

**Testimony
Department of Human Services
Government Services Committee
Representative Ken Svedjan, Chairman
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Chairman Svedjan, members of the Government Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services. I am here today to provide information about the possibility of Medicaid paying for eligible veterans' prescription drug costs not paid by the federal Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA).

Medicaid, which provides prescription coverage, is available to veterans who qualify under one of the various Medicaid categories, which includes veterans who are disabled, pregnant, a caretaker relative of a deprived child, or age 65 or older. A veteran who does not qualify for Medicaid coverage is not eligible for Medicaid coverage of prescriptions.

Following is a chart that demonstrates how payments are made for prescriptions for individuals who are eligible for benefits under the VA as well as Medicaid.

Prescription Initiated From	Prescription Filled	VA Responsibility	Medicaid Responsibility
VA Medical Center Fargo	VA Pharmacy Fargo	Fill Prescription - \$7 Copay; VA unable to bill (secondary) any program that has federal, state, or county funding.	None
VA Outpatient Clinics (Dickinson, Jamestown, Bismarck, Grafton, Minot, Williston)	VA Pharmacy Fargo Or Contract Pharmacy in same community as outpatient clinic	If emergent prescription fill is needed. Client is supplied with a 10-day supply. (No copay) All non-emergent prescriptions are filled via the Fargo VA Pharmacy. (\$7 copay)	None

Prescription Initiated From	Prescription Filled	VA Responsibility	Medicaid Responsibility
Non-VA Clinic Or VA Medical Center Or VA Outpatient Clinic	Retail Pharmacy	None	Medicaid pays the claim; Client pays Medicaid copay, if applicable (\$3.00 for Brand Name)