

Did You Know You May Be Eligible for “Extra Help” with Prescription Drugs?

Medicare “Extra Help” assists people with limited income pay for Part D (prescription drug) coverage. Some people may get Extra Help automatically if they are enrolled in other Medicare assistance programs. You can also apply directly to Medicare. Even if you don’t qualify now, you can reapply for Extra Help anytime your income and resources change.

The Bureau of Insurance urges Medicare beneficiaries to contact Maine’s State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) through your local Area Agency on Aging. SHIP counselors offer free and confidential assistance to determine whether you may be eligible for Extra Help and/or one of the many Medicare assistance programs available to low-income seniors.

Call 1-800-262-2232 to be connected with the Area Agency on Aging in your county. To find out more, click here:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/get-support/older-adults-disabilities/older-adult-services/ship-medicare-assistance>

To learn more about Extra Help, contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or click:

<https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>