



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.81.301 BIG SKY RX SCOPE AND PURPOSE

- (1) On January 1, 2006, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs) became available to people with Medicare. This is a voluntary federal program created by the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) 42 USC 1302, 1395w-101 through 1395w-152, and 1395hh. It is referred to as "Medicare Part D" in these rules and implemented in 42 CFR part 423.
- (2) An individual entitled to benefits under Medicare Part A or enrolled in Medicare Part B is eligible to enroll in a Medicare Part D PDP. An individual enrolled in a PDP is responsible for the premium and receives prescription drug coverage. There is also a federal premium subsidy called "Social Security Extra Help" for some individuals that assists in paying copayments, deductibles, and premiums.
- (3) The purpose of Montana's Big Sky Rx Program is to pay a portion or all of the cost of the PDP premium for eligible Montana residents.
- (4) The individual enrolled in Part D must choose and enroll in a federally approved PDP.
- (5) The program does not provide assistance with selecting or enrolling in a PDP.

Authorizing statute(s): 53-2-201, 53-6-1004, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 53-2-201, 53-6-1001, 53-6-1004, 53-6-1005, MCA

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