Save on your Medicare drug costs with Extra Help

Extra Help is a program that covers Medicare drug coverage (Part D) costs for people who have limited income and resources.

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Will I qualify for Extra Help?

You might qualify if you meet all of these conditions:

- You live in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.
- Your annual income is below $22,590 for an individual, or $30,660 for a married couple. (Income limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii.)
- Your resources are below $17,220 for an individual, or $34,360 for a married couple.
  - Resources include money in a checking, savings, or retirement account, stocks, and bonds.
  - Resources don’t include your home, personal items, one car, burial plots, up to $1,500 for burial expenses if you’ve put that money aside, furniture, and other household and personal items.

How Extra Help works

- You need to have Medicare drug coverage to use Extra Help.
- Once you qualify for Extra Help, Medicare will enroll you in a drug plan where you’ll pay $0 for your premium and deductible.
- You can choose another drug plan, but you may pay more if the plan you choose doesn’t offer a $0 premium and deductible for people with Extra Help.

How do I apply for Extra Help?

You might qualify automatically for Extra Help, but if you don’t, it’s easy to apply:

- Visit Social Security online at SSA.gov/extrahelp.
- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

After you apply, Social Security will send you a letter to let you know if you qualify.

To learn more, visit Medicare.gov/extrahelp, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.