

Hello to one of our wonderful customers! We are reaching out to remind you that Medicare Part D Annual Enrollment Period for 2022 is quickly approaching. This Annual Enrollment Period starts October 15th, 2021 and ends December 7th, 2021.

Many of you have scheduled appointments with our pharmacist/owner Holly Gripka in the past to review your current drug coverage through Medicare and decide whether you would like to stay on your current plan or potentially change to a different plan for the next plan year. We still highly encourage you to complete a plan comparison EVERY YEAR. This year, we are excited to announce we will still be scheduling these appointments, but your appointment will be scheduled with a local licensed Medicare broker named Lisa Johanson. She will be able to answer your Medicare questions and take your enrollment applications for 2022 plan changes. There is no charge for this service, and it is just another service we are excited to provide to our loyal customers.

Holly will also still be available if any questions arise, and will print out your medication list and a plan comparison completed with FDS Amplicare software, and give it to you, the patient, for you to take into your appointment with Lisa. FDS Amplicare is the software we have used at the pharmacy the last several years to complete these plan comparisons. FDS Amplicare estimates your projected out-of-pocket costs for the upcoming plan year based on current CMS data, your current list of prescriptions, and a proprietary FDS Amplicare algorithm. Your copays, total estimated out-of-pocket costs, and other costs may change throughout the year from what this comparison shows as a result of drug pricing and formulary adjustments that can happen during the year. Altering your prescription regimen during the year, or even the order in which you fill your prescriptions. Switching pharmacies and other changes or adjustments could also affect what this plan comparison estimates as your total out-of-pocket costs for the year.

Over the years, we, at the pharmacy, have learned how complex and ever-changing Medicare enrollment is, which is why this year we are bringing in an expert who is better educated in answering your Medicare questions. You will have the best of both worlds...a licensed Medicare broker and your personal pharmacist both available should any questions arise. Lisa's clients enjoy year-round servicing, not just during the Annual Enrollment Period. She prides herself as an available resource. Lisa and her husband Todd own Alliance Insurance Brokerage in Olathe, KS, and have many clients throughout Basehor and the surrounding areas. Together they have over 30 years combined Medicare Insurance experience. Lisa has a background in Finance and Investment Banking. She lives in Lenexa with husband Todd and son Harrison. In her spare time she is a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Societies 'Road to Recovery' program.

If you are interested in scheduling a plan comparison appointment to review the Medicare 2022 plans please visit our website at www.medstorebasehor.com. You can schedule the appointment right there on our website. If you would rather, you can also certainly give us a call at 913-724-3666 and select option 4 to speak with a staff member, and we would also be happy to help you schedule the appointment over the phone. Again, the appointment you schedule on our website will be with licensed Medicare broker, Lisa Johanson.

Plans change their prescription pricing from year to year, and your current plan may not be the most affordable option once the new year begins. **Choosing the plan that

fits your personal list of medications best can result in significant annual savings.** Best of all, we can help you find the most affordable plan, at no charge! That is one of the many extra "above and beyond" services we provide to our customers that most likely is not offered at other pharmacies.

While you are under no obligation to change plans, we recommend that you evaluate all of your options to find the plan that best suits your needs and allows you to continue to use our pharmacy. We truly believe using a pharmacy and pharmacists you trust is vital to your health.

It is important to remember, that we are happy to help facilitate this plan comparison, however, we do not, in any way, control what these plans cover or have any ownership in them at all. If you end up with questions about coverage during the plan year, if we cannot answer the question, we will direct you to contact the plan itself. We simply offer this service to help our customers navigate and understand the very confusing Medicare Drug Coverage Plan options.

It is also important to realize that some of these plans may send you a letter asking you to change your prescriptions to another pharmacy or to mail order, however, you do NOT have to do this. We are, at least, in the standard network of the plans we show you during a plan comparison and you CAN and SHOULD continue to get your prescriptions at our pharmacy even if they send you one of these letters. Please contact Holly here at the pharmacy if you happen to receive such a letter. Several of these plans have a "preferred cost share" and a "standard cost share" network and they try to use this "preferred" network to steer patients to pharmacies that they own. Of course, if the Medicare Drug plan you choose also owns a pharmacy they will want you to use the pharmacy they own even if it is not in your best interest. (Eg. one company can be a Medicare Plan Sponsor and can also own a pharmacy, which should be illegal, in our opinion, but unfortunately it is not). We would be happy to show you what the estimated out-of-pocket cost difference between using a "preferred" and a "standard" network pharmacy would be. It, usually, is not as significant as the plan leads you to believe. Again, we truly believe using a pharmacy and pharmacists you trust can OVERALL be cost saving and health beneficial.

Remember open enrollment is October 15th to December 7th. If you have not chosen a new plan by December 7th, 2021, you will have to continue with your current plan for 2022 even if it is not the best fit for your list of medications. It is VERY important to schedule this plan comparison BEFORE December 7th!

Let us remove the guesswork and hassle, call us or go online and schedule an appointment for a plan comparison today. You have nothing to lose, and a lot to save. We look forward to seeing you soon! Thank you for your continued loyalty to The Medicine Store, Basehor. We are grateful for your business and would like the opportunity to continue to be your pharmacy of choice!