



# South Dakota

## Medicare Drug Plan Ratings

This AARP rating tool contains information about “stand-alone” Medicare plans in your state that cover only prescription drugs. Each year, from November 15 to December 31, people enrolled in a Medicare drug plan may switch plans. Others who have not yet enrolled in Medicare Part D can also use this time to sign up.

You can compare Medicare drug plans using this AARP rating tool. We’ve listed all the Medicare-approved drug plans in your state along with some helpful information about each plan.

### Using the Tool

**The drug plans are listed in alphabetical order and are divided into three sections.**

- Section One: lists plans that do not pay for any drugs in the coverage gap (also known as the donut hole).
- Section Two: lists plans that pay for only generic drugs in the coverage gap.
- Section Three: lists plans that pay for generic and some brand name drugs in the coverage gap.

(A drug plan sponsor may have one or more plans in a section.)

*Note:* You’ll reach the coverage gap in 2007 if your total drug costs (what you and your drug plan pay for your drugs excluding premiums) will be greater than \$2,400. If you receive Extra Help, you’ll have no coverage gap under any plan.

**Go to the blue cost section of the chart. For each plan, you’ll see:**

- The Monthly Premium for 2007
- The Annual Deductible for 2007

- A Total Cost Range based on the number of drugs you take.
  - You’ll need to determine which of these categories fits your drug use: low (taking 3 medications or less), medium (taking 4-5 medications), or high (taking more than 6 medications).
  - The dollar signs represent a range of total costs you could expect to pay under the plan (lowest cost plans are \$, highest cost plans are \$\$\$\$\$). A key with the range of total costs is included below.
  - Total costs include: the deductible, monthly premiums, and all other costs you will pay.
- Extra Help Pays Full Premium. You will pay no or a reduced premium for plans marked “yes” if you qualify for extra help.

**Go to the orange section on drug coverage. For each plan, you’ll see:**

- What percent of the 100 most commonly used drugs by people with Medicare the plan covers. Look for plans that cover the most drugs.

### Important Considerations

- Before enrolling in a plan, you should check with the drug plan to make sure it covers the drugs you use.
- Remember your actual costs will vary based on the specific drugs you take and the plan you choose.
- Be sure to check with the plan to see whether its preferred pharmacies are convenient to you.

### Key: Range of Cost by Beneficiary Use

Annual Cost	Low Drug Use	Medium Drug Use	High Drug Use
\$	\$545–848	\$825–1177	\$2882–3887
\$\$	\$849–955	\$1178–1306	\$3888–4037
\$\$\$	\$956–1043	\$1307–1404	\$4038–4137
\$\$\$\$	\$1044–1165	\$1406–1549	\$4138–4217
\$\$\$\$\$	\$1166–2108	\$1551–3000	\$4218–7173

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			Annual Cost Ranges For			Extra Help Pays Full Premium	
	Monthly Premium	Annual Deductible	Low Drug Use	Medium Drug Use	High Drug Use		
<b>Plans that do not pay for drugs in the coverage gap</b>							
AARP MedicareRx Plan—Saver	\$20.10	\$265	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	YES	98%
AARP MedicareRx Plan	\$28.50	\$0	\$	\$	\$\$\$	YES	98%
Advantage Star Plan	\$25.60	\$265	\$	\$	\$	YES	87%
Advantage Freedom Plan	\$30.30	\$265	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	YES*	100%
AdvantraRx Value	\$24.40	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	NO	92%
AdvantraRx Premier	\$35.70	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	100%
Aetna Medicare Rx Essentials	\$28.90	\$200	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	YES	92%
Aetna Medicare Rx Plus	\$42.80	\$0	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	100%
CIGNATURE Rx Value Plan	\$29.60	\$265	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$	YES*	100%
CIGNATURE Rx Plus Plan	\$39.10	\$0	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	NO	100%
Community Care Rx BASIC	\$24.50	\$265	\$	\$	\$	YES	95%
Community Care Rx CHOICE	\$32.50	\$0	\$	\$	\$\$\$	NO	95%
EnvisionRxPlus Standard	\$46.50	\$265	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	91%
First Health Select	\$36.80	\$0	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	100%
Fox Rx Care Choice Plan	\$28.70	\$190	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	YES	94%
Health Net Orange Option 1	\$24.30	\$265	\$	\$\$	\$	YES	87%
Health Net Orange Option 2	\$29.00	\$0	\$	\$	\$\$	YES	100%
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan	\$26.50	\$265	\$	\$	\$	YES	90%
Humana PDP Standard	\$10.60	\$265	\$	\$	\$	YES	100%
Humana PDP Enhanced	\$17.10	\$0	\$	\$	\$	NO	100%
Medco YOURx PLAN	\$36.90	\$100	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	98%
MedicareBlue Rx Option 1	\$21.50	\$265	\$	\$	\$	YES	85%
MedicareBlue Rx Option 2	\$35.90	\$0	\$	\$	\$\$	NO	100%

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<b>Plans that do not pay for drugs in the coverage gap</b>							
MedicareRx Rewards Value	\$19.40	\$265	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	YES	94%
MedicareRx Rewards Plus	\$21.50	\$0	\$	\$	\$\$	NO	94%
NMHC Medicare PDP Gold	\$30.50	\$0	\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	91%
Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan	\$25.00	\$265	\$	\$	\$\$	YES	96%
Prescription Pathway Gold Plan	\$22.90	\$0	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	96%
SAMAScript	\$46.90	\$265	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	NO	100%
SilverScript	\$22.60	\$265	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	YES	94%
SilverScript Plus	\$31.40	\$0	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	NO	98%
Sterling Rx	\$33.90	\$100	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	98%
UA Medicare Part D Rx Cvg—Silver Plan	\$32.40	\$265	\$\$	\$	\$\$	NO	98%
UA Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Cvg	\$41.90	\$0	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	98%
UnitedHealth Rx Basic	\$30.40	\$0	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	98%
UnitedHealth Rx Extended	\$43.30	\$0	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$\$	NO	98%
WellCare Classic	\$18.80	\$265	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$	YES	83%
WellCare Signature	\$26.80	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	YES	83%
<b>Plans that pay for generic drugs in the coverage gap</b>							
AARP MedicareRx Plan—Enhanced	\$46.50	\$0	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	NO	98%
AvantraRx Premier Plus	\$47.50	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	NO	100%
Aetna Medicare Rx Premier	\$72.60	\$0	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	NO	100%
CIGNATURE Rx Complete Plan	\$50.90	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	100%
Community Care Rx GOLD	\$38.90	\$0	\$\$	\$\$	\$	NO	96%

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<b>Plans that pay for generic drugs in the coverage gap</b>							
EnvisionRxPlus Gold	\$73.50	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	91%
Fox Rx Care High Value Plan	\$53.80	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	98%
Health Net Orange Option 3	\$44.10	\$0	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$	NO	100%
Humana PDP Complete	\$71.600	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	NO	100%
Medicare Rx Rewards Premier	\$33.40	\$0	\$	\$	\$	NO	99%
Prescription Pathway Platinum Plan	\$43.50	\$0	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	100%
SilverScript Complete	\$35.40	\$0	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	NO	94%
Sterling Rx Plus	\$58.70	\$100	\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$	NO	98%
WellCare Complete	\$39.50	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$	NO	83%
<b>Plans that pay for all formulary drugs in the coverage gap</b>							
MedicareBlue Rx Option 3	\$110.30	\$0	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$	\$	NO	100%

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### Terms

- **Monthly Premium:** The amount you pay each month to receive drug coverage
- **Annual Deductible:** The amount you must pay each year for your medicine before your plan starts to pay your costs
- **Annual Costs for Low Drug Use:** An estimate of the costs a beneficiary would pay if taking 3 medications for diabetes and hypertension
- **Annual Costs for Medium Drug Use:** An estimate of the costs a beneficiary would pay if taking 5 medications for diabetes and hypertension
- **Annual Costs for High Drug Use:** An estimate of the costs a beneficiary would pay if taking 9 medications for diabetes, hypertension, and respiratory illness
- **Coverage of Top 100 Drugs Used by Medicare Beneficiaries:** Percentage of the Top 100 most commonly used drugs by Medicare beneficiaries that are covered by the plan

\* Recent guidance from CMS indicates that those Medicare beneficiaries who qualify for extra help should pay no or a reduced premium for these plans.

N/A: Information not available.

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### Help Is Available:

- Medicare can be reached 24/7 at 1-800-633-4227 (TTY 1-877-486-2048) or at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).
- State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP): Call Medicare to find a local program or go to [www.shiptalk.org](http://www.shiptalk.org) on the Web.
- AARP Extra Help Application Center can assist you with filing your Extra Help application before December 31, 2006. Call them at 1-800-985-6848 Monday–Friday, 9am–9pm Eastern Time.
- Social Security or your state Medicaid office can tell you whether you qualify for help with paying for prescription drugs. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-877-486-2048) or go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp) on the Web.

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