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## Senior & Disability Prescription Program

Aging Disability Services Division

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*Helping people. It's who we are and what we do.*



# Agenda

1. Program History
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5. Program Budget Analysis
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# SRx/DRx Program & Medicare Part D History

1999 – Senior Rx (SRx) established

2005 – Disability Rx (DRx) established

2006 – Medicare Part D introduced, includes GAP phase where beneficiary pays 100% of cost of pharmaceuticals while in the GAP

SRx/DRx program aligns with new Medicare Part D, provides pharmaceutical coverage during Part D coverage gap and monthly subsidy toward Part D premium

2010 – Affordable Care Act passes and begins elimination of Part D coverage gap



# History cont.

- 2018 – Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 passes and requires pharmaceutical companies to give same discounts to Medicare beneficiaries as to insurance providers and pharmacies
- 2019 – GAP closed for brand name drugs
- 2020 – GAP closed for both brand name and generic drugs
- 2020 – SRx/DRx Program aligns with Medicare to provide Part D Premium Subsidy only



# SRx/DRx Program Today

- Provide monthly subsidy of up to \$37 toward a member's Medicare Part D premium or a member's Part D portion of their Medicare Advantage Plan Premium
- Maximum member benefit per year = \$444
- Average subsidy paid by the SRx/DRx program per member in Medicare Plan Year 2020 = \$29.52
- Average member benefit per year = \$354.25

# SRx/DRx Program Utilization Trends

Year	Avg # Calls per month	Avg # Applications per month	Avg Caseload per month
SFY16	893	235	5374
SFY17	921	155	5587
SFY18	928	92	3627
SFY19	440	99	2900
SFY20	423	46	1978
SFY21 - Q1	166	15	825



# Medicare Part D in Nevada - 2021

Stand-Alone Part D Plans	
Number of Part D Plans	29
Range of Premium	\$7.20 - \$94.80
Average Premium	\$38.17

Medicare Advantage Plans	
Number of MA-PD Plans	72
Number of Plans with \$0 Premium	60
Number of Plans with > \$0 Premium	12
Range of Premium	\$5.30 – \$102.60
Average Premium (of the 12 plans)	\$33.57

# Budget Analysis - SRx/DRx Program

- SFY20 Expenses for Subsidy Program

Direct Service (subsidy)	\$311,328
Administrative	\$205,170*
Total	\$516,498

\*40% of program budget



# Budget Planning Considerations

- COVID-19 and State Budget Crisis
- ADSD's proposed budget
  - Fund SRx/DRx Program through first year of next biennium, SFY22
  - Funding to then be used to target greatest needs, as a result of budget and service cuts, by diversifying services through the Fund for a Health Nevada
- Future available funding
  - Evaluate needs of Nevadans; prescription, dental, vision, etc and reinstate program
  - 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session ADSD BDR to revise NRS to allow more flexibility in administration of the program





# Timeline

July 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> Member Notice
- Prepare for Open Enrollment

September  
2021

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Member Notice
- Education and Outreach re: Open Enrollment

Jan – Jun  
2022

- Program Closeout



# Questions?





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