



# Need help with medication costs?

MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES CAN APPLY FOR **EXTRA HELP**

## 1 What is Extra Help?

If you have Medicare drug coverage, you may be eligible for financial support through the **Extra Help** program. It helps people with limited income and resources pay for prescription drugs.

Extra Help eliminates premiums and deductibles and limits co-payments and other out-of-pocket costs for people who qualify. You can get Extra Help no matter where you live in the United States.\*

## 2 Do I qualify for Extra Help?

You are eligible for Extra Help if you meet certain income and resource limits.

Your status	Your annual income	Resources you own
Individual	Up to \$22,590	Up to \$17,220
Married couple	Up to \$30,660	Up to \$34,360

Resources include your checking, savings, investments and retirement accounts. They don't include things like your home, car or other possessions.

## 3 What does Extra Help pay for?

It pays for a broad range of medications on the list of drugs covered by your Medicare Part D plan. Extra Help doesn't cover medications you must get at a hospital, doctor's office or other medical setting.

With Extra Help, you will pay **\$0 toward premiums or deductibles**. Your co-payments will be capped at \$4.50 for generic medicines and \$11.20 for brand-name medicines.

## 4 Who pays for Extra Help?

Extra Help is a program from the federal government. The program expanded in 2024 to make more people eligible.

## How to Apply and Learn More

It's surprisingly easy to apply. There are three ways.

- ▶ Go to [ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help](https://ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help)
- ▶ Call **1-800-772-1213**. For TTY users, call **1-800-325-0778**
- ▶ Apply in person at a **Social Security office**

\* Qualification income limits are higher in Alaska (individual \$28,215, married couple \$38,310) and Hawaii (individual \$25,965, married couple \$35,250). Please note that Extra Help isn't available in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands or American Samoa.

