



Medicare Rx Personal Information Sessions Mailer



Congressman John Kline

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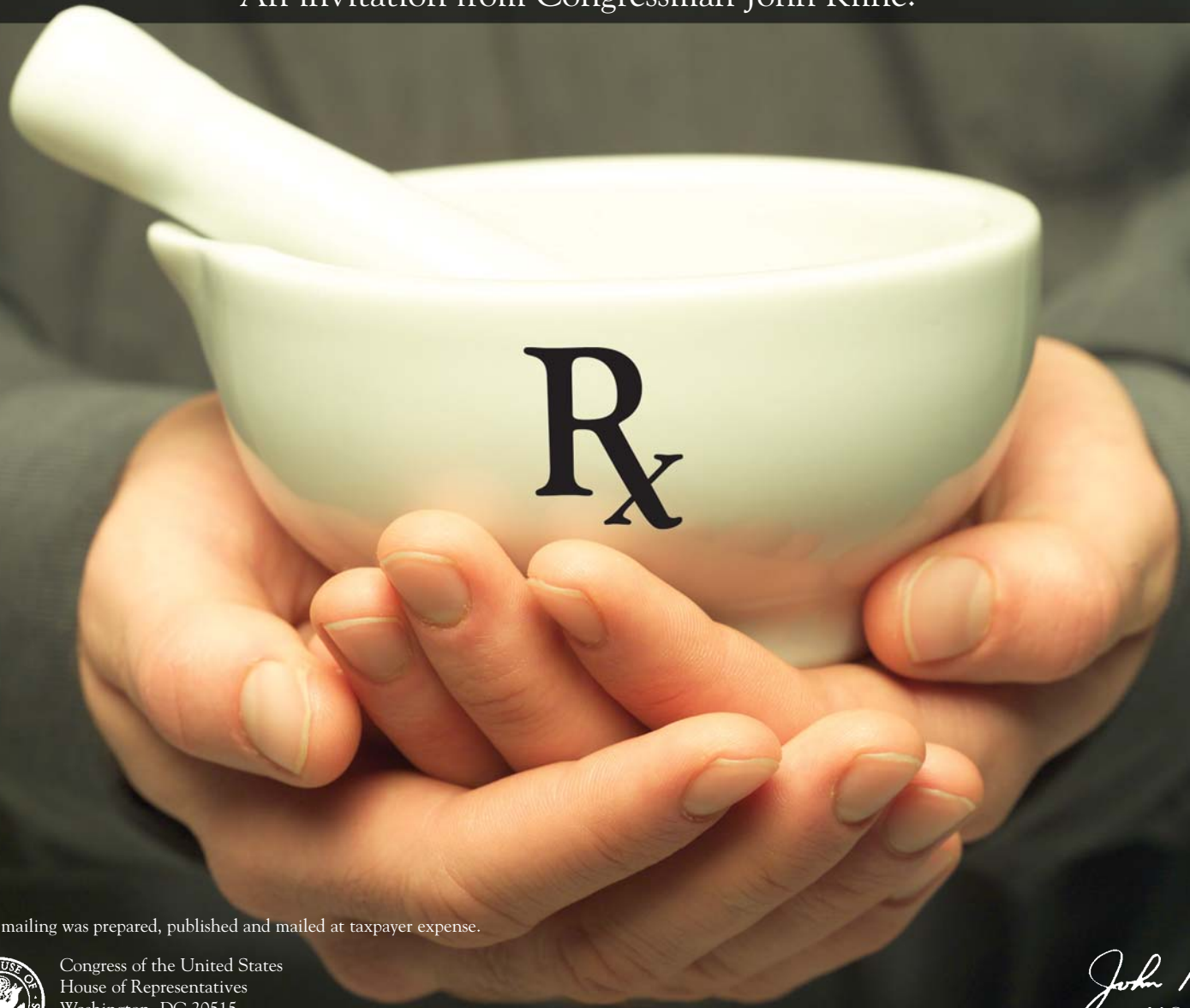
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Learn how the Medicare Prescription drug benefit can help you.

An invitation from Congressman John Kline.



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Congressman Kline announces more Medicare Rx Personal Information Sessions



Medicare's prescription drug benefit becomes available on January 1, 2006—enrollment has already begun.

Unfortunately, many who could save money with the new benefit are confused about how it works. The details of the new benefit can be overwhelming—in Minnesota alone there are over 40 Medicare-approved plans available.

To help constituents learn more about Medicare's new benefit, Congressman Kline hosted two special Medicare Rx information and assistance sessions. Those who attended received personal, one-on-one expert help to clarify their choices and explain the specific plans that helped them.

Learn how you can save

Because of the popularity of the first two sessions, Congressman Kline is hosting an additional two days of meetings in January. See the box to the right for more details.

Don't let confusion about this new benefit stop you from learning if you can save money. You owe it to yourself to see if the new Medicare prescription drug benefit can help you.

Expert staff and volunteers from Senior LinkAge Line, a service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, will answer your questions about your specific situation. If you choose a plan and wish to enroll, you will be able to receive clerical assistance to fill out the necessary forms.



Harold and Marian Kummer of Hastings, MN got the information they needed at Congressman Kline's December Medicare Rx session.

"I think my meeting was tremendously helpful. No matter how much study you have put into the Medicare drug program, you should get the advice of these experts. Thank you, Congressman Kline."

— Dan McWhorter from Eagan

"I didn't know anything [about the prescription drug benefit] before I attended my session, and I thought this was simple, clear and showed me some answers."

— Alden Otterness from Eagan

Individual Medicare Sessions

Select a date and call Congressman Kline to schedule a time for your private appointment. Allow 45 minutes to an hour for your session.

January 24 or January 25

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dakota County Technical College

1300 145th Street East

Rosemount, MN 55068

Because space is limited, reservations are required. To make your personalized reservation, call Congressman Kline's Burnsville office at (952) 808-1213



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Preparation

Who is involved? (District staff, DC staff, etc.)

District Staff is involved in setting up the individual sessions for those that call in response to the mailer.

The mail pieces are developed with our mail vendor and then approved by franking

Are any outside groups involved? (Schools, Local Business, Law Enforcement, etc.)

Minnesota Senior Linkage Line volunteers, which is a service that is part of the Minnesota Board on Aging.

The District Office Staff greet constituents and helps them become acclimated with the computers; all the advice and guidance comes from the Minnesota Senior Linkage Line volunteers.

Press Component

What press did you invite:

Press is not involved, these are personal and private sessions.

Other Important Information:

How often do you hold this event?

Congressman Kline's office has hosted 4 events with plans to do 2 more.

Other important tips for someone planning an event like this:

Tips: to rent a computer room at a community or local college, have people sign up for appointments in advance, remind them to bring a list of all their prescriptions and dosages.