

Ohio's Best Rx Begins Fourth Year of Service

January 2008 marked the third anniversary of the Ohio's Best Rx prescription drug discount program. Since its launch, Best Rx has changed not only its location, but also its scope and mission.

We have a new home at the Ohio Department of Aging and the program has broadened its scope to also serve as the prescription drug discount program for Golden Buckeye cardholders without prescription drug insurance.

And, we continue to evolve. With each program enhancement, we hope to ensure that all Ohioans have access to affordable prescription medications. This newsletter highlights a few of those changes.

We couldn't have achieved what we have without our 2,300 partner pharmacies and 22 drug manufacturers. We thank you and ask for your continued support.

Mary A. Inbody
Ohio's Best Rx Program Manager

Quick Statistics

(Jan. 11, 2005 – Dec. 31, 2007)

- ✚ 272,703 individuals enrolled
- ✚ 800,188 prescriptions filled
- ✚ \$13,519,506 in savings to participants
- ✚ \$16.98 in average savings per prescription, or 34.4%

2008 Federal Poverty Levels Increase Access to Program

The 2008 Federal Poverty Levels were released on January 23, 2008. Please see the chart below for maximum income guidelines for those under age 60 to qualify for Ohio's Best Rx.

2008 Income Guidelines		
Family Size	300% Monthly Income	300% Annual Income
1	\$2,600	\$31,200
2	\$3,500	\$42,000
3	\$4,400	\$52,800
4	\$5,300	\$63,600
For each additional person, add \$3,600/year.		

Two Prescription Discount Card Programs Unite

The Ohio's Best Rx and the Golden Buckeye Rx discount prescription drug card programs merged on July 1, 2007.

An estimated 12,000 new Golden Buckeye card holders per month now receive a combination Golden Buckeye/Ohio's Best Rx card. Current Golden Buckeye card-holders that do not have Ohio's Best Rx on the back of their cards should call 1-866-301-6446 to add this valuable benefit for free.

Outreach Corner

Whenever possible, we ask our valued participants about their experiences with the program. Here's one family's story.

Michelle's family relocated to Ohio from West Virginia a year ago. Her husband had a job, but the health insurance it offered was too expensive for their family of six.

The children received health care through Medicaid, but she and her husband were ineligible. Both of them have chronic health conditions that require ongoing medical treatment.

Michelle heard about Ohio's Best Rx from a friend and applied by phone. She found the process very simple. She can use her card easily at her usual pharmacy and has been happy with the savings.

Her husband recently started a job with affordable health insurance so they will no longer need Best Rx, but she tells everyone she knows about the program because "Ohio's Best Rx is easy to get and easy to use when you need it."

Outreach remains an important focus of Ohio's Best Rx. Please contact us if there are any events in your community, if you need brochures for display and distribution, and/or to be added to our newsletter distribution list.

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