



## Prescription Drug Discount Program for Medicare Recipients

California law (Senate Bill 393 [2000]) enables Medicare recipients to obtain their prescription medications at a cost no higher than the Medi-Cal reimbursement price for those drugs.

### Here's how it works:

- You do not have to register or be a Medi-Cal recipient to use this program.
- Applies only to a prescription medication that is not covered by insurance.
- Cannot be used for Over-the-Counter or Compound medications.
- You must have a Medicare card, and show it to the pharmacy staff.
- Give your prescription to the pharmacy staff, ask for the Medi-Cal reimbursement price, and ask if that is the lowest price the pharmacy will accept for the medication.
  - Be aware that the Medi-Cal price may be higher than the pharmacy cash price.
- If the Medi-Cal price is lower, you can pay that price, plus a small processing fee of \$0.15, for the prescribed medication.
- You must pay for the prescription in full at the pharmacy.
- **Only Medi-Cal provider pharmacies** are required by law to offer and accept the Medi-Cal reimbursement price as payment for prescription medication for Medicare recipients. However, non-Medi-Cal pharmacies may also offer the Medi-Cal price if they choose.

If any Medi-Cal provider pharmacy refuses to participate in this program, you may file a complaint with the CA Board of Pharmacy electronically at <http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov> or by downloading the Board's Consumer Complaint form and mailing it to the Board.

Pharmacies or Medicare recipients with questions may contact the Medi-Cal Help Line at 1-800-541-5555 or by email at [sb393inquiry@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:sb393inquiry@dhcs.ca.gov).