

Are your eligible patients getting
the **Extra Help** or
Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)
benefits they may qualify for?

USE THIS QUICK GUIDE TO

- Learn about Extra Help/LIS program benefits
- Identify the two ways patients can receive Extra Help/LIS benefits
- Discover how you can help patients apply for Extra Help/LIS benefits

Extra Help/LIS

PROGRAM BENEFITS



LIS recipients are entitled to

Branded prescription drugs at an affordable cost—no more than **\$11.20/brand** prescription (\$4.50 for generic), which is a Medicare Part D benefit¹



Beneficiaries may receive full or partial subsidies^{2*}



Additional benefits

- **No premiums**
- **No deductibles** (unless receiving the partial subsidy)

¹For definitions, go to <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0603001005>.

Eligible patients get Extra Help/LIS

BENEFITS 2 WAYS

1

These patients are automatically enrolled into an Extra Help/LIS plan²:

- Patients who have Medicare Part A and/or Medicare Part B
- Patients already entitled to **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**
- Patients eligible for **full Medicaid coverage**
- Patients covered under one of the **Medicare Savings Programs**[†] as a
 - Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
 - Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
 - Qualified Individual (QI)

2

Through Social Security, these patients can apply for Extra Help/LIS benefits^{3‡}:

- A patient who has Medicare Part A and/or Medicare Part B
- A patient with combined savings, investments, and real estate (assets)



Worth not more than \$34,360, and if the patient is **married** and living with spouse[§]



Worth not more than \$17,220, and if the patient is **not married** and living with spouse[§]

[†]More information at <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0603001005>.

[‡]More information at <https://secure.ssa.gov/11020/start>.

[§]The value of a home, vehicles, personal possessions, life insurance, burial plots, or irrevocable burial contracts; or back payments from Social Security or SSI DO NOT COUNT toward total worth.

Help patients apply for EXTRA HELP/LIS BENEFITS

- If a patient is **automatically enrolled**, don't do anything. The patient can **take advantage of all Extra Help/LIS program benefits**.
- If a patient is **not automatically enrolled** and believes that they qualify based on income, they can apply for Extra Help/LIS benefits in one of **three ways**:



Apply online at

<https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help>



Call Social Security at

1-800-772-1213
(TTY 1-800-325-0778)



Schedule an appointment to apply in person at

the local
Social Security Office

<https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>

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