

Let's talk about the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (MPPP) – and what it means for you, as a Medicare Part D enrollee.

First, what's happening? Starting January 1, 2025, there are two primary changes to your Medicare Part D benefit due to Medicare Part D redesign. These changes apply to Medicare Part D prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage.

1. You will AUTOMATICALLY pay no more than \$2,000 in out-of-pocket costs across all covered prescription drugs in 2025. You do not need to do anything to get this benefit; this \$2,000 maximum is automatic.
2. You will have the OPTION to spread your out-of-pocket costs on covered prescription drugs into monthly payments, with no fees or interest. This is called the **Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (MPPP)**.

Should I sign up for the MPPP?

To understand whether the MPPP is right for you, you should evaluate whether spreading your out-of-pocket costs is right for you. Several factors should be considered, including the overall amount you expect to pay out-of-pocket per month, your personal finances, and what month you begin treatment. To determine your monthly prescription costs, you should contact your Medicare Part D insurance plan.

Patients **Likely** to Benefit from the MPPP:

- Patients who have high OOP (especially for drugs on higher Medicare Part D formulary tiers).
- Patients who have higher costs early in the year.
- **Patients **Unlikely** to Benefit from the MPPP:**
 - Patients whose yearly drug costs are low.
 - Patients whose drug costs are the same each month.
 - Patients considering signing up for the MPPP late in the calendar year (after September).
 - Patients who don't want to change how they pay for their drugs.

Patients Who Should **Not** Sign-up for the MPPP:

- Patients who get or are eligible for Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS).
- Patients who get or are eligible for the Medicare Savings Program.
- Patients who get help paying for their drugs from other organizations, like a **State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP)**, foundations, or charities.

Now, what you should do? That's a personal decision for you to make. In this infographic, we will take you through the steps to decide whether or not to **SIGN UP** to spread out your costs — and how to **SIGN UP** if you choose to do so, and what will happen once you sign up... and after.

STEP 1 ————— **Decide if the MPPP is right for you.**



The MPPP is an **OPTIONAL** benefit that may not be right for everyone. Consider the following to make your decision (and also speak with your doctor):

- What do you currently pay in monthly prescription drug costs?
- Do you pay large monthly costs?
- Do you pay a monthly co-payment that is the same every month?

- Do you know what your monthly out-of-pocket prescription drug costs will likely be without MPPP?
- Might you be changing your medications? And if so, do you know what your out-of-pocket costs will be?

STEP 2

STARTING OCTOBER 15, 2024

Patient opts to NOT sign up for the MPPP.

- You don't need to do anything.
- You have the option to sign up at any point (except December 2025) during the calendar year — but know that the later you sign up, the larger your monthly payments might be to reach your \$2,000 maximum, because there are fewer months left in the year to spread out the payment.



OR

Patient opts to SIGN UP for the MPPP.

- If you choose to SIGN UP, you can do so at any time during your plan year or during Open Enrollment, starting October 15, 2024.
- **The only way to sign up is through your Medicare Part D Plan.** You can choose one of four methods:
 - Go directly to your Medicare Part D insurance plan
 - Paper Option
 - Phone
 - Website
- If you SIGN UP before January 1, 2025, plans must respond within ten (10) calendar days.
- If you SIGN UP on or after January 1, 2025, plans must respond within 24 hours.

STEP 3

STARTING JANUARY 1, 2025

If you **DON'T** sign up, fill and pick up your prescription at the pharmacy.

- You will pay your co-payment or coinsurance at the pharmacy until your total out-of-pocket costs for the year reaches \$2,000.
- Then you will pay \$0 for the rest of the year.

OR

If you **DO** sign up, fill and pick up your prescription at the pharmacy.

- You will pay \$0 at the pharmacy (including mail-order and specialty pharmacies).
- Instead, your Medicare Part D insurance plan will keep track of your out-of-pocket drug costs and bill you monthly.

STEP 4 — If you sign up, receive and pay your monthly bill from your Medicare Part D insurance plan.

- You will be billed your monthly payment.
- You **MUST** pay your bill in full every month. Otherwise, your Medicare Part D insurance plan could terminate your enrollment in the MPPP after a 2 month grace period.

IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN THE MPPP

Continue filling prescriptions and paying a monthly bill to your Medicare Part D insurance plan.



OR

Opt **OUT** of the MPPP.

- At any point during your plan year, you may decide to opt OUT of the MPPP.
- This might be the right choice for you if your circumstances change, and you wish to pay in one lump sum.
- After opting OUT, you will pay any new out-of-pocket costs directly to your pharmacy — until you reach \$2,000 for the year.

2025 & BEYOND

You will need to sign up for the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan each year that you decide to participate.

