

Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) or Extra Help fact sheet

What is it?

The Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) or Extra Help program is a federal program that helps Medicare eligible beneficiaries with limited income and resources pay for prescription medications and other Part D related costs. The program is administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) who determines eligibility and processes applications.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for Extra Help, a beneficiary's yearly income must be less than 150% of the federal poverty level and total resources must be at or below the amounts shown below.

2024 Yearly Income Limit	Individual	Married
Yearly Gross Income	\$22,590	\$30,660
Monthly Gross Income	\$1,882	\$2,555
2024 Resource Limits	Individual	Married
Full Subsidy	\$15,720/\$17,220*	\$31,360/\$34,360*

Beneficiaries automatically qualify for Extra Help if they fall into one of the categories below:

- ✓ Full Medicaid coverage
- ✓ Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ✓ Help from your state paying your Part B premiums (Medicare Savings Program)



If a beneficiary has qualified for this year, they may not qualify for next year. If a beneficiary no longer qualifies for "Extra Help," he or she will receive a notice in the mail from SSA by the end of September on the final year of qualification.

Beneficiaries that qualify will pay:

- ✓ No deductibles
- ✓ No premiums for Part D drug plans
- ✓ No more than \$11.20 in 2024 for each brand-name drug the plan covers (\$4.50 for generic medications)
- ✓ No Part D late enrollment penalty, if applicable

LIS Level	Cost in the Initial Coverage stage up to Out-of-Pocket Threshold (\$8,000)			Cost above Out-of-Pocket Threshold (formerly known as Catastrophic Coverage)
	Deductible	Generic	Brand	
LIS 3: Full-Benefit Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Institutionalized or Receiving Home and Community-Based Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LIS 2: Full-Benefit Dual Eligible Beneficiaries with income ≤ 100% FPL	\$0	\$1.55	\$4.60	
LIS 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-Benefit Dual Eligible Beneficiaries with income between 100% and 150% FPL • Non-Full Benefit Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Applied or are eligible for Medicare Savings Program (QMB-only, SLMB-only, or QI); or Supplemental Security Income (but not Medicaid) • Non-Full Benefit Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Applied and with income ≤ 150% FPL with resources ≤ \$15,720/\$17,220* (\$31,360/\$34,360* if married) 	\$0	\$4.50	\$11.20	
<i>As of January 1, 2024, the five percent prescription cost-sharing obligation in the catastrophic phase for Part D has been removed.</i>				

*The resource limits displayed include \$1,500 per person for burial expenses. For beneficiaries that did not notify SSA that they expect to use some of their resources for burial expenses, the applicable resource limit is \$15,720 (\$31,360 if married).