



Saskatchewan  
Ministry of  
Health

## Seniors' Drug Plan



## **Minimizing Drug Costs for Saskatchewan's Seniors**

Under the Government of Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan effective July 1, 2008, eligible residents 65 years and older will pay only \$15 per prescription for drugs listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary and those approved under Exception Drug Status.

**If you pay less than \$15 for your prescriptions, you will continue to do so.**

**Under the new Seniors' Drug Plan, you must apply for coverage.**

## **Eligibility for Coverage**

Program eligibility is determined by age and the income reported on your income tax return filed with the Canada Revenue Agency. You must:

1. Be a Saskatchewan resident 65 years of age or older with a valid Saskatchewan Health card.
2. Be eligible for the federal age credit, which is based on the annual net income you reported on Line 236 of your income tax form in the previous year.

(For example, 2006 income tax information will be used to determine coverage in 2008; 2007 income tax information will be used to determine coverage in 2009, etc.)

Seniors who are covered under federal government programs, such as the federal Non-Insured Health Benefits Program or Veterans Affairs are not eligible for the Seniors' Drug Plan.

## Applying for Coverage

To apply for the program, you must complete and sign an application and consent form, titled Form A. If there is more than one senior in your household, each applicant must complete a separate form.

- By signing this form you are giving the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch permission to maintain your coverage. Your coverage will be automatically renewed each year as long as you file your income tax return with Canada Revenue Agency.

Form A is available, online at:  
[www.health.gov.sk.ca/seniors-prescription-drug-plan](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/seniors-prescription-drug-plan),  
from your pharmacy or by calling  
toll free 1-800-667-7581 or in Regina 787-3317.

If you do not file income tax or would rather submit your financial information annually, please contact the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch at the Ministry of Health.

## Tips for Completing Your Form

- Please print.
- If you are a resident of Saskatchewan but do not have a Health Services Number (Saskatchewan Health Card), contact Health Registration and Vital Statistics, toll free at 1-800-667-7551 or in Regina at 787-3251.
- If you are unsure of your income in the previous year, refer to Line 236 on your Notice of Assessment (income tax return).

- If you are applying on behalf of a senior as their power of attorney, a copy of the power of attorney document must be included with the application form. If you are power of attorney for more than one applicant, a copy of the documents must be provided with each application form.

Please forward your completed application to:

**Seniors' Drug Plan  
Operations Unit  
Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch  
3475 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4S 6X6**

## **Confirmation of Coverage**

You will receive a letter in the mail to verify that you have been approved for coverage. You will also receive a letter if you do not meet the eligibility requirements.

If you have been denied coverage and wish to appeal the assessment, or your situation has recently changed, please contact the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch.


After July 1, 2008  
your Seniors' Drug  
Plan coverage  
will begin once  
your application  
is processed by the  
Drug Plan.



- If you apply before your 65th birthday, your coverage will begin on the first day of the month you turn 65.
- If you apply after your 65th birthday, your coverage will begin once your application is processed by the Drug Plan.

Remember that you will pay \$15 per prescription for drugs listed on the Saskatchewan Formulary and those approved under Exception Drug Status – ask your physician or pharmacist if any of your medications may qualify for Exception Drug Status. Maximum Allowable Cost and Low Cost Alternative policies continue to apply.





**Once approved for coverage,  
you will receive your \$15 drug benefit  
automatically at the pharmacy.**

Your pharmacy will be aware of your coverage through the Drug Plan online network. You will not be required to produce your verification letter or any other special form of identification.

**If you are paying less than \$15  
for your prescriptions now ...**

If you are receiving other Drug Plan coverage that provides your prescriptions at less than \$15, you will continue to pay that lower amount.

**For example, if your medication is  
\$15 per prescription under the  
Seniors' Drug Plan, but \$11 under  
Special Support, you will continue  
to pay \$11 for that prescription.**

Saskatchewan residents who receive their prescriptions under the Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living (SAIL) or palliative care programs will continue to receive their drugs at **no cost**.

## Renewing your Benefits

If you completed Form A, your coverage will automatically be renewed each year that you file your income tax with the Canada Revenue Agency. You will be notified if there has been a change in your coverage.

If you do not file income tax or have requested the alternate form to submit your financial information annually, you will be required to re-apply each year. In the fall, you will receive a renewal form, asking for your income information. The reminder will contain details on any deadlines, contact information and instructions to renew your benefits.

If your application is not renewed, or if your income has increased above the eligibility requirement, you will no longer receive the Seniors' Drug Plan benefit. You will receive a letter if your coverage is cancelled. However, you may be eligible for other health assistance programs if your drug costs are high relative to your income.





## Contact Us

For more information, call Saskatchewan Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch,  
Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**In Regina: 787-3317**

**Toll-Free: 1-800-667-7581**

**Online: [www.health.gov.sk.ca](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca)**

Additional information on the  
Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan  
can be found at  
[www.health.gov.sk.ca/seniors-prescription-drug-plan](http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/seniors-prescription-drug-plan)

