



Illinois Cares Rx/Circuit Breaker Application for People with Medicare

(Form 2010 IL-1363)

If you have Medicare and live in Illinois, **you can fill out one form to apply** for the following benefits:

- **Illinois Cares Rx benefits**
 - Help paying for prescription drugs
- **Circuit Breaker Benefits**
 - Circuit Breaker grant check for property tax or rental
 - License plate discount
 - Ride Free Transit card for seniors age 65 and older or for people with disabilities

Beginning September 1, 2011, the income limits to qualify for Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker are different. However, you can fill out one form to apply for all benefits.

To qualify benefits your 2010 household income must be **less than**:

| Household size | To qualify for Illinois Cares Rx | To qualify for Circuit Breaker |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| One person (yourself) | \$21,780 | \$27,610 |
| Two persons (yourself and a spouse*, or yourself and a qualified additional resident) | \$29,420 | \$36,635 |
| Three persons (yourself, spouse* and at least one additional resident, or yourself and at least two qualified additional residents) | \$37,060 | \$45,657 |

* If your **spouse** lived with you in 2010, you must include his/her income.

* **A qualified additional resident** is someone other than your spouse who is currently living in your household for whom you provided more than half their financial support in 2010. Do not count the income of a qualified additional resident.

If you do not have Medicare, you may still qualify for Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker. Please visit www.illinoiscaresrx.com or call one of the numbers below for further information.

Free help is available from your local agency. If you have questions or need help with applications please call:

AgeOptions at (800) 699-9043 or TTY (708) 524-1653

How Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker Programs Works for People with Medicare

Illinois Cares Rx

- To get full benefits, you must be enrolled in one of the Medicare Part D plans that work with Illinois Cares Rx (called **coordinating plans.**)
- If you are enrolled in a coordinating Medicare Part D plan, **Illinois Cares Rx will:**
 - Pay the **monthly premium,**
 - Cover the **deductible, and**
 - **Reduce your cost (co-pays)** for all medications that are on your coordinating plan's list of drugs (called a formulary).
 - Certain drugs are excluded from the Medicare Part D program, such as benzodiazepines or barbiturates. If you take one of these drugs, you may be able to get help paying for it through Illinois Cares Rx.

- **Beginning September 1, 2011,** for each covered 30-day prescription you fill, **you will pay:**
 - \$5.00 for generic drugs
 - \$15 for preferred brand names
 - \$20 for non-preferred brand names
 - \$15 for specialty drugs.
- Once the total cost of your drugs (what the plan pays plus your share) reaches \$2,840, you pay 25% plus \$5.00, \$15 or \$20.

Circuit Breaker benefits include:

- A \$75 discount on your license plate fee.
- A Circuit Breaker grant check if you pay property or mobile home taxes, rent, or if you rent or live in a nursing, retirement or shelter care home that was subject to property taxes in 2010.
- Transit card for the Circuit Breaker Ride Free program to ride free on all fixed-route public transit systems in Illinois. To qualify you must be enrolled in Circuit Breaker and be
 - Age 65 or older **OR**
 - Age 16 or older with a qualifying disability

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