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Ray of Hope

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Mental Health Groups Launch Medicare Website

Leading mental health organizations have joined together to create a central resource on Medicare's new prescription drug benefit. The new website, www.mentalhealthpartd.org, contains easy-to-understand, top-line information tailored specifically to psychiatrists and other physicians, providers at community health centers, and consumers and their families.

The goal of the Mental Health Part D collaboration is to provide synthesized information that will facilitate informed decision-making for providers and consumers as they choose new Medicare prescription drug plans.

The Medicare prescription drug benefit is especially important for persons with mental illnesses, many of whom are currently without drug coverage or who are receiving prescription drugs through Medicaid. In fact, more than half of people with Medicare under age 65 have mental health problems, almost 40 percent of individuals with both Medicare and Medicaid have a mental or cognitive disorder, and almost 20 percent of all people over age 55 experience specific.....[More Details](#)

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Schizoffective Disorder

Schizoffective disorder is one of the more common, chronic, and disabling mental illnesses. As the name implies, it is characterized by a combination of symptoms of schizophrenia and an affective (mood) disorder. There has been a controversy about whether schizoffective disorder is a type of schizophrenia[More Details](#)

NAMI Membership Invitation

• Count yourself in

with an organization that aims to *improve the quality of life* for members of our community whose lives are affected by diseases such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and anxiety disorders. *NAMI welcomes all community members who want to show their support.*

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with the 220,000 members nationwide that make NAMI a powerful force, lobbying our legislators for improved mental health services. *Due to efforts of NAMI advocates from around the state last year, mental health services were listed as the state's top priority for the first time in Ohio's history and \$53 million dollars in proposed cuts were spared!* You can support this effort *simply by being counted as a member.*

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with members who receive the latest mental health news through national, state, and local publications. NAMI offers local support groups, free classes, and community programs.

• Count yourself in

with our local affiliate's educational programming efforts to bring mental illness into public awareness and *reduce the stigma that persons with brain disorders suffer simply because they have an illness.*

Count yourself in: Join today!

Click [here](#) for Membership Form, or contact Dennis at 888-582-8889

Upcoming Events

October 25, 6:00PM - Red Ribbon Family Fest at Terra

October 28, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting

October 26, 2:00PM - Tiffin C.A.R.E. meeting

November 2, 11:30AM - C.I.T. Luncheon held at Camden Falls in Tiffin.

November 3, 7:00PM - Wyandot County Family Support Group

November 4, 2:00PM - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting

November 9, 2:00PM - Tiffin C.A.R.E. meeting

November 9, 7:00PM - Sandusky County Family Support Group

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