



NEW YORK STATE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION PLAN

P.O. BOX 15018, ALBANY, NY 12212-5018

1-800-332-3742

Date

EPIC ID#:

EPIC Participant Name
Address 1
Address 2
City, State, Zip

Dear (Personalize the Greeting):

We are pleased to announce that EPIC will begin paying for Medicare Part D drug plan coverage for enrollees in the EPIC Fee Plan on July 1, 2007. A recent change in New York State law requires EPIC seniors to enroll in Medicare Part D. As a member of the EPIC Fee Plan, you will receive *free* Medicare coverage because EPIC will pay the monthly premium for you. You will continue to pay your quarterly EPIC fee as you do now. By using Medicare and EPIC together your co-payments will be lower, bringing you additional savings.

To make it easy, we have reviewed the drugs and pharmacies that you used over the past three months and selected a basic Medicare drug plan that provides the best coverage for you. If you prefer, you can choose a different plan by calling us. A list of plans is printed on the back of this letter. Otherwise, we will enroll you in the following plan as of July 1, 2007:

Plan name here bolded

It is very important that you let us know if you are already enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO), or have “creditable” drug coverage through an employer or union. We want to make sure you do not lose any health benefits. Contact us toll-free at the EPIC Helpline Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm at: **1-800-332-3742** (TTY 1-800-290-9138). Please call us if you have any questions.

If we do not hear from you by June 5th, you will be enrolled in the plan shown above. You will receive an ID card from that plan as well as a new EPIC ID card. Show both cards at the pharmacy to make sure you pay the lowest possible co-payment. EPIC is eager to continue to provide you with excellent coverage and greater savings!

Sincerely,

Julie Naglieri
Director

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Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

(available to you for no extra cost)

Company Name	Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Name	Plan Telephone Number
American Progressive Life & Health Ins. Co. of NY	Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan	(800) 978-9500
Bravo by Elder Health	Bravo Rx II	(877) 504-7252
CIGNA Healthcare	CIGNATURE Rx Value Plan	(800) 735-1459
HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan	HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan - Reg 3	(866) 802-2415
HIP Insurance Company of New York	HIP Standard Part D New York	(800) 447-9169
Humana Insurance Company of New York	Humana PDP Standard	(800) 706-0872
RxAmerica	Advantage Star Plan by RxAmerica	(877) 279-0370
Simply Prescriptions(Excellus)	Rx 1	(800) 659-1986
Sterling Life Insurance Company	Sterling Rx	(888) 909-1713
Unicare	MedicareRx Rewards Value	(888) 949-5384
United Healthcare	AARP MedicareRx Plan - Saver	(888) 867-5575
WellCare	WellCare Classic	(888) 481-5252
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If you have any questions about this information or about EPIC and the Medicare prescription drug benefit, please call the EPIC Helpline at 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138). If you have specific questions about any of the Medicare drug plans listed, including the plan we have selected for you, please call the company directly at the number provided in the table. Additional information regarding the Medicare drug benefit is available by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



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To make it easy, we have reviewed the drugs and pharmacies that you used over the past three months and selected a basic Medicare drug plan that provides the best coverage for you. If you prefer, you can choose a different plan by calling us. A list of plans is printed on the back of this letter. Otherwise, we will enroll you in the following plan as of July 1, 2007:

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Dear (Personalize the Greeting):

A recent change in New York State law requires EPIC seniors to enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan beginning on July 1, 2007. As a member of the Deductible Plan, your EPIC deductible will be reduced by \$24.45 for each month remaining in your EPIC coverage year. This amount is the average monthly cost of a basic Medicare plan which you will now be required to pay for each month. Your deductible will be lowered by the full year amount when your coverage is renewed.

The lower EPIC deductible will result in additional savings to help you pay for the monthly Part D premium. Because Medicare deductibles are lower than EPIC deductibles, you should start saving sooner. All out-of-pocket drug costs, including the Medicare deductible and co-payments, will automatically be credited toward your new lower EPIC deductible. Once you reach your EPIC deductible, your co-payments will be lower by using Medicare and EPIC together.

To make it easy, we have selected a basic Medicare drug plan for you based on the drugs and pharmacies you used over the past three months. If you prefer, you can choose a different plan by calling us. A list of plans and premiums appear on the back of this letter. Otherwise, we will enroll you in the following plan as of July 1, 2007: **Plan name here bolded**

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Basic Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

Company Name	Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Name	Monthly Premium	Plan Telephone Number
American Progressive Life & Health Ins. Co. of NY	Prescription Pathway Bronze Plan	\$22.60	(800) 978-9500
Bravo by Elder Health	Bravo Rx II	\$20.80	(877) 504-7252
CIGNA Healthcare	CIGNATURE Rx Value Plan	\$17.40	(800) 735-1459
Health Spring Prescription Drug Plan	HealthSpring Prescription Drug Plan - Reg 3	\$23.50	(866) 802-2415
HIP Insurance Company of New York	HIP Standard Part D New York	\$9.50	(800) 447-9169
Humana Insurance Company of New York	Humana PDP Standard	\$14.80	(800) 706-0872
RxAmerica	Advantage Star Plan by RxAmerica	\$23.00	(877) 279-0370
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WellCare	WellCare Classic	\$14.90	(888) 481-5252
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To make it easy, we have selected a basic Medicare drug plan for you based on the drugs and pharmacies you used over the past three months. If you prefer, you can select a different plan by calling us. A list of plans and premiums is printed on the back of this letter. We think the following plan is a good choice for you: **PLAN NAME HERE BOLDED**

We will not enroll you in this plan unless you call the EPIC Helpline at 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138) or return this letter by June 5th in the postage paid envelope.

By signing and returning this letter, I authorize the New York State EPIC program to enroll me in the Medicare Part D drug plan listed above. I understand that I will be required to pay the Medicare Part D premium each month.



Signature of Participant

Medicare ID Number

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