

*Are your eligible patients getting*  
the **“Extra Help”** or  
**Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)**  
benefits they’re entitled to?

**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 **\$9.85/prescription**, which is a Medicare Part D benefit<sup>1</sup>



**Beneficiaries may receive full or partial subsidies<sup>2\*</sup>**



### Additional benefits

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

<sup>1</sup>For 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 plan<sup>2</sup>:

- 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**<sup>†</sup> 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<sup>3‡</sup>:

- 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 \$30,950**, and if the patient is **married** and living with spouse<sup>§</sup>



**Worth not more than \$15,510**, and if the patient is **not married** and living with spouse<sup>§</sup>

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

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

<sup>§</sup>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

[www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp)



## 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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