

How to Get Help to Pay Medical Expenses

There are programs that may help you pay part of your medical expenses. If you qualify, you may not have to pay your Medicare premiums or out of pocket expenses.

How Do I Know If I Qualify?

1. **You must have Medicare Hospital Insurance (Part A).** If you're not sure whether you have it, look on your Medicare card or call Social Security toll free, at (800) 772-1213 to find out.

AND

2. **Your income is below certain limits.** (Look at the table to the right to see if you might be able to qualify.) These amounts change each year.

AND

3. **Your financial resources or the things you own are below the limit.** The current limits are \$9430 for an individual and \$14,130 for a couple. Financial resources are things like bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. Some things are not counted like the home you live in, one car, burial plots, and furniture.

How Do I Apply?

If you think you qualify, complete an application to help pay your Medicare premiums and other costs.

You can apply in person, by phone, by mail, and online.

Where to Apply:

- Ask a representative at the Community Health Center for an application
- Visit your nearest Division of Family and Children Services office. You can find the address online at dfcs.georgia.gov/locations.
- Apply online at Gateway.ga.gov
- Call the DFCS Customer Contact Center at (877) 423-4746.

How Can I Get More Information?

1. Visit your nearest Division of Family and Children Services office. You can find the address online at dfcs.georgia.gov/locations.
2. Call the DFCS Customer Contact Center (877) 423-4746.
3. Call Georgia SHIP (866) 552-4464, option #4 or visit them online at aging.ga.gov/locations.
4. Call Medicare at (800) 633-4227. Someone there can help you find the right office in your state.
5. For deaf or hearing impaired who use a TTY/TDD call (877) 487-2048.

Programs That Help Pay Medical Expenses		
<i>Instructions: Choose your monthly income limit. Read the chart left to right.</i>		
Your Monthly Income Limits*	Program Will Pay	Program Name
\$1,275 Individual \$1,724 Couple	Premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
\$1,526 Individual \$2,064 Couple	Medicare Part B premiums	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
\$1,715 Individual \$2,320 Couple	Medicare Part B premiums	Qualifying Individual – 1 (QI-1)

*Above figures are for 2024



Medicare Savings for Qualified Beneficiaries

**Help In paying
Medicare
Out-of-Pocket Expenses
For Some
Low-Income Persons**