

Medicare Advantage

Medicare’s “Extra Help” Program

Medicare provides “Extra Help” to pay prescription drug costs for people who have limited income and resources. Resources include your savings and stocks, but not your home or car. If you qualify, you get help paying for any Medicare drug plan’s monthly premium, yearly deductible and prescription copayments. This Extra Help also counts toward your out-of-pocket costs.

People with limited income and resources may qualify for Extra Help. Some people automatically qualify for Extra Help and don’t need to apply. Medicare mails a letter to people who automatically qualify for Extra Help.

If you think you may qualify for Extra Help, call Social Security to apply for the program. You may also be able to apply at your State Medical Assistance or Medicaid Office. After you apply, you will get a letter letting you know if you qualify for Extra Help and what you need to do next. Here is the contact information for the State Medicaid Office:

Medicaid, South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	
Call	888-549-0820
Write	Medicaid South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services P.O. Box 8206 Columbia, SC 29202-8206
Web Site	http://www.scdhhs.gov

Already Receiving Extra Help?

If you get Extra Help from Medicare to help pay for your Medicare prescription drug plan costs, your monthly plan premium will be lower than what it would be if you did not get Extra Help from Medicare. The amount of Extra Help you get will determine your total monthly plan premium as a member of our plan.

If you already receive Extra Help, these charts show what your monthly premium will be based on the level of Extra Help you are receiving and the plan in which you are enrolled.

Plan Name:	Medicare BlueSM (PPO) - Midlands/Upstate	
Plan Premium:	\$0.00	
	Level of Assistance	Reduced Premium Amount
	100%	\$0.00
	75%	\$0.00
	50%	\$0.00
	25%	\$0.00

Plan Name:	Medicare Blue (PPO) - Coastal/Rural	
Plan Premium:	\$59.00	
	Level of Assistance	Reduced Premium Amount
	100%	\$23.98
	75%	\$32.74
	50%	\$41.49
	25%	\$50.25

Plan Name:	Medicare BlueSM Plus (PPO) - Midlands/Upstate	
Plan Premium:	\$99.00	
	Level of Assistance	Reduced Premium Amount
	100%	\$63.98
	75%	\$72.74
	50%	\$81.49
	25%	\$90.25

Plan Name:	Medicare Blue Plus (PPO) - Coastal/Rural	
Plan Premium:	\$121.00	
	Level of Assistance	Reduced Premium Amount
	100%	\$85.98
	75%	\$94.74
	50%	\$103.49
	25%	\$112.25