

Virginia SPAP Quick Facts Update

June 2007

The State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) pays Medicare Part D costs for people who get medicines through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). All SPAP clients get their Medicare Part D monthly premiums paid. Some SPAP clients get help with their medication copays/coinsurance, deductibles and costs during gaps in coverage (the “donut hole”).

Patient Services Incorporated (PSI) now manages the SPAP under a contract with the Virginia Department of Health. **Please call PSI at (800) 366-7741** to apply for the SPAP and whenever you have questions about your enrollment or benefits.

You can apply for SPAP assistance if:

- Your household income is between 135% and 300% Federal Poverty Level (that's between \$13,784 and \$30,630 for a single person in 2007)
and
- You are enrolled in both ADAP and a Medicare Part D plan.

Why enroll in SPAP?

- You will be able to afford a Medicare Part D plan with the best coverage for your needs even if it means higher monthly premiums, because the SPAP pays those premiums for all SPAP clients.
- If you receive help with medication costs under the SPAP, you can use your Medicare Part D plan to get all your medicines (including medicines you now receive from ADAP). You'll be able to use a retail or mail order pharmacy to fill all your medicines covered by your Part D plan.
- Some people will get help with all their medication costs under the SPAP, and others will keep getting medicines through ADAP. The number of people who can get help with medication costs from SPAP is based on the amount of funding available. It's important to enroll now because people get the help with medication costs based on when they are enrolled in the SPAP.
- By taking full advantage of your Part D coverage, you help ADAP resources help others with no coverage at all.

How do I enroll?

- **Call PSI at (800) 366-7741.** They will start the application process with you and answer any of your questions.
- If you are approved for the SPAP, PSI will begin helping you with your monthly Medicare Part D premiums. PSI will let you know whether you will receive help with your medication costs under the SPAP, or whether you will continue to get medicines through ADAP.
- Also visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DiseasePrevention/spap.htm>.