

Express Scripts Medicare® PDP for the SAMBA Health Benefit Plan

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. What is the Express Scripts Medicare PDP for the SAMBA Health Benefit Plan?

The Express Scripts Medicare PDP is a prescription drug benefit exclusively designed for SAMBA annuitants with Medicare. As part of this plan, you continue to receive the same SAMBA health plan benefits that you are accustomed to and receive lower out-of-pocket costs for your prescription drugs.

2. Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you are an annuitant and meet the following criteria:

- You are enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or Part B
- You reside in the United States or one of its territories for 6 months plus 1 day of the year
- You are not enrolled in another Medicare Part D plan

3. If I am eligible, do I need to do anything to enroll?

No, you will be automatically enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare PDP unless you are already enrolled in the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage (PPO) Plan for the SAMBA Health Benefit Plan.

4. Can I opt out?

Yes, you can opt out of the plan at any time by calling SAMBA at 800.638.6589, Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET.

To ensure that you are not enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare PDP prior to your effective date, please contact SAMBA within 21 days of receipt of your notification letter to opt out of the plan.

5. What happens to my prescription drug coverage if I choose to opt out?

If you choose to opt out, you will continue to receive your regular SAMBA High or Standard Option FEHB prescription drug benefits.

6. Can I opt back in?

Yes, you may opt back in to the Express Scripts Medicare PDP at any time during the 2024 Plan Year.

7. Will my premium change?

No, the amount you pay for your SAMBA Health Benefit Plan coverage will not change by being enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare PDP. SAMBA will pay the Medicare Part D premium associated with this plan with the exception of those who may have an

additional premium amount imposed due to exceeding the income threshold as defined by the Social Security Administration. Please visit www.medicare.gov to learn more about the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) and whether you would be subject to an additional premium. You will continue to pay your SAMBA FEHB Health Benefit premium.

- 8. Will the medication(s) I am taking today still be covered under the Express Scripts Medicare PDP?**

Yes.

- 9. Can I still use Accredo for my specialty medications?**

Yes.

- 10. Where can I pick up my prescriptions?**

There are over 60,000 retail pharmacies in the Express Scripts Medicare Network. All national chains, including Walgreens, CVS, and Walmart are in this network with the exception of Kroger.

30/90-day Retail Network, Home Delivery and Accredo: Members can fill a ninety-day prescription at all retail networks for maintenance drugs with no penalty, as well as Home Delivery and Accredo, unless a specific drug has an FDA Day Supply Limit (aka: Controlled Substance).

- 11. Can manufacturer coupons or discount cards be used with the Express Scripts Medicare PDP?**

No, you can't use manufacturer coupons at the same time as your Medicare benefits due to the Anti-Kickback Statute. This statute makes it illegal for anyone to discount items or services paid for by a federal government healthcare program.

However, you can use a manufacturer coupon – such as a copay voucher – instead of your Medicare benefits. You might do this if the coupon would make your medications cheaper than they would be through your Medicare drug coverage. However, comparing drug prices and calculating the potential savings can be challenging, as pharmacies are not always transparent about pricing options. Nevertheless, you can use online comparison tools to help you evaluate the costs of medications at various pharmacies in your locality and explore your options.

- 12. Are prescriptions covered out-of-network?**

Yes, emergency fills can be filled at an out-of-network pharmacy and submitted through a manual claim. You can contact Express Scripts customer service @ 1-800-473-0694 to send a manual claim form in for reimbursement.

13. How can I use this Medicare PDP overseas?

All claims filled overseas will need to be submitted manually. You can contact Express Scripts customer service @ 1-800-473-0694 to get more information on sending a manual claim form in for reimbursement.

14. Will I receive a new ID card?

Yes. If you are enrolled in the Express Scripts Medicare PDP, you will receive a new Prescription Drug ID card along with a new Medical-only ID card. Your new Prescription Drug ID card will contain Medicare specific information, as this is a Medicare Part D plan.

15. When will I receive my ID cards?

Your new prescription drug ID card will be provided in your Express Scripts Medicare PDP Welcome Kit, expected to be delivered within 30 days of your effective date into the plan. Your new medical ID card will also be delivered separately around the same time.

16. Where should I call if I have an issue or question about my prescription(s)?

Please call Express Scripts customer service @ 1-800-473-0694.