

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

2023 Income: \$1,843 monthly/ \$22,116 annually
2023 Assets: \$16,660*

Married Couple

2023 Income: \$2,485 monthly/ \$29,820 annually
2023 Assets: \$33,240*

Medicare Premiums Paid (Qualified Individual—QI)

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

2023 Income: \$1,641 monthly/ \$19,692 annually
2023 Assets: \$9,090*

Married Couple

2023 Income: \$2,220 monthly/ \$26,640 annually
2023 Assets: \$13,630*

Full Medicaid Benefits (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary—QMB)

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

2023 Income: \$1,215 monthly/
\$14,580 annually
2023 Assets: \$4,000*

Married Couple

2023 Income: \$1,644 monthly/
\$19,728 annually
2023 Assets: \$6,000*



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**Assets do not include a house or a car. Amounts reflect threshold without the \$20 monthly income disregard.*