

**Medicare Savings Programs pay for Medicare Part A, Part B and/or Part D premiums, deductibles, and copayments.**

How do I know if I qualify for a Medicare Savings Program?

If you can answer YES to the following 3 questions, you should apply for public funding to pay your Medicare premiums.

1. Do you have Medicare Part A, also known as hospital insurance?
2. Are your resources at or below **\$7,730** for an individual or **\$11,600** for a married couple? Resources include money in a checking, savings or CD account, stocks and bonds. When you count your resources don't include the house you live in, your car or household items.
3. Is your income at or below the income limits listed in the table below?

Medicare Savings Programs	Individual Monthly Income Limit	Married Couple Monthly Income Limit	The Medicare Savings Program may Pay you:
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary-QMB	\$1041	\$1,409	Part A, Part B, and Part D Premiums, copayments, deductibles and coinsurance.
Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary-LMB	\$1,249	\$1,691	Part B premium
Expanded Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary-ELMB	\$1,405	\$1,902	Part B Premium

**WILL THE STATE TAKE MY HOME IF I APPLY FOR MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM?**

**NO.**

Your home and your assets will not be touched by the state if you only receive public funding from the Medicare Savings Program. For more information, questions, or to apply for a Medicare Savings Program, call the KanCare Clearinghouse at 1-800-792-4884

**The paper application is available for download at**

<http://www.kancare.ks.gov/consumers/apply-for-kancare>

## Extra Help

If you have Medicare and need assistance with the cost of prescriptions, Extra Help is available. Extra Help is a program administered by the Social Security Administration that assists with the cost of Medicare Part D drug plan premiums, co-pays, co-insurances and deductibles. It can even reduce the cost of your prescriptions to \$8.60 for name brand drugs and \$3.40 in 2019 for generic drugs if your income qualifies. If you are eligible for Extra Help, you could save approximately \$4000 per year and completely avoid the donut hole. You may be allowed to have more income if you have family that resides with you that you provide at least half your income to help support. You can apply for Extra Help at any time during the year, you do not have to wait until open enrollment. When you apply for Extra Help, the Social Security Administration will automatically send your application information to the state to apply for a Medicare Savings Program \* unless you choose to opt out.

Extra Help	Single	Married
Income Guidelines: Includes Social Security, veterans pensions, work income and retirement pensions	\$18,735/year or \$1,561/month	\$25,365/year or \$2,114/month
Asset Guidelines: Includes checking, savings, retirement accounts, IRA's, and CD's	Total no more than \$14,390	Total no more than \$28,720

\*See reverse side for information about the Medicare Savings Program

For more information, questions, or to apply for Extra Help, call or visit your local Social Security Administration office.

Call **1-800-772-1213** for the nearest Social Security office or to apply over the phone.

You may also apply online at [www.ssa.gov/extrahelp](http://www.ssa.gov/extrahelp)

You can also contact a **SHICK counselor** at **1-800-860-5260**