



## **New way to get prescription drugs**

People who have Medicare and Medicaid are “dual eligible”.

There was a change in the law on January 1, 2006.

Now, all “dual eligible” people get prescription drugs through Medicare, not Medicaid. This new system is sometimes called “part D”.

### ***New names***

You will have a private plan with a different name, like “Wellspring”, or “CIGNA HealthCare” or “AmeriHealth Advantage” or “RxAmerica”, or another name. There is a list of health plans available to District residents on the Medicare website at

<https://www.medicare.gov/MPDPF/Public/Include/DataSection/Results/ListPlanByState.asp>. Use the State/Territory pulldown box to find District of Columbia.

### ***More information***

If you want to read more about the new plan, here is a booklet with more information <http://thedesk.info/PartD/MedicarePartDBrochureFinal050928.pdf>

You can also find out the latest information at <http://www.thedesk.info/PartD/>

### **Links to help you:**

<http://www.thedesk.info/> Medicaid Reference Desk for people with cognitive disabilities  
[www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org) The Arc of the United States  
[www.ucp.org](http://www.ucp.org) United Cerebral Palsy

### **Phone numbers to help you:**

If you receive services from MRDDA, you can call the MRDDA Office of Consumer Finances and Benefits at

(202) 673-7340 and speak to

Pauletter Hall or John Watson