

# How to Get Your Medications

## Colorado Prescription Drug Program

Medicaid has a Preferred Drug List (PDL) for many Medicaid members who need prescription medication. The PDL is a list of drugs that do not need prior approval by the state. Drugs that are not on this list do need approval from the state.

Medicaid members get their mental health medications in one of two ways:

- If you have Medicaid only, you get medications through the state fee service prescription program. The PDL currently includes some medications for Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), some medications for depression, and some medications for psychotic disorders. People with serious mental illness can still get the medications they need, even if their medications are not on the PDL. The state has a process for this.
- If you have Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligible), you must enroll in a Medicare Part D plan. Medicare Part D covers certain medications you may need. If your Part D plan will not pay for certain classes of drugs, then Medicaid will pay. Benzodiazepines are an example of mental health drugs not covered by Medicare Part D.
- To get more information about the PDL and any future changes:
  - Go to <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/medicaid-pharmacy-benefits>
  - Call the CHP Office of Member and Family Affairs at 1-800-804-5040 (toll free).

If you have Medicare and need help signing up for a Part D plan, call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. You can also call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 1-888-696-7213.