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Important Information from Medicare about Paying for Prescription Drugs

Beginning January 1, 2006, all people with Medicare can get Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Our records show that you currently get help from your state paying Medicare premiums.

Because you get this help, Medicare will help pay the cost of your Medicare prescription drugs. You will need to pay a small copayment for each prescription (up to \$5).

Other people will get mail from the Social Security Administration (SSA) telling them that they can apply to get help from Medicare to pay the cost of Medicare prescription drugs. You won't get this mail from SSA, because we already know you will get this help.

This fall your "Medicare & You 2006" handbook will include information about how Medicare will pay for your drug costs and what you will need to do.

Remember, you don't need to do anything now. If you have questions about the information in this letter

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
 TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Visit www.medicare.gov on the web.
- Look for your "Medicare & You" handbook in the fall.

Para obtener una copia de este aviso en español, llame gratis al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048.

