



# Medicare Low-Income Subsidy

## Medicare Extra Help Program

Eligible beneficiaries who have limited income may qualify for a government program that helps pay for Medicare Part D prescription drug costs.

Medicare beneficiaries receiving the low-income subsidy (LIS) get assistance in paying for their Part D monthly premium, annual deductible, coinsurance, and copayments. Also, individuals enrolled in the Extra Help program do not have a gap in prescription drug coverage. The amount of subsidy depends on the individual's income compared to the Federal Poverty Level and resource limitations set by the Social Security Act.

You may qualify for the low-income subsidy available under Medicare Part D if:

- Your annual income and assets are below the eligibility thresholds. The Medicare Extra Help program eligibility limits may change from year to year.

To apply for the Medicare low-income subsidy, simply fill out an “Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs” (SSA-1020) form with Social Security. You can apply and submit this form by:

- Applying online at **[www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp)**.
- Calling Social Security at **[1-800-772-1213](tel:1-800-772-1213)** (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and requesting an application be mailed to you or applying over the phone. Social Security representatives are available by phone Monday through Friday, from 7AM to 7PM.
- Applying in person at your local Social Security office.

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