

Do You Have Medicare Part D?

# You May Be Eligible for Medicare Extra Help With Prescription Drug Costs

Here's what you should know.

## What Is Extra Help?

Extra Help is a program to help eligible people pay Medicare Part D prescription drug costs, including premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.<sup>1</sup>

## What Do People Enrolled in Extra Help Pay in 2026?\*

People enrolled in Extra Help pay:

**\$0** monthly premium

**\$0** annual deductible



**Up to  
\$12.65**

per brand name  
prescription drug†



**Up to  
\$5.10**

per generic  
prescription drug†

## Are There Income and Asset Limits for Extra Help?¹

Below are the Medicare Extra Help income and resource limits for 2025 that the Social Security Administration uses to determine eligibility. These limits may change each year.

	Income	Assets
Single	\$23,475	\$17,600
Married	\$31,725	\$35,130

Even if your yearly income is higher than what is shown above, you may still qualify for Extra Help if you or your spouse support other family members who live with you.<sup>2</sup>

\*No more than \$2100 in out-of-pocket costs for the entire year, including certain payments made on your behalf, like through the Extra Help program.<sup>1</sup>

†Rates apply when filling a prescription at one of your plan's participating pharmacies.<sup>1</sup>



## Am I Eligible for Extra Help?<sup>3†</sup>



### You must

be enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan to get Extra Help



### You must

live in 1 of the 50 states or the District of Columbia



### You must

have limited income and resources that meet the eligibility requirements

*If you are interested in applying for Extra Help, don't wait.*

## How Do I Apply?<sup>3</sup>



### Online

Visit the Social Security Administration website at [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov)



### In Person

Visit your local Social Security office.



### By Phone

Call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 to start the application process or request a paper application.

***For more information about Extra Help:***

***Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov)***

***Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit [medicare.gov](https://medicare.gov)***

<sup>†</sup>When you apply for Extra Help, the Social Security Administration will determine your eligibility for the program and whether you qualify for assistance.

**References:** 1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Help with drug costs. Accessed December 16, 2025. <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>. 2. Medicare. Medicare's Extra Help Program. Accessed January 6, 2026. <https://www.medicare.gov/publications/12203-medicare-extra-help-program.pdf>. 3. Social Security. Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. Accessed December 16, 2025. <https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start>.

