

Saving on health care costs

If you have Medicare and your income and resources are below certain limits, you may be eligible for programs that can help save you money on your health care and drug costs.

- **You may still qualify for some of these programs, even if your income or resources are higher than the limits listed.** Some states have different rules about what income and resources count, or have higher limits.
- You may be eligible for more than one program.

The limits listed are for 2024. They can change every year.

Program	Am I eligible?	How to apply
<p>Medicaid: A joint federal and state program that gives health coverage to low-income people, children, pregnant people, elderly adults, and people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Each state has different income and resource limits. Contact your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office to find out if you're eligible.</p>	<p>Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office. Visit Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu to find your state's Medicaid office.</p>
<p>Extra Help: A Medicare program that helps pay your Medicare drug costs (Part D).</p> <p>Extra Help isn't available if you live in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or American Samoa. There are other programs available in these areas to help people with limited income and resources.</p>	<p>You're eligible if you make less than \$22,590 per year and you have \$17,220 or less in resources (make less than \$30,660 per year and have \$34,360 or less in resources for married couples). Income limits are higher for people who live in Alaska and Hawaii.</p> <p>You automatically qualify for Extra Help if eligible for Medicaid, QMB, SLMB, QI (find these Medicare Savings Programs below), or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).</p>	<p>If you don't automatically qualify, visit secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start to apply or find out if you do. You can also apply with your state's Medicaid office.</p>

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<p>Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program (a Medicare Savings Program): Covers your Medicare premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. You may also qualify for Extra Help paying for your Medicare drug costs (Part D).</p>	<p>Yes, if you make less than \$1,275 per month and have \$9,430 or less in resources.</p> <p>Yes, if you're in a married couple making less than \$1,724 per month and have \$14,130 or less in resources.</p>	<p>Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office. Visit Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu to find your state's Medicaid office.</p>
<p>Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program (a Medicare Savings Program): Covers your Medicare Part B premium. You may also qualify for Extra Help paying for your Medicare drug costs (Part D).</p>	<p>Yes, if you make less than \$1,526 per month and have \$9,430 or less in resources.</p> <p>Yes, if you're in a married couple making less than \$2,064 per month and have \$14,130 or less in resources.</p>	<p>Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office. Visit Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu to find your state's Medicaid office.</p>
<p>Qualifying Individual (QI) Program (a Medicare Savings Program): Covers your Medicare Part B premium. States approve applications on a first-come, first-served basis. You may also qualify for Extra Help paying for your Medicare drug costs (Part D).</p>	<p>Yes, if you make less than \$1,715 per month and have \$9,430 or less in resources.</p> <p>Yes, if you're in a married couple making less than \$2,320 per month and have \$14,130 or less in resources.</p>	<p>Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office. Visit Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu to find your state's Medicaid office.</p>
<p>Qualified Disabled & Working Individual (QDWI) Program (a Medicare Savings Program): Covers your Medicare Part A premiums under certain circumstances if you're disabled and working.</p>	<p>Yes, if you're under 65, disabled, and no longer entitled to premium-free Part A because you successfully returned to work.</p> <p>To qualify, you need to make less than \$5,105 per month and have no more than \$4,000 in resources (less than \$6,899 per month and no more than \$6,000 in resources for married couples).</p>	<p>Call your State Medical Assistance (Medicaid) office. Visit Medicaid.gov/about-us/beneficiary-resources/index.html#statemenu to find your state's Medicaid office.</p>

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<p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI): Monthly payments if you have a disability or blindness, and income and resources below specific limits. SSI also gives payments if you're 65 and older without disabilities but have limited income and resources.</p> <p>SSI isn't available if you live in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa.</p>	<p>You're eligible if you're blind, 65 or older, or have a disability, and have limited income and resources.</p> <p>Visit ssabest.benefits.gov and use the "Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool" to find out if you're eligible for SSI or other benefits.</p>	<p>Visit SSA.gov/ssi.</p>
<p>Medicare's Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (LI NET) Program: A Medicare program that gives temporary Part D prescription drug coverage if you have low income and you're not already in a Medicare drug plan.</p>	<p>You're eligible if you qualify for Extra Help and you're not already in a Medicare drug plan.</p>	<p>Humana administers the LI NET program for Medicare. Visit humana.com/member/medicare-linet-beneficiary-resources or call the LI NET help desk at 1-800-783-1307 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Eastern time (ET). TTY users can call 711.</p>
<p>State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP): May include coverage for your Medicare drug plan premiums and/or cost sharing. SPAP contributions may count toward your Medicare drug coverage out-of-pocket limit.</p>	<p>Your eligibility depends on each program's specific rules.</p>	<p>Visit go.medicare.gov/spap.</p>
<p>Manufacturer's Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs, sometimes called Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs): Assistance from drug manufacturers if you have Medicare drug coverage.</p>	<p>Your eligibility depends on each program's specific rules.</p>	<p>Visit go.medicare.gov/pap.</p>

For more information about getting help with costs, visit [Medicare.gov/basics/costs/help](https://www.Medicare.gov/basics/costs/help), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.



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