



Comparison of Original and Redesigned Senior Care Program	
Original Senior Care	Redesigned Senior Care
 \$600 annual benefit November 1, 2002 thru October 31, 2005 	 \$1,200 per benefit period*: September 2004 thru December 2004 January thru December 2005
	* Includes federal benefit of \$600 for those eligible and enrolled in federal program; Senior Care covers entire \$1,200 for those ineligible or not enrolled in federal program.
Unexpended benefit <i>cannot</i> be carried forward to next program year	Unexpended benefit from 2004 <i>can</i> be carried forward to 2005
Benefit limited to prescriptions for <i>three</i> diagnostic states: cardiovascular, diabetes mellitus and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Covers prescriptions for all diagnostic states
Co-pay for seniors was 40%	 Co-pay for seniors is reduced to: 5% for those below 100% of FPL 10% for those above 100% of FPL
<i>Seniors</i> paid \$6 fee for dispensing and claims administration	Senior Care pays fee for dispensing and claims administration
 Covered all seniors <i>without</i> prescription drug coverage: age 65 and older up to 200% of FPL 	Covers all seniors <i>including</i> those with Medigap and VA coverage, but with no private coverage • age 65 and older • income less than \$31,225 (married) • income less than \$23,275 (single)
Benefit ran for three 12-month periods, ending October 31, 2005	Benefit will be extended for two months, until December 31, 2005 (to cover the gap until the full federal program begins in January 2006)
Total cost for the three years was projected at \$96.8 million and was revised to \$72.9 million on February 23, 2004	Total cost for the three years and the additional two months is projected at \$72.4 million, including administrative costs

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