



Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Extra Help with Costs

An Informational Fact Sheet



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Medicare beneficiaries who are currently enrolled or preparing to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan may save on out-of-pocket costs (premiums, deductibles, and co-payments). **Extra help** is available for individuals who have limited annual incomes below \$16,245/individuals and \$21,855/couples. The table below represents the monthly income levels (based on 2009 Federal Poverty Levels) needed to become eligible for the extra help and shows the out-of-pockets costs related to each.

Out-of-Pocket Costs for 2009

Monthly Income* and Resource Limits**	Individual \$ 902 Res. \$ 8,100 or less Couples \$1,214 Res. \$12,910 or less	Individual \$1,218*** Res. \$ 8,100 or less Couples \$1,639*** Res. \$12,910 or less	Individual \$ 1,218 Res. \$12,510 or less Couples \$ 1,639 Res. \$25,010 or less	Individual \$ 1,353 Res. \$12,510 or less Couples \$ 1,821 Res. \$25,010 or less
Premium	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	25% to 75% of monthly premium (based on income)
Deductible (\$295 / year)	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	Up to \$ 60	Up to \$ 60
Coinsurance (up to \$4,350)	\$1.10 - 3.20 co-pay	\$2.40 - 6.00 co-pay	15% Coinsurance	15% Coinsurance
Catastrophic Limit (total drug costs of \$6,153)	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$2.40 – 6.00 co-pay	\$2.40 – 6.00 co-pay

* Monthly Income (figures in bold) is based on the 2009 Federal Poverty Levels.

** Resource Limits include a \$1,500 burial fund allowance. Other resources may be: bank accounts, savings, stocks, but not the home or car.

*** This column also applies to individuals without Medicaid benefits and who are enrolled in a Medicare Savings Program or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) assistance.

NOTE: If an individual has Medicare and Medicaid and is institutionalized (nursing facility or skilled nursing facility), they will have \$ 0 out-of-pocket costs.

TO APPLY: Applications may be obtained by contacting the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778); or apply online at: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp> (information also available in Spanish). Applications are also available at local offices of the Department of Children & Families.

ASSISTANCE: If you have further questions about the extra help or other insurance related issues, please feel free to contact the **SHINE** (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program by calling the Elder Helpline at **1-800-963-5337** and ask for a SHINE Counselor. Other insurance and Medicare information can be found on our website at: <http://www.floridaSHINE.org>.



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