

Social Security Administration
Medicare Prescription Drug Assistance
Notice of Termination

Mid-America Program Service Center
601 East Twelfth Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2859
Date:
Social Security Number:

We can no longer give you extra help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. **It is important for you to know you can still enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan even though you no longer qualify for the extra help.** It is important for you to know that you will probably need to pay more for your Medicare prescription drug coverage. If you are enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you will continue to be a member of your plan. Your plan will tell you what your new costs are.

Because you no longer qualify for extra help, you have an opportunity to switch to a different Medicare drug plan starting the month you receive this letter and ending two months after. Visit www.medicare.gov on the web or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for more information about Medicare drug plans available in your area. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

The rest of this notice explains how we figured the change in your extra help, when it will change, what to do if your situation changes, and your appeal rights.

Your Help Will Terminate

You will no longer be able to get extra help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs effective March 2008.

Why Your Help Will Terminate

We asked you to provide information concerning your continuing eligibility for extra help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. You did not give us the information we asked for. Therefore, we must make our determination based on the information we have. Based on our records, we have determined that you are no longer eligible to receive extra help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs.

What To Do If Your Situation Changes

If at any time in the future you think you qualify for this extra help, also known as a subsidy, please contact us immediately about filing a new application.

If You Disagree With The Decision

If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal. We will provide you with a hearing by telephone or a case review. We will look at any new information you have. The person who will conduct the hearing or case review had no prior involvement in the first decision. We will review those parts of the decision which you believe are wrong and will look at any new facts you have. We may also review those parts which you believe are correct and may make them unfavorable or less favorable to you.

If you want this appeal, either by a hearing or a case review, you may request it by calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213.

- You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- The 60 days start the day after you get this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days.
- You can call to request an appeal. You can also obtain a copy of the form SSA-1021, "Request for Appeal of Determination for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs" from www.socialsecurity.gov. Contact us if you need help.

Appeal In 10 Days To Keep Getting The Same Help

- We will not change the help you get if you appeal in 10 days.
- The 10 days start the day you get this letter.
- The help you get will stop only if your appeal is denied.

If You Want Help With Your Appeal

You can have a lawyer, friend, or someone else help you. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal. These groups can find a lawyer or give you free legal services if you qualify. There are also lawyers who do not charge unless you win your appeal.

If You Have Any Questions

For information about Medicare prescription drug plans or other Medicare issues, visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet or call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call the Medicare TTY number toll-free at 1-877-486-2048.

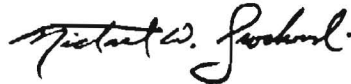
For information about the extra help with the costs related to Medicare prescription drug plans or general information about Social Security, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet. You may also call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number toll-free at 1-800-325-0778. We can answer most questions by phone.

You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY
STE 100
1570 W BATTLEFIELD ST
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807

Telephone: 1-417-866-7210

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions.



Michael W. Grochowski
Regional Commissioner