

Medicare Extra Help (low income subsidy)

What is Medicare Extra Help?

A program offered by the government through Medicare to **make medications more affordable** for patients on a limited income. The program works with the current Medicare Part D (PDP) or Medicare Advantage (MAPD) you are enrolled in. If you are NOT enrolled in a Medicare PDP or MAPD you will be automatically enrolled in a PDP if you apply and are approved for Medicare Extra Help

Who qualifies for Extra Help?

The program is offered to those on Medicare and with limited income.

Number of persons in home	Income threshold	Resource limit
1	\$23,475	\$17,600
2 (married couple)	\$31,725	\$35,130

Resources include:

- Money in checking savings or retirement account
- Stocks and Bonds

What does **NOT** count as resources:

- Your home
- One car
- Burial plot or up to \$1,500 in burial expenses
- Furniture
- Other personal household items

What will my medications cost if I am enrolled in Extra Help?

Monthly premium	\$0
Annual deductible	\$0
Generic drugs	\$4.90 each per month
Brand name drugs	\$12.15 each per month

How do I apply?

You can apply online through Medicare.gov and direct link: <https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start>

- It is **FREE to apply** and there are a short series of questions you will answer
 - You will need to know how much you receive monthly through social security, how much money you have in your bank account, monthly costs, and whether or not you own real estate or have dependents
- No documentation is required to submit the application
 - If additional information is required you will be contacted directly