

Prescription Drug Extra Help (LIS)

Extra Help or Low Income Subsidy (LIS) is a program administered by Social Security. It helps Medicare beneficiaries with lower income and assets pay for the cost of their Medicare Part D plan including premiums, deductibles, and copays. A person's income and assets will determine the amount of assistance they qualify to receive. Below are the highest income and assets a person could have and receive assistance.

Single Person

2022 Income: \$1,719 monthly/ \$20,628 annually
2022 Assets: \$15,510*

Married Couple

2022 Income: \$2,309 monthly/ \$27,708 annually
2022 Assets: \$30,950*

Medicare Premiums Paid

Medicaid is a program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. In Nebraska the Medicaid agency is known as AccessNebraska. If a Medicare beneficiary qualifies for this level of help, Medicaid will pay for their Medicare Part B premiums. It will also automatically qualify them for Extra Help with prescriptions.

Single Person

2022 Income: \$1,529 monthly/ \$18,348 annually
2022 Assets: \$8,400*

Married Couple

2022 Income: \$2,060 monthly/ \$24,720 annually
2022 Assets: \$12,600*

Full Medicaid Benefits

Medicaid is a program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. In Nebraska the Medicaid agency is known as AccessNebraska. If a person qualifies for both Medicare and full Medicaid, they are called a Full Dual Eligible. Medicare pays primary, Medicaid pays secondary. Medicaid will pay the Medicare Part B premium. A Full Dual will also have the copays and deductibles associated with Medicare Part A and B covered by Medicaid. Being a dual also means they automatically qualify for Extra Help with prescriptions.

Single Person

2022 Income: \$1,133 monthly/
\$13,596 annually
2022 Assets: \$4,000*

Married Couple

2022 Income: \$1,526 monthly/
\$18,312 annually
2022 Assets: \$6,000*

*Assets do not include a house or a car. Amounts do not include \$20 automatic income disregard.

