



## Illinois Cares Rx/Circuit Breaker Application for People Without Medicare

(Form 2010 IL-1363)

### You should apply for Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker in 2011 if you:

- Are 65 years of age or older OR a person with a disability 16 years of age or older
- Live in Illinois
- Have a Social Security number **and**
- Meet the income limits listed below

### You can fill out one form to apply for the following benefits:

- **Circuit Breaker Benefits**
  - Circuit Breaker grant for property tax or rental
  - License Plate discount
  - Transit card for the Seniors and People with Disabilities Ride Free Programs
- **Help paying for your prescription drugs** (Illinois Cares Rx Plus or Basic, depending on your age and citizenship status)

**Beginning September 1, 2011**, the income limits to qualify for Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker are different. However, you can fill out one application to apply for all benefits.

Household size	To qualify for Illinois Cares Rx	To qualify for Circuit Breaker
One person (yourself)	\$21,780	\$27,610
Two persons (yourself and spouse* or yourself and a qualified additional resident)	\$29,420	\$36,635
Three persons (yourself, spouse* and at least one qualified additional resident, or yourself and at least two qualified additional residents)	\$37,060	\$45,657

\* If your spouse lived with you in 2010, you must include his/her income.

\* A qualified additional resident is someone other than your spouse currently living in your household for whom you provided more than half their financial support in 2010. Do not count the income of a qualified additional resident.

### To qualify for Illinois Cares Rx Plus you must be

- age 65 or older AND
- a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.

### You will qualify for Illinois Cares Rx Basic if you

- are age 65 and older and do not meet the citizenship requirements for Illinois Cares Rx Plus OR
- do not have Medicare and are under age 65.

**Free help** is available from your local agency. If you have questions or need help with application please call:

**AgeOptions at (800)699-9043 or TTY (708) 524-1653**

# How Illinois Cares Rx and Circuit Breaker Programs Work for People Without Medicare

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## Circuit Breaker benefits include:

- A \$75 discount on your license plate fee
- A Circuit Breaker grant check if you pay property or mobile home taxes, rent, or if you rent or live in a nursing, retirement or shelter care home that was subject to property taxes in 2010
- Transit card for the Circuit Breaker Ride Free program to ride free on all fixed-route public transit systems in Illinois.

To qualify you must be enrolled in Circuit Breaker and be

- Age 65 or older **OR**
- Age 16 or older with a qualifying disability

## Illinois Cares Rx

- **Plus** covers prescription drugs for most conditions
- **Basic** covers prescription drugs used to treat the following ten conditions:
  - Alzheimer's
  - Arthritis
  - Cancer
  - Diabetes
  - Glaucoma
  - Heart disease and related conditions
  - Lung disease and smoking-related illnesses
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Osteoporosis
  - Parkinson's disease

### • **For each covered 30-day prescription you fill, you will pay:**

- \$5.00 for generic drugs
- \$15.00 for brand name drugs
- Once the total cost of your drugs (what Illinois Cares Rx pays plus your share) reaches \$1,750, you pay 25% plus \$5.00 or \$15.00.

The state has a list of medications that are covered by the program. If a medication for one of the ten conditions is not on the state's list, you will not receive any coverage for that prescription.

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