



Part D Extra Help

A Medicare Scholar Presentation



What is Extra Help?

National program for Medicare beneficiaries to receive financial assistance paying monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and copayments on their Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

Qualifications

- Must have Medicare Part A and/or Part B
- Have limited **income** and **resources**
- Reside in one of the 50 state or the District of Columbia

Resource Limits

- Resources must be limited to **\$14,790** for an individual, or **\$29,520** for a married couple living together
- Resources include the value of the things you own, for example:
 - Real estate (other than your primary residence)
 - Bank accounts
 - Stocks & mutual funds
 - Bonds, including U.S. Savings Bonds
 - Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)
 - Cash at home or anywhere else

Resource Limits

What does not count as a resource?

- Your primary residence
- Your personal possessions
- Your vehicle(s)
- Resources you couldn't easily convert to cash, such as jewelry or home furnishings
- Property you need for self-support, such as rental property or land you use to grow produce for home consumption
- Non-business property essential to your self-support
- Life insurance policies
- Burial expenses
- Interest earned on money you plan to use for burial expenses

Resource Limits

Certain other money you are holding is not counted for nine months, such as:

- Retroactive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments
- Housing assistance
- Tax advances and refunds related to earned income tax credits and child tax credits
- Restitution as a crime victim
- Relocation assistance from a state or local government

Income Limits

- Your annual income must be limited to **\$19,320** for an individual or **\$26,130** for a married couple living together
- What doesn't count as income?
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps)
 - Housing assistance
 - Home energy assistance
 - Medical treatment and drugs
 - Disaster assistance
 - Earned income tax credit payments
 - Assistance from others to pay your household expenses
 - Restitution payments
 - Scholarships and education grants



Extra Help Benefits

- Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$5,000 per year
- Helps cover:
 - Monthly Premiums
 - Late Enrollment Penalties
 - Annual Deductibles
 - Prescription Copayments or Coinsurance
 - Coverage Gap

Premium Subsidy - Individual

Individual Resources	Individual Income	Amount of Premium Subsidy
\$7,970 or less	At or below \$17,388	100%
\$7,970.01 to \$13,290	At or below \$17,388	100%
\$13,290 or less	More than \$17,388 to \$18,032	75%
\$13,290 or less	More than \$18,032 to \$18,676	50%
\$13,290 or less	More than \$18,676 to \$19,320	25%

Premium Subsidy - Married

Married Resources	Married Income	Amount of Premium Subsidy
\$11,960 or less	At or below \$23,517	100%
\$11,960.01 to \$26,520	At or below \$23,517	100%
\$26,520 or less	\$23,517 to \$24,388	75%
\$26,520 or less	\$24,388 to \$25,259	50%
\$26,520 or less	\$25,259 to \$26,130	25%



Premium Subsidy

Based on your state's "benchmark premium"

Examples:

- 100% premium subsidy in New York will pay up to \$42.43 per month in 2022
- 100% premium subsidy in Texas will pay up to \$25.10 per month in 2022

Late Enrollment Penalty

- Any Medicare beneficiary that owes a Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) for their Part D benefits, and qualifies for Extra Help, will have the penalty waived as long as they remain eligible for Extra Help
- The penalty is waived regardless of their level of premium subsidy

Deductible Help

- Based on income and resource levels, you may qualify for 100% deductible coverage, or have it reduced to a maximum of \$99

	Income Limit	Resource Limit	Deductible
Individual	Up to \$17,388	Up to \$7,970	\$0
Individual	Up to \$19,320	Up to \$13,290	\$99 maximum
Married	Up to \$23,517	Up to \$11,960	\$0
Married	Up to \$26,130	Up to \$26,520	\$99 maximum

Prescription Cost Help

- Based on income, resources, and Medicaid status, your copays for covered medications may be reduced for a 30-day supply

Generic/Preferred Multi-Source Copay	Other Drug Copay
\$1.35	\$4.00
\$3.95	\$9.85
15%	15%

Your copays remain the same throughout the Coverage Gap

Signing Up for Extra Help

- Online – ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp (fastest method)
- Through local Social Security office
- Call Social Security at 800-772-1213
- Be prepared to provide financial information including all sources of income, checking & savings amounts, stock, bonds, mutual funds, etc.
- Approval process can take up to 30 days



Questions?



Thank You For
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