



*During the course of outpatient treatments, visits to the emergency department, observation stays, or during outpatient surgical, chemotherapy, pain clinic services, or other outpatient visits, you may receive drugs that Medicare defines as self-administrable drugs.*

### Where can I get more help?

Medicare  
800-633-4227  
[medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov)

Office of Consumer Health Insurance  
877-527-9431  
[insurance.illinois.gov](http://insurance.illinois.gov)

Effingham City/County Agency on Aging (Medicare Part B)  
800-283-4070

Med Assist—Effingham Catholic Charities  
217-857-1458

St. Anthony's Business Office  
Cashier  
217-347-1205



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## Self-Administrable Drugs



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## What are self-administrable drugs?

Most self-administrable drugs are drugs that you would take by mouth or give to yourself at home. Such drugs include, but are not limited to oral medications, eye drops and topical treatments.

Medicare Part B generally covers care that you receive in hospital outpatient settings, such as an emergency department, observation unit, surgery center or pain clinic. However, Medicare Part B doesn't cover over-the-counter and "self-administrable" drugs you receive in hospital outpatient settings.

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part D, these drugs may be covered. Since most hospital pharmacies don't participate in Medicare Part D, you may need to pay for the out-of-pocket costs for these drugs. You may then submit a claim to your Medicare drug plan for a refund. Contact your Medicare Part D carrier for information on how to submit a claim.

## Is financial assistance available for self-administrable drugs?

Every person is entitled to good health care and our hospitals are committed to delivering care to everyone who comes for help, regardless of his or her ability to pay. Our financial assistance program is available for those who request assistance and

eligibility is based upon income guidelines. If you qualify, you may be eligible for up to 100 percent financial assistance for these medications. If you are concerned about being able to pay for medications while in the hospital, contact the HSHS Southern Illinois Divisional Business Office at 618-234-8600 or 888-317-1202.

## Will I be charged for a medication ordered by my doctor, but I do not take?

If your doctor orders a medication, but the medication is not administered to you, you will not be charged.

## Am I allowed to take my own medications?

Your safety is our number one priority. To ensure the safety of all of our patients, we ask that you – inpatient or outpatient – not bring medicine from outside our facility to be taken during your stay. If you need medications while you are in the hospital, we will talk with your doctor and you will



receive these medications from the hospital pharmacy. By having all patient medications come from our hospital pharmacy, we are able to ensure you receive the right medication in the right dose at the right time. Plus, for added safety, all medications have a bar code that is scanned by your nurse at the time of being administered so it is documented in your medical record.

*When coming to the hospital, please bring a complete list of all medications you are taking, including over-the-counter and herbal medications.*

## Why do medications from the hospital cost more than medications from a retail pharmacy?

Medications from the hospital pharmacy typically cost more than the same or similar medications you can purchase from a retail pharmacy because overhead costs are higher. Hospitals are open 24/7 and incur the cost of doctors, nurses and clinical support colleagues who are here for patients.

## What sets the price for medications from the hospital?

The price is based on the average wholesale price of the medication and the costs involved with administering the medication.