



Low Income Subsidy [LIS] Or Extra Help

Extra Help is a Medicare program to help people with limited income & resources pay Medicare prescription drug costs.

Extra Help benefits include:

- Get help paying your Medicare drug plan's monthly premium, yearly deductible, coinsurance & copayments
- Have no coverage gap [donut hole]
- Have no late enrollment penalty
- Have a chance to change your plan quarterly

You DO NOT need to change your current Medicare prescription plan to receive Extra Help!

For more information or to receive personalized assistance, please call your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at:

832-393-4301 or 1-800-213-8471

To qualify:

- You must have Medicare
- Your gross monthly income is below:
 - Single: \$1,843/month
 - Married: \$2,485/month
- Your assets [not including your home & car] are below:
 - Single: \$16,660/month
 - Married: \$33,240/month

You do not have Medicaid, SSI or get help from the state paying your prescription drugs



SHIP
State Health Insurance
Assistance Program
Navigating Medicare

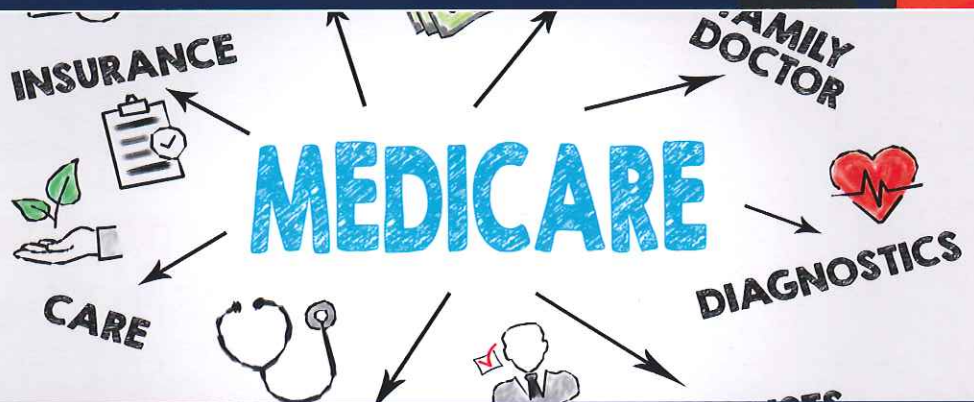


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Do You Need Help Paying Your Medicare Premiums?

Medicare Savings Programs [MSP]



You can get help from your state paying your Medicare premiums. In some cases, Medicare Savings Program may also pay Medicare part A [Hospital Insurance] & Medicare Part B [Medical Insurance] deductibles, coinsurance, & copayments if you meet certain conditions. You could **SAVE** your Medicare premiums if you qualify!!!

There are 4 programs with levels of assistance:

Type of MSP	Income Limits Individual/Married	Resource Limits Individual/Married	Program helps pay for:
1. QMB: Qualified Medicare Beneficiary	\$1,235/\$1,663	\$9,090/\$13,630	Part A premiums &/or Part B premiums, deductibles, coinsurance & copayments
2. SLMB: Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary	\$1,478/\$1,992	\$9,090/\$13,630	Part B monthly premium only
3. QI: Qualified Individual	\$1,660/\$2,239	\$9,090/\$13,630	Part B monthly premium only
4. QDWI: Qualified Disabled & Working Individual	\$4,945/\$6,659	\$4,000/\$6,000	Part A monthly premium only

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Please have the following information ready for prompt assistance!

- Medicare card
- Texas ID
- Proof of income
- Information about your resources



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