



Washington State Health Care Authority  
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Dear PEBB Member:

If you are thinking about signing up for a Medicare Part D plan for prescription-drug coverage, here is some information you need to know.

You can enroll in a Medicare Part D plan during Medicare's annual open enrollment period (usually held in the fall). However, joining a Medicare Part D plan may affect your enrollment in the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program. Please remember:

- You do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D.
- If you do enroll in Medicare Part D, it could affect your PEBB coverage. The only PEBB health plan that works with Medicare Part D is Medicare Supplement Plan F (see next page). If you are enrolled in any other PEBB medical plan, you cannot enroll in Medicare Part D and keep your PEBB coverage.

### **PEBB coverage is creditable**

The prescription-drug coverage you have now is "creditable coverage." That means it's **as good as or better than** the standard Medicare prescription-drug coverage, so:

- Your plan, on average for all plan members, meets at least what the standard Medicare prescription-drug coverage will pay.
- You can keep your PEBB coverage and not pay a Medicare Part D penalty if you decide to enroll in Medicare prescription-drug coverage later.

### **What if I change medical plans in 2014?**

Most PEBB medical plans offered in 2014 have creditable prescription-drug coverage. The chart on the next page shows which plans offer creditable coverage, and which do not.

2014 PEBB medical plans	YES - creditable coverage	NO - not creditable coverage
Group Health Classic	YES	
Group Health Medicare Advantage	YES	
Group Health Original Medicare	YES	
Group Health Value	YES	
Kaiser Permanente Classic	YES	
Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage (Medicare Advantage)	YES	
Medicare Supplement Plan F, administered by Premera Blue Cross		NO
Uniform Medical Plan Classic, administered by Regence BlueShield	YES	

If you go without creditable prescription-drug coverage for 63 days or longer, your future Medicare Part D premiums could be higher.

### Sources for more information about Medicare Part D

- **Medicare**  
1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or 1-877-486-2048 (TDD users)  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- **Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) HelpLine**  
1-800-562-6900  
[www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba](http://www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba)

### Contact us

For more information about this notice or your current drug coverage, please call us at 1-800-200-1004.

Sincerely,

PEBB Benefits Services