

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans Available to Full Subsidy Recipients for No Monthly Premium

Under Medicare Part D, recipients of the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) receive assistance with monthly premium payments. LIS recipients who receive the full premium subsidy pay no monthly premium as long as they are enrolled in a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) with a premium below an amount set by CMS. Since this amount changes annually and plan premiums change annually, the PDPs that LIS beneficiaries can enroll in for no monthly premium also change annually. Below is a comparison of the number of PDPs available to full subsidy recipients for no monthly premium in 2007 and 2008 in each state. **The 2.5 million beneficiaries enrolled in plans in the highlighted row will need to switch to a less expensive plan in order to avoid paying a premium in 2008.**

STATE	* TOTAL NO. OF LIS \$0 PREMIUM PLANS (2007)	^ TOTAL NO. OF 2007 LIS \$0 PREMIUM PLANS NO LONGER LIS \$0 PREMIUM PLANS IN 2008 ⁺	^ TOTAL NO. OF NEW LIS \$0 PREMIUM PLANS IN 2008	** TOTAL NO. OF LIS \$0 PREMIUM PLANS (2008)
Alabama	17	6	4	15
Alaska	17	6	4	15
Arizona	10	5	2	7
Arkansas	23	7	2	18
California	14	7	2	9
Colorado	19	8	1	12
Connecticut	20	8	2	14
Delaware	21	5	2	18
District of Columbia	21	5	2	18
Florida	10	8	6	8
Georgia	21	6	3	18
Hawaii	18	11	3	10
Idaho	20	9	3	14
Illinois	23	7	3	19
Indiana	19	5	3	17
Iowa	20	8	4	16
Kansas	20	7	4	17
Kentucky	19	5	3	17
Louisiana	12	5	3	10
Maine	21	6	3	18
Maryland	21	5	2	18
Massachusetts	20	8	2	14
Michigan	26	12	3	17
Minnesota	20	7	3	16
Mississippi	21	10	4	15
Missouri	15	6	4	13
Montana	20	7	3	16
Nebraska	20	7	3	16
Nevada	9	6	2	5

New Hampshire	21	6	3	18
New Jersey	20	7	4	17
New Mexico	14	5	2	11
New York	16	6	5	15
North Carolina	21	7	3	17
North Dakota	20	7	3	16
Ohio	22	10	3	15
Oklahoma	20	9	2	13
Oregon	20	8	3	15
Pennsylvania	26	11	3	18
Rhode Island	20	8	2	14
South Carolina	26	10	4	20
South Dakota	20	7	3	16
Tennessee	17	6	4	15
Texas	19	6	2	15
Utah	20	9	3	14
Vermont	20	8	2	14
Virginia	21	6	2	17
Washington	20	8	3	15
West Virginia	26	11	3	18
Wisconsin	21	7	2	16
Wyoming	20	7	3	16

* Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "2007 Medicare Part D Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans," 24 November 2006.
www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/Downloads/PDP_Source2007.zip

** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "2008 Medicare Part D Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans," 25 September 2007.
www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/Downloads/PDP_Source_2008.zip

^ Comparison between 2007 Medicare PDPs (*) and 2008 Medicare PDPs (**).

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