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## Government Assistance Programs to Assist Medicare Patients with Limited Income

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### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Medicare is the nation's largest health insurance program, covering more than 55 million Americans in the United States, and over one million Alabamians in 2021. It is important for pharmacists to help Medicare patients navigate the healthcare system as well as community resources available to them, especially for those with limited income. This program covers pertinent information about several government assistance programs including Medicare Savings Program, Low Income Subsidy program and SenioRx program. It also discusses how pharmacists and technicians can refer potentially eligible patients to a respective community agency for further assistance.

There is no registration fee for this program.

Following registration, participants will have access to course instructions, updates, presentations, webinar link, program evaluation, CE certificates and credits, etc. **This program is approved for 1 ACPE Contact Hours, .1 CEUs.** Once credit is awarded, transcripts will be available online within 24 hours on the learner's CPE Monitor profile at <http://nabp.pharmacy/>. ***The Office of Alumni and Professional Affairs strongly encourages each participant to check their profile online within 60 days of attendance to ensure credit has been awarded properly. ACPE will not accept CE submissions after 60 days from the live seminar date.***

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# TARGET AUDIENCE

This knowledge-based program is intended for Pharmacists (ACPE) and Pharmacy Technicians (ACPE).

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### *Pharmacists:*

1. Identify federal and state programs available for Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and their eligibility requirements
2. Describe the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on prescription drug provisions for Medicare beneficiaries
3. List community agencies that provide free counseling and assistance to Medicare enrollees and their families

### *Pharmacy Technicians:*

1. Identify federal and state programs available for Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and their eligibility requirements
2. Describe the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on prescription drug provisions for Medicare beneficiaries
3. List community agencies that provide free counseling and assistance to Medicare enrollees and their families

# ACTIVITY COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

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The Universal Activity Number for this knowledge-based program is 0001-9999-23-040-H04-P/T and is intended for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

# PROGRAM FACULTY

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## Education:

B.S., Pharmacy - Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), 1997

M.S., Training and Development - Illinois State, 2000

Ph.D., Social and Administrative Sciences in Pharmacy - Wisconsin, 2004

Her first research goal is to improve the quality of health care and patient health outcomes through promoting the uptake of evidence-based innovations. She has used organization theories and implementation science principles to guide her research. She has studied the adoption, implementation and evaluation of various types of healthcare innovations. Her second research goal is to increase access to care among older adults, especially those with limited income. Her work has assisted seniors in making Part D plan selection decisions and enrolled them in subsidy programs.

She has partnered with multiple community agencies and national associations to execute her research programs including Area Agencies on Aging in Alabama, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, National Community Pharmacists Association, and American Pharmacists Association. Her work has received funding from various agencies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Alabama Department of Senior Services, Alabama Department of Public Health, and Pharmaceutical Companies.

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