

## **Get help paying for your Medicare Prescription Drugs**

- The Low-Income Subsidy "Extra Help" program can help you lower your Medicare Part D prescription drug costs.
- ▶ Use the chart below to see whether you might qualify for Extra Help.

2024 Extra Help			
Monthly Income Limit	Resource Limit	Your Out-of-Pocket Cost	
\$1,903 (single person) \$2,575 (married couple)	\$17,220 (single person) \$34,360 (married couple)	<ul> <li>\$4.50 for generics and \$11.20 for brand name drugs</li> <li>\$0 once your total out-of-pocket costs reach \$8,000</li> <li>You can join certain Part D plans with a \$0 premium and deductible</li> </ul>	

The income limits include a \$20 standard deduction. The resource limits include \$1,500 per person for burial expenses. The home you live in, your cars, and life insurance policies are not counted as resources.

# The Medicare Part D drug plans listed below charge no monthly premiums to people who qualify for the "Extra Help" Program.

Company Name	Plan Name	To Enroll
WellCare	WellCare Classic (PDP) (S4802-094-0)	1-866-859-9084
Cigna	Cigna Secure Rx (PDP) (S5617-158-0)	1-800-735-1459

- If you receive Extra Help, use this list to choose a 2024 Part D drug plan. Call each plan on the list to find a Part D plan that covers all your drugs.
- If you enroll into a Part D drug plan that is not listed on this chart, you may be required to pay a monthly premium.

The Center for Health Care Rights (CHCR) is a California non-profit organization that provides free information and help with Medicare. CHCR is the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) for Los Angeles County. HICAP can be reached statewide at 800-434-0222.

## Where do I apply for Extra Help?

- To apply for Extra Help, contact the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 or apply online at: <u>https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp.html</u>
- You can also call Center for Health Care Rights at (800) 824-0780. We can help you apply for Extra Help.

#### How often can I change my Part D plan?

- If you are approved for Extra Help, you qualify for Special Enrollment Periods to make changes to your Part D plan outside of the annual open enrollment period which is October 15th to December 7th.
- You can make one change to your Part D plan once every 3 months during the first 9 months of the year. From October through December, you are required to use the same Part D open enrollment period as everyone else on Medicare.



## If I have Medi-Cal, do I need to apply for Extra Help?

- If you have full Medi-Cal benefits, you do not need to apply for Extra Help separately. You automatically receive Extra Help benefits when you have Medi-Cal.
- You already qualify to pay no more than \$1.55 for generics and \$4.60 for brand name drugs.



## Call Center for Health Care Rights at (800) 824-0780 for more info. Or visit our website www.healthcarerights.org



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