

Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Cost

Also known as Low Income Subsidy (LIS)



Extra Help (LIS) is a federal program administered by the Social Security Administration that helps you pay for some, or most, of the out-of-pocket costs of Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage). If you are eligible for Extra Help (LIS), you will not be subject to any Late Enrollment Penalty. You will have an ongoing Special Enrollment Period that allows you to change your Medicare Part D plan outside of the Annual Enrollment Period.

Eligibility Requirements

- Entitled to or enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or Medicare Part B
- File an application and be determined eligible
- Be automatically enrolled in the program

You automatically qualify for Extra Help if:

- You have full benefit Medicaid
- You receive help from the state paying your Medicare Part B premiums
- You get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits

Income:

- See chart below for income limits
- Income Sources: Social Security benefits, retirement benefits, VA, child support, maintenance, alimony, earnings from work, or self-employment income
- Even if your income is higher, you may still be able to get some help if you support other family members who live with you or if you have earnings from work

How to apply:

- Online at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp
- Call SSA at (888) 862-4811 (local) or (800) 772-1213 (national)
- In person at your local SSA office:
1561 Dousman St. Green Bay

Resources:

- See chart below for resource limits
- Types of resources: bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRA, real estate other than your home
- Resource not counted: your home, car, life insurance policies, \$1,500 per person for burial expenses

Monthly Income Limits*	Resource Limit**	Monthly Premium	Annual Deductible	Co-Pays
Single < \$1,304.17/mo Couple < \$1,762.50/mo	Single < \$2,000 Couple < \$3,000	\$0 (in specified plans)	\$0	Generic: \$1.60 Brand: \$4.80
Single < \$1,956.26/mo Couple < \$2,643.75/mo	Single < \$16,100 Couple < \$32,130	\$0 (in specified plans)	\$0	Generic: \$4.90 Brand: \$12.15

Income limits reflect threshold with the \$20 monthly income disregard. *Income limits effective 2/1/2025

**Resource limits effective 1/1/2025 and do not include the \$1,500 per person burial expenses.

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