



**NEW YORK STATE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION PLAN**  
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## **GOOD NEWS FOR EPIC MEMBERS!**

On January 1, 2013, the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program will change back to a fee and deductible program and provide you with expanded prescription coverage! All members must be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan to receive EPIC benefits. There will be no exceptions.

EPIC will provide secondary prescription coverage for EPIC and Medicare Part D covered drugs **after the Part D deductible, if you have one, is met**. EPIC will also cover many Medicare Part D excluded drugs (e.g. prescription vitamins and prescription cough and cold preparations).

You will be enrolled in **either** the EPIC **Fee Plan** or **Deductible Plan**, based on your income.

- **Fee Plan** members will pay an annual fee to EPIC. An EPIC bill will be mailed out in December. Members will pay EPIC co-payments ranging from \$3 - \$20 for prescriptions after the Medicare Part D deductible, if you have one, is met. Those with full Extra Help from Medicare will have their EPIC fees waived.
- **Deductible Plan** members must meet an out-of-pocket deductible before paying EPIC co-payments ranging from \$3 - \$20 for prescriptions. The amount paid toward the Medicare Part D deductible, if you have one, cannot be applied to the EPIC deductible.

EPIC will continue to pay Medicare Part D plan premiums, up to the amount of a basic plan, for all members with annual income below \$23,000 if single or \$29,000 if married. EPIC members with higher incomes will be responsible for paying their own Medicare Part D premium. However, their EPIC deductible will be lowered by the annual cost of a basic Medicare Part D drug plan.

If you have any questions about these changes please contact the EPIC Provider Helpline at (800) 634-1340 Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Call the toll-free EPIC Helpline at (800) 332-3742.