



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 through a Medicare Savings Program. Some people also may get help with their Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) costs.

Am I eligible for a Medicare Savings Program?

To get this help, your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office will need to know about your income and resources. In most cases, to be eligible:

- Your monthly income must be less than \$1,357 if you are single, or \$1,823 if you are married and living together. Some States, like 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) must not total more than \$7,280 if you are single, or \$10,930 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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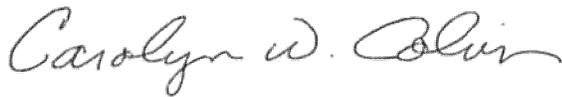
How do I apply for help?

Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office to apply for a Medicare Savings Program or get more information. You can find out how to contact your Medicaid office by visiting www.medicare.gov/contacts or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

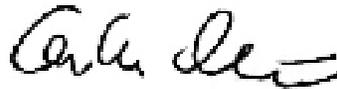
What if I have questions?

You can get answers to your Medicare questions by visiting www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) also can help answer Medicare questions. You can find out how to contact your SHIP office on the back of your *Medicare & You* handbook, or you can visit www.medicare.gov/contacts or call 1-800-MEDICARE.



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