



## **How to Get Help With Your Medicare Costs**

We are writing to let you know how you can get help paying your Medicare costs. You may be able to get help paying your Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums and other medical costs. Some people also may get help with their Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) costs.

### **The Medicare Savings Programs**

The Medicare Savings Programs can help with Medicare costs, like your monthly Part B premiums. To get this help, your State medical assistance (Medicaid) office may require information about your income and resources. To be eligible:

- Your monthly income should be less than \$1,333 if you are single, or \$1,790 if you are married and living together. Some States, such as Alaska or Hawaii, allow you to have more income. Your income can be higher if you or your spouse works.
- Your resources (such as money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) should not total more than \$7,160 if you are single, or \$10,750 if you are married and living together. Some States allow you to have more. Also, your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses do not count as resources.

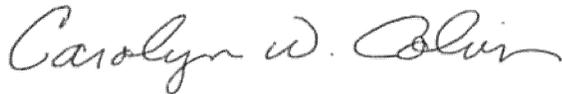
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## To Apply For Help or Ask Questions

Please call your State medical assistance (Medicaid) office to apply for the Medicare Savings Programs or get more information. You can find out how to contact your local Medicaid office at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) by selecting your State in the “Find someone to talk to” box.

Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help answer Medicare questions. You can find information about your local SHIP office on the back of your Medicare handbook and at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) under the “Find someone to talk to” box.

You also can get contact information for Medicaid and SHIP offices by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227); TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.



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