

Get help with your prescription costs

Do you have a Medicare prescription drug plan? If so, you may be able to get lower copays on your prescriptions. The government-funded Extra Help program helps to reduce patient copays to range from \$0 to \$10.35 depending on your income level and available resources. Benefits are estimated to be worth about \$5,300 per year in drug coverage, according to the Social Security Administration.

Am I eligible for the Extra Help program?

You may qualify for Extra Help if you meet all of the following:

- ✓ A Medicare prescription drug plan
- ✓ Limited resources or assets (bank accounts, stocks, and bonds)
- ✓ Income guidelines based on household size

If you have Medicare and Medicaid prescription drug coverage (Dual Eligible), you may already be enrolled!

How do I apply for the Extra Help program?

Choose one of these three ways to apply:

- 1 Apply online at SSA.gov/Medicare/Part-D-Extra-Help.
- 2 Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY number **1-800-325-0778**) for a paper application or to make an appointment. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST. Tell the representative that you want to apply for the Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs.
- 3 Visit your local Social Security office.

How will I know if my application is approved?

After you apply, Social Security will review your application and send a letter to let you know if you qualify for Extra Help.



What documents and/or information do I need to apply?

- ✓ Social Security card
- ✓ Bank account statements, including checking, savings, and certificates of deposit
- ✓ Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), stocks, bonds, mutual funds, other investment statements
- ✓ Tax returns
- ✓ Payroll slips
- ✓ Most recent Social Security benefits award letters or statements for retirement benefits, pensions, and annuities



Please talk to your social worker for assistance with the application process.