President Bush's Drug Card: 50 Steps, No Promises

Are you eligible for Card? Not eligible if in Medicaid or Medicare HMO

YES

Explore Alternative Drug Discount
- State Programs
- Veterans Administration
- Existing Drug Company Discounts
- Ask for Help from Experts

Ask Pharmacist
Ask Doctor
Ask Medicare Counselors
Call 1-800-MEDICARE
Ask Friends
Ask Family

Is the Medicare Drug Card Worth the Enrollment FEE?

NO

YES

MAYBE

Which Card Does My Pharmacy Take?

Are Those Cards In My Zip Code?

Ask Experts for Help to Decide Which is Best

Might You Be Eligible for low income assistance through card?

NO

DO NOT APPLY

Access

Go to Internet

NO Access

YES

NO

Use Medicare.gov to compare available cards

Wait for Mail

Call 1-800-MEDICARE to ask them to mail comparison card

Compare the almost 50 drug cards to see which might be best

Compare Drug Card to other alternatives Are Drug cards better?

YES

Apply for Card

Fill Out Form

Send it in

Enrollment fee

Accepted

Denied

Look Again

Reapply

Apply

Fill Out Form

Consider Applying for low income help

Denied No Card

Get enrollment Fee Back

Transitional Assistance: $600 in for 2004 & 2005

Appeal

Accepted

Denied

Don't Apply

What if offered Another Card?

Doctor Prescribes Drugs

Denied
-Circumstances must change to be eligible
-You can only have one card

Is drug card Best Price?

NO

NO

WAIT!! Drug Card Not Valid Until 1st of Month After Received

Should you change Pharmacist?

YES

Find a new pharmacist you trust

YES

Does that one take cards offered to you?

NO

Watch for Fraud

COMPARE PRICES
CARD PRICES CHANGE WEEKLY!!

Internet Access

NO Access

Have Transitional Assistance

Alternative Program

Check Internet for Card Prices

No Way To Know Best Price!

Start Over

Use Best Program
May not be Discount Card
May not know Best Program

Get Refill