



## You May Be Able To Save \$1,782 Or More In Medicare Costs!

If you can't afford Medicare premiums or other medical costs, you may be able to get help. **Medicare Savings Programs** may help pay Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. **Extra Help** is a Medicare program that may help pay Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) deductibles, premiums, and copayments. You need to enroll in Medicare Part D to get Extra Help.

### Easy Enrollment

If you file an application for Extra Help, you may not have to file a separate application to get help from your state. Social Security will send information to your state that they will use to start your application for a Medicare Savings Program. Social Security won't send information if your Extra Help application shows you're not interested in Medicare Savings Programs.

### Are You Eligible For A Medicare Savings Program?

To qualify for a Medicare Savings Program, your monthly income and total resources (like money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) must be at or below the amounts shown in this table:

Medicare Savings Programs	
2021 Monthly Income Limit*	
Single	Married (living together)
\$1,469	\$1,980
2021 Total Resource Limit**	
Single	Married (living together)
\$7,970	\$11,960

\* The income limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii. Many states allow you to have more income than the figures listed above. If you or your spouse work, some of your earned income won't be counted in determining your eligibility.

\*\* Some states allow you to have more resources and some states may have no resource limit at all. Your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses **don't count** as resources.

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## How To Apply For Medicare Savings Programs or Ask Questions

Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office to apply for a Medicare Savings Program. Visit **Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone** to get the phone number for your state Medicaid office. First, choose your state under “**What state do you live in?**” Then, select “**Other insurance programs,**” and find the state Medicaid program on the list. You can also call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY 1-877-486-2048)** to get the phone number for your state Medicaid office.

Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help answer any Medicare questions you may have. To get the phone number for your local SHIP office, visit **shiptacenter.org** or look in your “Medicare & You” handbook. For more information about Medicare, please visit **Medicare.gov** or call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY 1-877-486-2048)**.

### Are You Eligible For Extra Help?

To qualify for Extra Help, your yearly income and total resources (like money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) must be at or below the amounts shown in this table:

Extra Help Program	
2021 <u>Yearly</u> Income Limit*	
Single	Married (living together)
\$19,320	\$26,130
2021 <u>Total Resource</u> Limit**	
Single	Married (living together)
\$14,790	\$29,520

\* The income limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii. If you or your spouse work, or support other family members who live with you, you may qualify for benefits even if your income is higher than the amounts shown above.

\*\* Your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses **don't count** as resources.

### How To Apply For Extra Help or Ask Questions

Apply for Extra Help at **ssa.gov/extrahelp** or call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)** to get an application. To apply for Extra Help at your local Social Security office, visit **ssa.gov/locator** to get the address and telephone number for your local office.

To get more information about Medicare drug plans, visit **Medicare.gov** or call **1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048)**.

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