
Who benefits from CURxED?

- CCE educators benefit from an introduction to Part D policy and learn of essential Medicare Part D websites
- HIICAP volunteers find utility in expanded web site utilization and benefit from reports about Part D policy
- Human service agencies use the printed binder sets as a resource for making online data available for public education
- Everyone benefits from the research analysis that is translated, simplified, and distributed in lay person terminology.

Are you interested in knowing...

- Who pays for Part D?
- How plans change coverage in different regions?
- About the variations in coverage for the same drug?
- How drugs are selected to the formulary?
- How utilization management tools are used?
- Which websites offer trusted information?

If you have questions regarding Part D policy and its impact on plan selections, then we have the educational tools available to further expand your comfort with this complex legislation. Our materials clearly explain how and why Part D is structured in its current form. Additionally, learn how you can better understand and utilize to advantage the legislation of Medicare Part D.

How to get involved?

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for Medicare Part D



MEDICARE PART D – UNDERSTANDING THE NEW PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE



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**Cornell University Resource
Education for Medicare Part D**
COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

**A Supplemental Program offering Medicare
Prescription Drug Insurance Resource
Education**

**Price Comparisons
Printed Binder Sets
Case Studies
Computer Simulations
Educational Materials
Legislative Updates
Resources for Part D Assistance
Workshops and Seminars
Fact Sheets**

What does CURxED offer?

CURxED educational materials supplement the current resources available in today's network of health assistance programs. Areas have been identified where additional content and teaching tools can provide clearer consumer education and thereby encourage optimal selection of a prescription drug insurance plan.

What is missing from current Part D resources?

- Breakdown of premium and drug prices
- Hands on computer tutorials
- Comparative charts and tables
- Analysis of utilization
- Research translated into simple educational tools
- Raising awareness of benefits

Why use CURxED resources?

Through HIICAP and the OFA, a significant number of seniors currently utilize available services; however, many seniors still do not know that free assistance exists. Additionally, those receiving assistance may not be making the most optimal prescription drug plan choice.

By using the CURxED resources and research developed educational materials, human service agencies can assist more seniors to make educated plan choices and save even more money on prescription medications. Ultimately, when university publications are disseminated through the Cornell Cooperative Extension system and combined with the network of health insurance assistance agencies, a larger audience is reached.

What is the purpose of CURxED?

While there are agencies that assist seniors in enrolling and organizations that advocate for legislative reform and truthful implementation, there is little provision for making Part D more accessible and comprehensible. CURxED untangles the complexities of Part D in order to help seniors realize the most benefit for their dollar.

Program description

CURxED provides enhanced information on Part D stand alone prescription drug plans and explores additional resources for effective educational outreach in the community. The program equips participants with an array of tools and knowledge, enabling them to confidently assist seniors in selecting an ideal prescription drug plan.

By increasing public awareness of prescription drug insurance, CURxED helps more seniors enroll in a Part D plan and optimize their choices. The translation of university research into simple educational tools allows for the results of critical analysis to reach the public domain and improve senior's knowledge.



Program components

- Introductory workshop
 - Part D analysis
 - Computer tutorials
- Training manual
- Reports in Part D Policy Details
- Hypothetical case studies
- CURxED binder sets

Printed binder sets?

Utilizing the research conducted at the university, CURxED extracts pricing data from the CMS web site for all drugs, in all plans, across all coverage zones, in any region, and provides this information in an easy to use printed table format. Comparisons amongst plans are made by individual drugs and by disease states with associated medication regimens. Also, plans within each region are contrasted. Seniors who are reluctant or unable to use the internet find these printed evaluations especially helpful. Those who assist seniors find the comparisons useful to enhance the use of the CMS web based plan finder tool.

Hands on computer training?

The technological resources at Cornell University allow CURxED to provide introductory computer workshops on campus. By learning to better navigate the Medicare Part D plan finder tool and explore other relevant sites of interest, community educators increase their knowledge of Part D and enhance their ability to assist seniors in their community.
