

## A Word about the Program Sponsors



The Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation (IPDC), a not-for-profit organization, was established in 2001, with the initial goal of helping to ease the financial burden of the high cost of prescription medications for Iowa's Medicare population. In 2005, the goal of the corporation was expanded to include assistance for Iowa's uninsured and underinsured population. In 2006, the Corporation was awarded a five year contract from the Iowa Department of Public Health to establish the Iowa Prescription Drug Donation Program. In 2007, the program received a contract from the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network to expand the program to Safety Net Providers in Iowa. The corporation is directed by a board of directors which meets regularly to provide oversight and direction.

For more information about IPDC and its programs, please visit [www.iowapdc.org](http://www.iowapdc.org) or phone toll free 1-866-282-5817.

### Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network

Recognizing the significant role of safety net providers in providing health care services to the uninsured and underserved, the Iowa General Assembly created the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network in 2005. Through the creation of the Network the state's community health centers, free clinics and rural health clinics work together

to gather information and identify and address common challenges in providing care to the uninsured and underserved.

For more information about the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network and its programs, please visit [www.iowasafetynet.com](http://www.iowasafetynet.com) or phone 515-244-9610.

## Ask for a Generic Medication and Save Money

Ask your physician or pharmacist about the availability of generic alternatives for your prescriptions. Here are a few facts about generic drugs:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates both brand-name and generic drugs.

Both brand-name and generic drugs must meet the same standards for safety, purity, strength and quality.

Many generic drugs are produced by brand-name drug companies.

Generics cost 30 to 80 percent less than the brand-name product. Generic drug manufacturers do not pay a lot for marketing, research and development, and advertising; therefore, the savings are passed onto you.

A recent study published in JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association) stated that brand-name drugs are not superior to generic drugs in the treatment of cardiovascular disease – drugs designed to lower cholesterol, reduce blood pressure or to prevent heart attacks and strokes.



This program is produced by MedOne Healthcare Systems. MedOne is an Iowa corporation formed in 1999 by Hartig Drug Company, one of America's oldest drug store chains (family owned since 1904), with the goal of helping businesses and organizations better manage their pharmaceutical spending with a hands-on, local approach. MedOne offers prescription plan management services, discount prescription programs, medication distribution assistance, and medication payment coordination services.



# Prescription Assistance Program

## Discounts on Brand & Generic Medications

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## Q. Who is eligible to use this program?

**A.** Any resident of the state of Iowa. There are no age or income limits. This program is beneficial for individuals without health insurance or for individuals who have insurance but do not have prescription coverage. The program may also be used by individuals who have prescription coverage but cannot receive coverage for specific medications. For example, many health insurance plans do not provide coverage for smoking cessation medications or weight-loss drugs, which are included in this program.

## Q. How does this program work?

**A.** There is no enrollment fee to use this program. It is provided at no cost to residents as a collaborative effort between the Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation,

the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network, Iowa corporations, and participating pharmacies. This program provides discounts for brand and generic medications. Maximum savings will be realized by utilizing generic medications, where possible. Simply visit your local participating pharmacy when you have a new or refill prescription. Present the card, and your discounts will be calculated. One card can be used per household. The card may not be used in conjunction with another insurance program in order to discount co-payments or deductibles.

## Q. What pharmacies participate in the program?

**A.** Currently, nearly 600 pharmacies in the State of Iowa participate in the program including both chain and independent pharmacies. If you are outside of Iowa and need a prescription filled, the program offers a nationwide network of over 50,000 pharmacies. Call MedOne Healthcare Systems toll

free at 1-866-640-4430 to locate participating pharmacies or go to [www.MedOnehs.com](http://www.MedOnehs.com) and click on the Pharmacy Locator link. Please enter the bin number and group number from your discount card. On the website, you will be able to locate participating pharmacies by zip code or city and state.

## Q. Whom do I contact with questions?

**A.** Your local participating pharmacy can help you with questions regarding the cost of medication using the card. If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact MedOne Healthcare Systems toll free at 1-866-640-4430 between the hours of 6:30 am and 6 pm Monday through Friday, Central Time.

