$25,660	\$30	\$500	\$5/\$15	None
Level 2b: 240%	\$22,968	\$30,792	\$30	\$850	\$5/\$15	None
Level 3: >240%	Spenddown	Spenddown	\$30	\$850	\$5/\$15	None

* 2005 Federal Poverty Level

Other SeniorCare Features:

- Enroll anytime
- One-page, mail-in application
- 12-month benefit period
- Price discounts from retail pharmacies of 18% on average for Levels 1, 2a and 2b
- No late enrollment penalty if sign-up for Medicare Part D later

SeniorCare Waiver

- Federal approval to continue through June 30, 2007, the end of the five-year waiver period
- Allows the state to leverage federal matching funds for drug benefits costs for program participants with income up to 200% of federal poverty level

Medicare Part D

- Join Medicare drug plan during prescribed enrollment periods
- 17 Private insurance carriers, of which 13 offer plans for low-income subsidized beneficiaries
 - 47 distinct benefit plans
- Average Premium = \$31.50/month
 - Three carriers offer a plan with premiums less than \$20 per month
- People with low income and assets may qualify for the low-income subsidy or “extra help”
- Apply for extra help through the Social Security Administration

Medicare Part D Eligibility and Cost Sharing

FPL*	Individual Max. Income	Couple Max. Income	Premium	Deductible	Copay	Coverage Gap	Asset Test
Low Income Subsidy							
<135%	\$12,920	\$17,320	0	0	\$2/\$5	no gap	\$6,000/ \$9,000
<150%	\$14,355	\$19,245	Variable	\$50	15%	no gap	\$10,000/ \$20,000
Standard Benefit							
>150%	\$14,356+	\$19,246+	Variable	\$250	25%	100% \$2,850	None

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No gap in coverage (“donut hole”) for individuals eligible for the low income subsidy.

Wisconsin’s Agreement with Federal Government on Wrap-Around Proposal

- Governor Doyle agreed to work out the details in good faith to design such a plan as long as it would not cost more state money. The goal of a wrap-around would be to provide SeniorCare benefits level in combination with Part D and save state money.
- If a wraparound proposal is feasible, it will be offered as an alternative to SeniorCare and Medicare Part D.