

What is the 'Extra Help' Program?

Extra Help is a Medicare program that helps people with limited income and resources pay Medicare prescription drug costs. You may qualify for Extra Help, also called low-income subsidy (LIS), if your annual income and total resources are below these limits this year:

Single Person	
Monthly Income:	\$1,528
Resources:	\$13,820

Married Person	
Monthly Income:	\$2,050
Resources:	\$27,600

For help applying for Extra Help benefits, contact the the Ohio Department of Insurance at 1-800-686-1578.

What Counts as Income & Resources?

Resources include money in a checking or savings account, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). Resources don't include your home, car, household items, burial plot, burial expenses (up to \$1,500 per person), or life insurance policies. Income includes any money received from social security, pensions, employment, interest and more.

If you qualify for Extra Help, Medicare will pay:

- All or most of the monthly premium
- All or most of the annual deductible
- Most of your copayments/co-insurance
- Full coverage during the donut hole

In 2017, drug costs for most people who qualify will be no more than \$3.30 for each generic drug and \$8.25 for each brand name drug. Look on the Extra Help letters you get, or contact your plan to find out your exact costs.