

EXTRA HELP is a federal program that lowers your Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Part D monthly premiums
- Deductibles
- Co-insurance

You can apply anytime for Extra Help before or after you enroll in a Medicare Part D plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan.

You may qualify if you have limited income and assets.

See income/asset chart inside of brochure.

If you qualify for Extra Help, you'll pay:

\$0 for your Medicare drug plan premium and deductible.

A reduced amount for both generic and brand name drugs.

There is a \$20 income disregard (Factored into the income limits) that the Social Security Administration automatically subtracts from your monthly unearned income.



Senior Health Insurance Information Program

Call 1-800-224-6330

VISIT:

Medicare Savings Program

<https://access.arkansas.gov/Learn/Home>

Extra Help

<https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help>

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2026 Medicare EXTRA HELP



The Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy, sometimes referred to as (LIS) or Extra Help assists people with limited incomes and resources when paying for their prescriptions.

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Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)/Extra Help (2026) - 48 STATES + DC

Beneficiary Group	Annual Income Eligibility Requirement	Monthly Income Eligibility Requirement	Asset Eligibility Requirement	Need to apply for LIS?	Monthly Premium	Annual Deductible	Copay/Coinsurance Plan's Formulary Drugs
Full-Benefits Duals: Institutionalized or receiving Home and Community-based Services	Meet State Medicaid financial eligibility	Meet State Medicaid financial eligibility	Meet State Medicaid financial eligibility	No, receive it automatically	No	No	None
Full-Benefit Duals: income ≤ 100% FPL	Meet State Medicaid/MSP financial eligibility	Meet State Medicaid/MSP financial eligibility	Meet State Medicaid/MSP financial eligibility	No, receive it automatically	No	No	<i>Copay: \$1.60 generic /\$4.90 brand</i> <i>Catastrophic Copay: \$0</i>
Full-Benefit Duals: income > 100% FPL	Meet State Medicaid/MSP financial eligibility	Meet State Medicaid/MSP financial eligibility	Meet State Medicaid/MSP financial eligibility	No, receive it automatically	No	No	<i>Copay: \$5.10 generic /\$12.65 brand</i> <i>Catastrophic Copay: \$0</i>
Non duals with income between ≤ 150% FPL	Single: \$24,180* Couple: \$32,700*	Single: \$2,015* Couple: \$2,725*	Single: \$16,590 / \$18,090** Couple: \$33,100 / \$36,100**	Yes	No	No	<i>Coinsurance: 0%</i> <i>Copay: \$5.10 generic /\$12.65 brand</i> <i>Catastrophic Copay: \$0</i>

* Income amounts reflect threshold with the \$20 monthly income disregard (annually = \$240); income is rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

** Asset limits include amount with \$1,500/person burial allowance.

Income Levels Source: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Asset/Resource Levels: <https://www.cms.gov/about-cms/contact/newsroom>

Part D Cost-Sharing Source: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2026-announcement.pdf>

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