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You May Be Able To Save \$1,608 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 (Part D) deductibles, premiums, and copayments. You need to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan to get Extra Help.

If you file an application for Extra Help, you don't have to file a separate application to get help from your State. Social Security will send information to your State to find out if you qualify 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.

Am I 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	
2017 <u>Monthly</u> Income Limit *	
Single	Married (living together)
\$1,377	\$1,847
2017 <u>Total</u> Resource Limit **	
Single	Married (living together)
\$7,390	\$11,090

(over)

How do I Apply for Medicare Savings Programs?

Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office to get more information and apply for a Medicare Savings Program. To get the number for your State Medicaid office, visit Medicare.gov/contacts or call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**. TTY users can call **1-877-486-2048**.

Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help answer Medicare questions. To get the phone number for your SHIP office, see the back of your Medicare & You handbook, visit shiptacenter.org or call **1-800-MEDICARE**.

Am I 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	
2017 <u>Yearly</u> Income Limit*	
Single	Married (living together)
\$18,090	\$24,360
2017 <u>Total</u> Resource Limit**	
Single	Married (living together)
\$13,820	\$27,600

* Some States, like Alaska and Hawaii, allow you to have more income. If you or your spouse work, you may qualify for benefits even if your income is higher than the amounts shown above.

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

How do I apply for Extra Help?

Apply for Extra Help at socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp or call **1-800-772-1213** to get an application. TTY users can call **1-800-325-0778**. You can also apply at your local Social Security office. To get the address for your local Social Security office, visit socialsecurity.gov/locator online.

Get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans, visit Medicare.gov or call **1-800-MEDICARE**.

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