Medicare's Extra Help Program

If you have Medicare Part D—and if you meet certain low-income and asset criteria, or you have both Medicare and Medicaid—the Extra Help program can help you pay for medicine and avoid the "donut hole."

What Will I Pay at the Pharmacy With Extra Help?

Brand-name drugs \$3.70 or \$8.25

Generic drugs \$1.20 or \$3.30

Brand-name

drugs

\$8.25

Generic drugs

\$3.30

Full Extra Help

- No monthly premium
- No annual deductible
- No coverage gap or "donut hole"
- No co-pay (\$0) if you live in a nursing home

Partial Extra Help

 A sliding-scale premium based on income

- An annual deductible of \$82
- No coverage gap or "donut hole"
- Up to 15% coinsurance

Extra Help

Who qualifies for Extra Help?

You are automatically enrolled in full Extra Help if you area:

 Dual eligible (receiving both Medicare and Medicaid coverage)

OR

 A member of a Medicare Savings Program

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 Receiving Supplemental Security Income

^aEven if you don't qualify for full Extra Help, you may qualify for partial Extra Help based on income and assets.

How can I find out if I'm eligible for full or partial Extra Help?



Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213**

to apply or request a paper application



Visit www.ssa.gov/medicare/ prescriptionhelp to apply



Visit your **local Social Security office** to apply

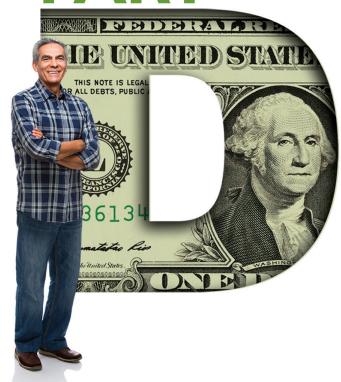
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Get more out of MEDICARE PART



Information About Medicare Part D and Your Diabetes



The 4 Parts of Medicare

Part

Includes hospital stays, nursing home/ skilled care facility, home health care, and hospice care.



Covers medically necessary doctor services, diagnostic testing, medical equipment, and other preventive care.



Offered by a health plan; combines Parts A and B and usually Part D, as well.

Part

Covers medication costs

Premiums, deductibles, covered medications, and co-pay amounts vary between plans. Your exact costs will depend on the Part D plan you choose. Therefore, it is important to carefully compare plans in your area when selecting coverage.



YOU:

Medicare Part D

2017 Annual Standard Benefit Coverage

Images represent your proportion of costs within each phase of coverage

Phase 1

Annual Deductible

100%

Your cost responsibility



Up to \$400

You may have an annual deductible before your coverage kicks in.

Phase 2

Initial Coverage Limit



Up to \$3,700

At this point, you and your Part D plan share the cost of each prescription until, together, you have paid \$3,700.

Phase 3

Coverage Gap ("Donut Hole")



Up to \$4,950

You are in the coverage gap ("donut hole") until your costs plus the manufacturers' contribution reach \$4,950.

Phase 4

Catastrophic Coverage



More than \$4,950

When catastrophic drug coverage kicks in after \$4,950, you pay \$3.30 for generics and \$8.25 for brand-name drugs, or 5% of the drug cost—whichever is higher.

Every January 1, you will automatically start back at Phase 1, no matter where you ended the previous calendar year.

Frequently Used Terms

- > **Premium:** Your premium is the amount of money you pay your health insurance company each month. If you are on Medicare, this amount is deducted from your Social Security each month.
- > **Deductible:** Your deductible is the amount of money you have to pay each year before your health insurance kicks in.
- > **Co-pay:** Your co-pay is the amount of money you have to pay out of pocket each time you receive medical care or buy prescription medications.
- **Coinsurance:** If you have coinsurance, you pay a percentage of the cost of each medical service or prescription, instead of a fixed co-pay amount.
- **Formulary:** A formulary is a list of medications that is covered by your Part D plan.
- Coverage gap: Sometimes also called the "donut hole." During this phase, you may have to pay more for your prescriptions until you reach the next coverage phase.