

EPIC **NEW YORK STATE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION PLAN**

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Dear EPIC Member:

The New York State budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 included changes to the EPIC program. This new law affects Deductible Plan members with Medicare Part D.

Beginning on July 1, 2011, you may no longer have to pay your Part D premiums! EPIC will pay monthly Medicare drug plan premiums (up to \$38.69/month) for all single deductible members with annual income up to \$23,000 and for all married deductible members with annual income up to \$29,000. If your Part D premiums are currently being deducted from your Social Security check, you need to call your Part D plan as soon as possible to cancel these deductions.

As a result of this change, the EPIC deductible credit (up to \$464) will be eliminated. Therefore, effective July 1, you will be responsible for meeting up to an additional \$464 toward your annual EPIC deductible. There are no changes to the EPIC co-payments once your new EPIC deductible is reached and they will remain between \$3.00 and \$20.00 depending on the cost of your prescription. As always, your drugs must be covered first by your Part D plan. However, EPIC will continue to provide primary coverage for the Medicare Part D excluded drugs such as benzodiazepines and barbiturates.

If you have any questions about the changes, you can call the toll-free EPIC Helpline at 1-800-332-3742 between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,



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Director