

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)

EPIC is New York State's prescription plan for seniors. It helps more than 325,000 income-eligible New Yorkers aged 65 and older supplement their out-of-pocket Medicare Part D drug plan. It provides copayment assistance for Medicare Part D-covered prescription drugs after any Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers many Medicare Part D-excluded drugs. **It's easy to join the program. Just complete the application inside and mail or fax it to EPIC.**

For more information on the 2026 EPIC program, visit health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/member_info/program_highlights_2026.htm or call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138).

Eligibility

New York State residents aged 65 and older who are not receiving full Medicaid benefits and whose income is up to \$75,000 if single or \$100,000 if married, are eligible.

You can apply for EPIC at any time of the year and must be enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan to receive EPIC benefits and maintain coverage.

Since EPIC is a qualified State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP), EPIC members can change their Medicare Part D plan one time during the year, in addition to the open enrollment period.

EPIC and Medicare Part D

EPIC pays the monthly Medicare Part D plan premiums, up to the average cost of a basic plan, for members with an annual income up to \$23,000 if single or \$29,000 if married.

Those with higher incomes must pay their Part D plan premiums. Therefore, to help seniors with incomes higher than \$23,000 if single or \$29,000 if married, EPIC will lower the deductible to help them pay.

EPIC Copayments

Up to:	You pay:
\$15	\$3
\$15.01-\$35	\$7
\$35.01-\$55	\$15
\$55.01 and over	\$20

Questions? Concerns? I'm here to help!



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Guide to the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program

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Application

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Please print clearly!

Who is applying and for? Yourself **only** Yourself **and your spouse** "Extra Help" **only**

Your Last Name First Middle Initial

c/o Name (if different from above)

Address Where You Live (not P.O. Box)

City State ZIP Code

Address Where You Get Your Mail (if different from above)

City State ZIP Code

Spouse's Name (If Living)

Last Name First Middle Initial

Spouse's Telephone Number

Area Code Number
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Social Security Number

Sex

Female Male X

Your Date of Birth

Month / Day / Year

Your Telephone Number

Area Code Number

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Marital Status

Widowed, Single or Divorced
 Married, Living Together
 Married, Living Separately

Spouse's Social Security Number

Spouse's Date of Birth

Month / Day / Year

Spouse's Sex

Female Male X

Enter your Medicare Claim Number (blue, white and red card)

Enter your Spouse's Medicare Claim Number (blue, white and red card)

If you already have EPIC, enter your EPIC Identification Number

If your spouse has EPIC, enter your Spouse's EPIC Identification Number

EPIC Determination: Report your total income for the previous calendar year.

If you are married, and living together, you must report the combined yearly income for the previous year for you and your spouse even if only one of you is applying. If married but living apart, report only your yearly income. Multiply monthly amounts by 12 to get yearly income. Lines 1-3 are used only for your EPIC determination.

	Your Yearly Income	Spouse's Yearly Income
1. Social Security and/or Railroad Retirement Benefits, (less Medicare Part B premiums) paid to you by check or direct deposit.	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
2. Other Income: Include Pensions, Annuities, Interest, Dividends, IRA Distributions, Capital Gains, Wages, Business Income or Losses, Net Rental Income, etc.	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
3. Total YEARLY Income (Add lines 1 and 2)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

EPIC has two plans:

FEE PLAN

Members pay an annual fee to EPIC based on their previous year's income (see chart to the right). Bills are mailed quarterly. Those with Full Extra Help from Medicare will have their EPIC fees waived. Members will pay EPIC copayments for Part D and EPIC covered drugs after the Part D deductible, if any, is met. Members will pay EPIC copayments for Part D excluded drugs.

If you are single:

Annual income range	Annual fee range
\$6,000 or less	\$8
\$6,001-\$9,000	\$16-\$28
\$9,001-\$11,000	\$36-\$40
\$11,001-\$15,000	\$46-\$80
\$15,001-\$17,000	\$110-\$140
\$17,001-\$19,000	\$170-\$200
\$19,001-\$20,000	\$230
Over \$20,000	See Deductible Plan

If you are married:

Annual joint income	Annual fee per person
\$6,000 or less	\$8
\$6,001-\$10,000	\$12-\$24
\$10,001-\$13,000	\$28-\$36
\$13,001-\$15,000	\$40
\$15,001-\$18,000	\$84-\$126
\$18,001-\$21,000	\$150-\$194
\$21,001-\$24,000	\$216-\$260
\$24,001-\$26,000	\$275-\$300
Over \$26,000	See Deductible Plan

Under the fee plan EPIC pays the Part D monthly drug plan premiums up to the average cost of a basic Medicare drug plan (\$58.82 per month in 2026).

"Extra Help" Determination: Report your total current monthly income.

EPIC will use your answers to lines 4-22 to apply for a federal benefit called "Extra Help" on your behalf. This is required by law to obtain EPIC benefits. If you already receive "Extra Help" benefits proceed to line 23 (skip lines 4-22) to indicate that you are providing a copy of your determination letter.

CURRENT MONTHLY AMOUNTS (Enter \$0 if no income)	Your Income	Spouse's Income
4. Monthly Social Security before deductions	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. Monthly Railroad Retirement before deductions	\$ _____	\$ _____
6. Monthly Veterans Benefits before deductions	\$ _____	\$ _____
7. Monthly – Other pensions and annuities before deductions (not including any amount reported in the Assets section below)	\$ _____	\$ _____
8. Monthly – Other income not listed above (including alimony, net rental income, workers' compensation, private or state disability payments)	\$ _____	\$ _____
8A. Specify TYPE of other income (line 8):	_____	_____
9. Total MONTHLY Income (Add lines 4-8)	\$ _____	\$ _____

If your income exceeds the limit placed on "Extra Help" for the calendar year you are applying in (see EPIC's web site at http://health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/medicare.htm or the Social Security Administration web site at <http://www.ssa.gov>), please skip lines 10-22 then continue. If you do not have Internet access, call the EPIC Helpline at: 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138).

10. Have any amounts reported on lines 4-8 decreased during the last two years? Yes No
11. Bank accounts – total current balance (checking, savings, money market, certificates of deposit) \$ _____
12. Stocks, bonds, savings bonds, mutual funds Individual Retirement Accounts or other similar investments \$ _____
13. Cash at home or anywhere else \$ _____
14. Total Assets (Add lines 11-13). \$ _____

If your assets exceed the limit placed on "Extra Help" for the calendar year you are applying in (see EPIC's web site at http://health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/medicare.htm or similar information at CMS's web site), please skip lines 15-22 and proceed with signing.

15. Will your assets be used for funeral or burial expenses? Yes No
16. Do you own real estate other than your home? Yes No
17. How many relatives living with you depend on you to provide at least one-half of their financial support? (do not include you or your spouse) _____
18. What do you expect to earn in wages before taxes and deductions this calendar year? You: \$ _____ Spouse: \$ _____
19. If self-employed, what are your expected net earnings or loss this calendar year? You: \$ _____ Spouse: \$ _____
20. Have the amounts reported for lines 18 or 19 decreased in the last two years? Yes No
21. If you recently stopped working or plan to stop working, enter the month and year (example: 09/2018) You: _____ / 20 _____ Spouse: _____ / 20 _____

DEDUCTIBLE PLAN

Members **must** meet an annual out-of-pocket deductible based on their previous year's income (see chart to the right), after which they will pay EPIC copayments for covered drugs. Drug costs in the Part D deductible phase cannot be applied to the EPIC deductible.

If you are single:

Annual income range	Deductible range
\$20,001-\$23,000*	\$530-\$580
\$23,001-\$28,000	\$720-\$840
\$28,001-\$36,000	\$870-\$1,260
\$36,001-\$44,000	\$1,290-\$1,500
\$44,001-\$52,000	\$1,530-\$1,740
\$52,001-\$60,000	\$1,770-\$1,980
\$60,001-\$68,000	\$2,010-\$2,220
\$68,001-\$75,000	\$2,250-\$2,430
Over \$75,000	Not Eligible

If you are married:

Joint annual income range	Deductible per person
\$26,001-\$29,000*	\$650-\$700
\$29,001-\$40,000	\$725-\$1,170
\$40,001-\$50,000	\$1,200-\$1,715
\$50,001-\$60,000	\$1,745-\$2,015
\$60,001-\$70,000	\$2,045-\$2,315
\$70,001-\$80,000	\$2,345-\$2,615
\$80,001-\$90,000	\$2,645-\$2,915
\$90,001-\$100,000	\$2,945-\$3,215
Over \$100,000	Not Eligible

* For deductible plan members with income up to \$23,000 single and \$29,000 married EPIC pays the monthly Part D drug plan premiums up to the average cost of a basic Part D drug plan. Members with higher incomes must pay their Part D premium each month. Their EPIC deductible will be lowered by the annual cost of a basic Part D plan (approximately \$706 in 2026) to help them pay.

22. If your spouse is younger than 65 and is blind or disabled, do you or your spouse pay for things that enable your spouse to work? Yes No N/A

23. If you are already qualified for Medicare Savings Program and receiving "Extra Help" benefits, have you attached a copy of your determination letter? Yes No N/A

If someone assisted you in completing this form, please provide their name, address and phone number.

Print Name _____ Phone Number (including area code) _____
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Mailing Address _____ City/State/ZIP Code _____

Read carefully and sign below:

I certify that the information on this form is correct. I reside in New York State and am not currently receiving full Medicaid benefits. I know that I am required to give proof of my age, income, residency, Medicare status and Medicare Part D drug plan, if any. I also know that I am required to enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan in order to be enrolled in EPIC. I understand that failure to provide identifying information necessary to enroll in a Part D plan, or the Medicare subsidy (Extra Help), if eligible, may result in termination of EPIC coverage. I consent to the exchange of all information necessary to verify my eligibility among and between EPIC, the Social Security Administration, Medicare, the NYS Medicaid Program, the NYS Tax Department, Medicare Part D drug plans, and any other necessary entities. In the event of duplicate or overpayment by EPIC, I assign to EPIC any drug benefits that I may be entitled to under any Part D or governmental plan. I authorize my health care providers to release to the EPIC program my medical information pertaining to prescriptions and/or diagnosis to be used for payment, audit or related health care operations.

You (and your spouse if living together) must sign below:

Your signature (legal representation) _____ Date _____

Spouse's signature (legal representation) _____ Date _____

Caution: If you are "Extra Help" eligible and do not either complete lines 4-22 or provide a copy of your Social Security Determination Letter, then your application will be considered incomplete.

Mail this completed form to: **EPIC**
P.O. Box 15018
Albany, NY 12212-5018
or Fax: **(518) 452-3576**



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8:00 a.m.–5 p.m.

Mon.–Fri.