

CAPITOL REPORT
Senator Luann Ridgeway
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RE: Missouri Drug Discounts for Seniors

Lavina Felger, age 84, is about to re-enroll in Missouri Senior Rx. Here's why: "Before Senior Rx, my heart tablets used to be \$56. Now I get them for \$26. *Coreg*, my blood pressure pill, used to be \$130. Now it's \$22.16. The price of my medicine has been cut in half with Missouri Senior Rx."

If other seniors knew about Missouri's Senior Rx program, more people could experience real cost savings when buying prescriptions. It is likely that there are thousands of qualified Missouri seniors who are not signed up for these benefits.

You may qualify for prescription drug benefits if:

- You are 65 or older
- Your income is up to \$17,000 for an individual or \$23,000 for a married couple.

Even if you have other prescription drug insurance, you may still qualify for the Senior Rx program. You are also potentially eligible if you receive Medicare and meet other criteria (age, income, and residency). You are not eligible if you are enrolled in Medicaid or if you receive VA pharmacy benefits.

Now is the time to begin the application process.

To help seniors with the application process, I along with Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, Representative Tim Flook, and Representative Doug Ervin held a Senior Rx enrollment day earlier this week at the Liberty Community Center. If you or a senior you know missed the enrollment day, here's how you can still apply:

- Contact the MO Senior Rx Program toll-free at 1-800-375-1406
- Visit the website at: www.dhss.mo.gov/MoSeniorRx
- Call my State Senate office at 573-751-2547.

We will be happy to help you apply or send you an informational packet concerning the Senior Rx Program.

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