

Connecticut Medicaid Patient Advisory

Some people are confused about how the new Connecticut Medicaid Co-pay on prescriptions works. So here's how it works.

The Prescription co-pay applies to all people covered by Medicaid Title XIX except:

1. Children under 21 years of age
2. Women who are pregnant, (including up to 60 days after the pregnancy if you notify the pharmacist).
3. People living in a nursing facility or chronic disease hospital
4. Persons enrolled in the Medicaid Managed Care Program, (Connecticut Access Medical Plan).

If you can afford to, you pay.

If you can afford to, you must pay \$1 for each prescription drug or drug refill you receive.

If you can't afford to pay, here's what to do:

1. Each time you pick up your medicine, if you cannot afford to pay, tell the pharmacist that you cannot afford to pay. By federal law, they have to take your word for it. And they have to give you the medicine without collecting any payment.
2. The pharmacist may ask you to "make arrangements" to pay the co-pay. They may bill you or ask for the money when you next pick up your medicine.

But even if you owe them money the next time you come in for your medicine, if you can't pay say so. They still have to give you your medicine without making a payment. It is the law.

By federal law, a pharmacy cannot:

- Refuse to fill a prescription unless you enter into a specific agreement to pay them money;
- Refuse to fill a prescription if your old bill is unpaid; or
- Give you only part of the prescription until you pay the co-pay.

If they do any of these things, they are in violation of a federal law.

**If you have a problem with a pharmacy, please call
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