



Do you need **extra help** with Medicare prescription costs?

If you are a Medicare Part D beneficiary struggling with the cost of prescription drugs, you may qualify for assistance from Extra Help. Extra Help is a subsidy that offsets the cost of prescription drugs

on your Medicare Part D plan. If your resources are below a certain threshold, you may qualify for assistance. Extra Help is worth about \$5,300 per year for each beneficiary.

Go to www.ssa.gov/extrahelp or call Social Security at 800-772-1213 for more information and to apply.

Be sure to have financial documents (bank statements, tax returns, social security statements, etc.) ready when you call.

The **Extra Help** program assists people with limited resources and lower incomes in paying for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Receiving Extra Help with your Medicare Part D can:

- Eliminate the Medicare Part D late enrollment penalty.
- Reduce your out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs.
- Eliminate your monthly Medicare Part D premiums.
- Reduce or eliminate your annual Medicare Part D deductible.
- Eliminate the coverage gap, also known as the donut hole.

With **Extra Help**, each generic prescription costs no more than \$4.15, and each brand-name prescription does not cost more than \$10.35.

There are two financial criteria for Extra Help. The first is income. The second is based on your resources. You are potentially eligible if:

- Your income is below \$20,385 for an individual or \$27,465 if you are married. If your annual income is higher, you may still be able to get some help if you support other family members who live with you or have earnings from work.

- Your combined savings, investments, and real estate are not worth more than \$16,660 for an individual or \$33,240 if you are married and living with your spouse. Do not count your home, vehicles, personal possessions, life insurance, burial plots, irrevocable burial contracts or back payments from Social Security or SSI.

If you are eligible for Medicaid or any of the following Medicare savings programs, you automatically qualify.

- Qualified Medicare beneficiary (QMB)
- Specified low-income Medicare beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualifying individual (QI)

If you have questions about this program or need assistance, please contact your Adena primary care provider's office to speak with a patient care coordinator.

