



## You May Be Able To Save \$1,608 Or More In Medicare Costs!

If you can't afford Medicare premiums or other medical costs, you may be able to get help. Medicare Savings Programs may help pay Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. Extra Help is a Medicare program that may help pay Medicare prescription drug (Part D) deductibles, premiums, and copayments. You need to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan to get Extra Help.

If you file an application for Extra Help, you don't have to file a separate application to get help from your state. Social Security will send information to your state to find out if you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program. Social Security won't send information if your Extra Help application shows you're not interested in Medicare Savings Programs.

### Am I Eligible For A Medicare Savings Program?

To qualify for a Medicare Savings Program, your monthly income and total resources (like money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) must be at or below the amounts shown in this table:

Medicare Savings Programs	
2018 <u>Monthly</u> Income Limit*	
Single	Married (living together)
\$1,386	\$1,872
2018 <u>Total</u> Resource Limit**	
Single	Married (living together)
\$7,560	\$11,340

\* The income limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii. Many states allow you to have more income than the figures listed above. If you or your spouse work, some of your earned income will not be counted in determining your eligibility.

\*\* Some states allow you to have more resources. Your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses **don't count** as resources.

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## How Do I Apply For Medicare Savings Programs?

Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office to get more information and apply for a Medicare Savings Program. To get the number for your State Medicaid office, visit [Medicare.gov/contacts](https://www.medicare.gov/contacts). **First, choose your state under “Choose your location for contact information,” and then, under “Choose an organization OR topic of interest,” select “State Medicaid Assistance Office” at the bottom of the list of options, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).** TTY users can call **1-877-486-2048**.

Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help answer Medicare questions. To get the phone number for your SHIP office, see the back of your Medicare & You handbook, visit [shiptacenter.org](https://www.shiptacenter.org) or call **1-800-MEDICARE**.

### Am I Eligible For Extra Help?

To qualify for Extra Help, your yearly income and total resources (like money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) must be at or below the amounts shown in this table:

Extra Help Program	
2018 <u>Yearly</u> Income Limit*	
Single	Married (living together)
\$18,210	\$24,690
2018 <u>Total</u> Resource Limit**	
Single	Married (living together)
\$14,100	\$28,150

\* The income limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii. If you or your spouse work, or support other family members who live with you, you may qualify for benefits even if your income is higher than the amounts shown above.

\*\* Your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses **don't count** as resources.

### How Do I Apply For Extra Help?

Apply for Extra Help at [socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp) or call **1-800-772-1213** to get an application. TTY users can call **1-800-325-0778**. You can also apply at your local Social Security office. To get the address for your local Social Security office, visit [socialsecurity.gov/locator](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/locator) online.

Get more information about Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or call **1-800-MEDICARE**.

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