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*Canadian prescription drug plan for  
Minnesota Advantage members and dependents*

**Minnesota Advantage Meds** is a mail order service that enables MN Advantage members and their dependents to buy a limited number of prescription drugs from Canada, saving both participants and taxpayers money.

### **Background**

This service, available through [www.advantage-meds.com](http://www.advantage-meds.com), is the second of a two-phase initiative that began to help Minnesota citizens obtain safe and less expensive prescription drugs. The first phase, launched in January 2004, provides access to lower costing prescription drugs through [www.mnrconnect.com](http://www.mnrconnect.com).

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this service is to help control the health care costs of MN Advantage members and their dependents.

### **Eligibility**

Minnesota Advantage is the health insurance program for 48,000 eligible state employees and their 72,000 dependents from the three branches of state government, the State College and University system, and various quasi-governmental bodies such as the Minnesota Historical Society.

### **Ordering**

Safe and more affordable Canadian prescription drugs can be ordered via a secure Web site. Prescriptions must be mailed or faxed to the Canadian pharmacy so that a Canadian doctor is able to review the information and approve the prescription. Once eligibility is determined, the order is shipped to the member and the state is billed.

### **Products**

Members can select from a limited number of name brand "maintenance drugs." The medicines are all approved for use in the U.S., are in original packages, and are sold only in three-month quantities.

### **Savings**

To encourage participation, the state is waiving the standard \$16 a month co-payment for formulary drugs. As a result, members will save a minimum of \$192 a year for each drug.