



Q. Do I Pay Any Money for My Medical Care?

A. Medical Assistance recipients age 21 or older may be asked to pay part of the costs of some medical care/items. This is called a co-payment or co-pay. Your health care provider is allowed to ask you for the co-payment. For each twelve months beginning April 1, there is a \$200 maximum per recipient for all co-payments.

If you are unable to pay the requested co-payment, tell your health care provider when the provider asks you for the payment. You can still get the services you need from your provider. The provider cannot refuse to give you services or goods because you tell the provider you are unable to pay the co-payment. Call 1-800-541-2831 to report any provider who refuses to give you care or services because you are unable to pay the co-payment.

- **Co-payment amounts are as follows:**

| Service | Amount(\$) |
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| Inpatient Hospital | \$25.00 per stay upon discharge |
| Outpatient Hospital and Clinic | \$ 3.00 per visit |
| Non-emergency/Non-urgent ER Visits | \$ 3.00 per visit |
| Prescription Drugs | |
| (branch name) | <u>\$ 3.00</u> |
| (generic) | <u>\$ 1.00</u> |
| Over-the-Counter Drugs | \$.50 |
| Drugs to treat Mental Illness or Tuberculosis | NO CO-PAYMENT |
| Family Planning | NO CO-PAYMENT |
| Enteral/Parenteral Formulae/Supplies | \$ 1.00 per order/prescription |
| Medical/Surgical Supplies | \$ 1.00 per order |
| Laboratory | \$.50 per procedure code |
| X-ray | \$ 1.00 per procedure code |

- **Recipients exempt from co-payment include the following:**

- Recipients under the age of twenty-one;
- Pregnant women (this exemption continues for two months after the month in which the pregnancy ends;
- Recipients institutionalized in a medical facility who are required to spend all of their income, except for a personal needs allowance, on medical care. This includes all recipients in nursing facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD);
- Recipients enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care Plans except that such persons shall be subject to co-payments for each generic prescription drug dispensed, each brand-name prescription drug dispensed, and each over-the-counter medication ordered by a recognized practitioner;