



Bob Taft, Governor

- ✚ The *Ohio's Best Rx Prescription Drug Discount Card* was created by the State of Ohio's legislature and implemented by Governor Taft in January, 2005. The card can be used at participating pharmacies.
- ✚ There is *no* application or enrollment fee and enrollment is easy.
- ✚ Eligibility is open to any Ohio resident without insurance coverage for prescription drugs who is either:

Under age 60 with an annual income of less than \$23,940 (single), \$32,100 (family of two), \$40,236 (family of three) or more based on family size;

OR

60 years of age or over, regardless of income.

- ✚ Applications are available at participating pharmacies, community health centers, hospitals and many other locations throughout Ohio. Applications are also available by telephone at 1-866-923-7879 (1-866-9BESTRX) or by downloading an application form at www.ohiobestrx.org.
- ✚ Participants receive an average savings of 31% on prescription drugs. Ohio's Best Rx has provided savings on over 90% of all participant prescriptions.
- ✚ Ohio's Best Rx is endorsed by the Ohio AFL-CIO, America's Pharmaceutical Companies, the Ohio Council of Churches and the Ohio Primary Care Association.

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What is Ohio's Best Rx?

Ohio's Best Rx is a prescription drug discount card program designed to lower the cost of prescriptions for Ohio residents who have no drug insurance coverage and are either age 60 or over regardless of income; or under age 60 with income under 250% of the federal poverty level (that would be \$1,995 per month for a single person or \$2,675 for a family of two). Applicants under the age of 60 who have received outpatient prescription drug coverage four months prior to applying might not be eligible immediately (with some exceptions).

Who created and administers this program?

Ohio's Best Rx program is the result of a state law passed by the Ohio General Assembly and signed by Governor Bob Taft in December 2003. The program began operation on January 11, 2005. Responsibility for implementing the program was given to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Envision Pharmaceutical Services is the Ohio's Best Rx Program Administrator.

How does Ohio's Best Rx work?

Individuals and families who believe they are eligible for Ohio's Best Rx complete a simple, one page application. There is no application or enrollment fee. The applicant's signature is affirmation that the information provided on the application is true, complete, and accurate; no additional documentation of income, age, or residency is required. Within five business days of receipt of the application, the Program Administrator sends the applicant an Ohio's Best Rx card or written explanation of denial. The card provides a discount on the cost of most prescriptions when used at one of over 2,300 participating pharmacies. There is also a mail order option that participants can choose.

How much will Ohio's Best Rx card save on prescriptions?

Ohio's Best Rx offers a discount on prescriptions, but as with all discount cards, the majority of the cost remains the responsibility of the participant. Savings will average 20-30% on most prescriptions; the exact amount saved depends on the prescription and pharmacy location. The pharmacist will tell each participant both the Best Rx price and the pharmacy's usual cost; the participant will always pay the lowest price.

Best Rx continues to work with manufacturers to obtain the lowest possible price for participants. Pricing information is updated weekly and is available by visiting the website at www.ohiobestrx.org and clicking on 'Drug Pricing' or by calling the participant help desk at 1-866-923-7879.

How is Ohio's Best Rx different from other prescription drug discount card programs?

Ohio's Best Rx includes people of any age as well as those 60 and over. Price and rebate amounts are driven by the average price and rebates in the state employee and retiree health plans, which provides the benefits associated with a large group health plan to Best Rx participants. Ohio's Best Rx guarantees that at least 95% of any rebate amount for a particular drug will be used to lower the cost of the prescription for the Ohio's Best Rx participant; none of the rebate is retained by the Program Administrator.

Can participants have both Ohio's Best Rx and other discount cards?

Ohio's Best Rx participants can have other discount cards; however, only one card can be used for any one prescription.

Can individuals on Medicaid have the Ohio's Best Rx card?

Ohio's Medicaid program provides comprehensive coverage of prescription and some over-the-counter medications. While certain Medicaid consumers may be subject to a small co-pay for specified drugs, in most cases the total cost of the prescription is covered by Medicaid and at no cost to the consumer. However, if an individual is on Medicaid spenddown (under which the individual is required to spend their own money for medical costs each month before Medicaid coverage begins), the Ohio's Best Rx card can be used for the time period when an individual is not eligible for the Medicaid benefit.

For more information about Ohio's Best Rx:

Visit: www.ohiobestrx.org

Toll Free Telephone: 1-866-923-7879 (1-866-9BESTRX)

ODJFS Program Office: 1-614-466-9783