

Can State agencies help them with their Medicare costs?

When Medicare beneficiaries apply for Extra Help, they also can start their application process for the Medicare Savings Programs—State programs that provide help with other Medicare costs. Social Security will send the beneficiaries' information to their State unless they tell us not to on the Extra Help application. The State will contact the beneficiaries to help them apply for a Medicare Savings Program.

How can I get more information?

For more information about Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp or call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** (TTY

1-800-325-0778). Social Security representatives are available to help complete the application. The sooner they apply the sooner they will begin receiving benefits.

To learn more about the Medicare Savings Programs, Medicare prescription drug plans, how to enroll in a plan, or to request a copy of the *Medicare & You* handbook, please visit www.medicare.gov or call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048)**. The State Health Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (SHIP) also can help answer Medicare questions. You can find their local SHIP contact information in the back of their Medicare handbook, online at www.medicare.gov under "Help & Support," or you can request it when you call.

We need to know information about their (and their spouse's, if they are married and living together) resources and income:

Resources	Value
Bank accounts, including checking, savings, and certificates of deposit	\$ _____
Stocks, bonds, savings bonds, mutual funds, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), or other investments	\$ _____
Cash at home or anywhere else	\$ _____
Any real estate other than their home	\$ _____

Income	Monthly Amount
Social Security benefits	\$ _____
Railroad Retirement benefits	\$ _____
Veterans benefits	\$ _____
Other pensions or annuities	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ _____
Net rental income	\$ _____
Workers' compensation	\$ _____
Other income (e.g., private or State disability payments)	\$ _____

Income	Annual Amount
Wages	\$ _____
Net earnings from self-employment	\$ _____