What Is Extra Help With Medicare Part D

Extra Help is a part of Medicare Part D’s prescription drug program that offers Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) assistance to eligible patients.

To receive Extra Help you must be enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug plan.

With Extra Help, eligible patients do not have a gap in prescription drug coverage (also known as “the donut hole”). Extra Help provides assistance for costs associated with:

- Annual Deductible
- Monthly Part D Premium
- Coinsurance
- Copay

Are You Eligible

If you have Medicare and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicare and Medicaid, you automatically qualify for Extra Help and do not need to apply.

If you do not automatically qualify, you may be eligible depending on your income and assets.

How to Apply

Applying for Extra Help with Medicare can be done:

1. By applying online at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp
2. By calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213
3. In person at a Social Security Office

What You Need to Apply

You will be asked to provide the following information for yourself and your spouse (if applicable):

1. Name as it appears on Social Security Card
2. Address and phone number
3. Number of people living at home
4. Amount of ALL income and assets

After you apply, Social Security will review your application and send you a letter to let you know if you qualify. If you need more information or help completing an application, call 800-772-1213 to speak to a Social Security representative. If you have further questions, call 855-686-8601 to speak with a dedicated AkebiaCares case manager.