



SOCIAL SECURITY



How to Get Help With Your Medicare Costs

We are writing to let you know how you can get help paying your Medicare costs. You may be able to get help paying your Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums and other expenses. Some people also get help with their Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) costs.

The Medicare Savings Programs

The Medicare Savings Programs can help with Medicare costs like your monthly Part B premiums. To get this help:

- Your monthly income should be less than \$1,246 if you are single, or \$1,675 if you are married and living together. Some States, such as Alaska or Hawaii, allow you to have more income. You can also have more income if you or your spouse works.
- Your resources (such as money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) should not total more than \$6,680 if you are single, or \$10,020 if you are married and living together. Some States allow you to have more resources. Also, your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses do not count as resources.

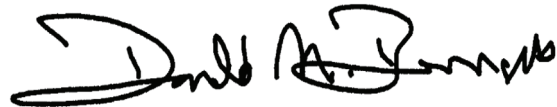
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To Apply For Help or Ask Questions

To apply for Medicare Savings Programs, call your State medical assistance (Medicaid) office. If you need the office's phone number or information about Medicare programs, call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**. TTY users may call 1-877-486-2048. You also may visit www.medicare.gov on the Internet. Your State Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (SHIP) also can help answer Medicare questions. The contact information for your local SHIP is on the back of your *Medicare & You* handbook and online at www.medicare.gov/contacts/organization-search-criteria.aspx.



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