

HB 169 -- Prescription Drugs for Seniors

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill establishes the Missouri Senior Prescription Drug Plan which closes the standard drug benefit coverage gap created by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.

To be eligible for the program, a person must be at least 65 years old and have an income between 150% and 200% of the federal poverty level.

The Missouri Senior Prescription Drug Plan Commission is established to contract with prescription drug plan sponsors, adjust fee payments, set and adjust co-insurance amounts, apply for federal waivers and grants, and promulgate rules. Within the commission the Missouri Senior Prescription Drug Plan Clearinghouse is established to assist and educate citizens in accessing prescription drug programs and provide information on eligibility, enrollment, and benefits of the plan.

The Missouri Senior Rx Program will terminate after the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 has been fully implemented.