

# Get help paying for Medicare

See if you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program and/or Extra Help!

## Two programs that may help you save on Medicare

If you're enrolled in Medicare, you may qualify for programs to help you save money whether you have Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan -- and applying is easy:

### 1. The Medicare Savings Programs

If you qualify, Medicare Savings Programs may cover:

- Part A premiums
- Medicare copayments
- Part B premiums
- Medicare deductibles

#### Medicare Savings Programs for help with Medicare

**Parts A & B costs** (Effective April 1, 2023)

	INCOME less than:
Single person	\$1,660 per month
	\$19,920 per year
Couple	\$2,239 per month
	\$26,868 per year

*NOTE: As of Jan. 1, 2023, there is no resource/asset test for the MSPs. This means you won't be asked to verify any resources such as bank account balances.*

### 2. Extra Help (also called Low-Income Subsidy)

If you qualify, Extra Help for Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage covers:

- Premiums
- Some copay costs
- Deductibles
- Donut hole/coverage gap

#### Extra Help for Medicare Part D (Effective February 2023)

	INCOME less than:	RESOURCES less than:
Single person	\$1,843 per month	\$16,660
	\$22,116 per year	
Couple	\$2,485 per month	\$33,240
	\$29,820 per year	

*NOTE: People who work may have even higher incomes than what these charts show. For both programs, resources do not include the home you live in and one car.*

#### Want to apply or need more information?

Call our Insurance Consumer Hotline at: 1-800-562-6900

Ask to speak with a Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) volunteer in your local county - we're a free and unbiased service.

You can also visit us on the web: [www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba](http://www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba)

#### Need help in other languages?

We have staff who speak:

- Spanish
- Filipino/Tagalog

We may have SHIBA volunteers in your local area who speak other languages in addition to English.

We also use Language Link<sup>®</sup>, a telephone interpreter service for more than 150 languages.

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## Medicare Part B preventive benefits

If you have Medicare Part B, take advantage of some of Medicare's preventive benefits with no out-of-pocket costs to you. Here are just some of the preventive services Medicare offers:

- Annual Wellness visit
- Bone mass measurements
- Breast cancer screening
- Cardiovascular screening
- Colorectal cancer screening
- Diabetes self-management training
- Flu shots
- Obesity screening and counseling
- Smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling

See [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or your Medicare & You book for a full list of preventive benefits.

**NOTE:** Additional provider tests or services could add costs. You must meet coverage criteria, so be sure to check with your medical provider for more information before you run these or other tests and services.

## About SHIBA

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