

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. The new law will change the EPIC benefit for members who have Medicare Part D coverage. Our records indicate that you are not enrolled in a Part D plan. However, this may be a good time for you to join.

On July 1, 2011, EPIC will begin paying 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. This may help you. If your income is within these limits you should consider joining the Part D plan because it may not cost you anything. If your income is higher you may still want to think about joining Part D to reduce your out-of-pocket drug costs.

If you have a lower EPIC deductible, 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 and they will remain between \$3.00 and \$20.00 depending on the cost of your prescription. But as EPIC becomes secondary coverage for everyone, your drugs must be covered first by your Part D plan.

If you already are enrolled in a Part D plan please let us know. For any questions about the changes in the EPIC program, you can call the toll-free EPIC Helpline at 1-800-332-3742 between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,



Alan D. Ball
Director