

OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH / PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/ MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

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N. C. DHHS Confirmation Reports:

SFY 2020 audit confirmation reports for payments made to Counties, Local Management Entities (LMEs), Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Boards of Education, Councils of Government, District Health Departments and DHHS Grant Subrecipients will be available by mid-October at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/administrative-offices/office-controller/audit-confirmation-reports>. At this site, click on the link entitled “Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Year 2019-2020)”. Additionally, audit confirmation reports for Nongovernmental entities receiving financial assistance from the DHHS are found at the same website except select “Non-Governmental Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Years 2018-2020)”

Brief Description of Program:

The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) is a safety net for uninsured, low-income individuals in the state. It provides access to free prescription drugs available through pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them. This service, currently offered through 102 sites – rural health centers, federally-qualified health centers, and community and faith-based organizations – uses special software, which matches patients’ eligibility with available free medications. ORH provides technical support to sites, as well as assisting prescription assistance coordinators at each site, to develop best practices in their medication assistance programs.

Grantees of this program shall use all funds awarded to support the MAP, specifically:

- Assist all low-income citizens with identifying their optimal prescription drug coverage options through public and private programs, and then provide direct assistance in obtaining medication using the special software. Grantees must specify a dispensing plan that will ensure their patients will receive the medications that are procured on their behalf.
- Collaborate closely with local public and private health care providers including pharmacists, primary care physicians, health departments, hospitals, senior centers, Area Agencies on Aging, and local SHIP coordinators to ensure the success of their efforts

In addition, the grantee may also work with Medicare eligible seniors to:

- Identify their optimal Medicare Part D coverage option

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- Access public or private prescription assistance programs to cover gaps in Medicare Part D (e.g. coverage gap)
- Apply for any available public or private prescription assistance programs for seniors who do not enroll for Part D

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State 100% Federal 0%