

**Don't Miss Out on Your Turn for Medicare Savings
Fact Sheet Errata**

NOTE: The following rates contained in this publication have changed since 2003. The new rates for 2004 are as follows:

#2: Your monthly income in 2004 must be \$1,068 for one person or less than \$1,426 for a couple.

To qualify, you must be an individual with a monthly income of less than \$3,189 and resources of \$4,000 or less. Or you must be a couple with a monthly income of less than \$4,249 and resources of \$6,000 or less.



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WHAT ARE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS?

As part of the medical assistance program, states have programs that may save money for anyone who has Medicare Part A and has limited income and resources. If you qualify, you may not have to pay Medicare premiums, and in some cases deductibles, and coinsurance. But, many of the people who can get this money never even apply. Are you one of them? Even if you only *think* you qualify, apply!



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HOW DO I KNOW IF I QUALIFY?

In order to qualify for these programs, you must meet the following three requirements.

#1. You must have Medicare Part A, or hospital insurance. If you're not sure if you have this, look on your red, white, and blue Medicare insurance card or call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 to ask. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you are eligible for Medicare Part A but do not have it because you can't afford it, there is a program that may pay Medicare Part A for you. If you're not eligible for Social Security or Medicare, you may still be eligible for help in paying for medical expenses under your state Medicaid program.

To find out if you're eligible for the Medicare Savings Programs:

- Call your nearest medical assistance office.
- Call Medicare's 24-hour helpline toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to find the number to call in your state.

When calling, ask for information on the Medicare Savings Programs. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

• Visit www.medicare.gov.

#2. Your monthly income in 2002 must be less than \$1,313* for one person or less than \$1,762* for a couple.

#3. Your resources (such as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds) cannot be more than \$4,000* for one person or \$6,000* for a couple. This amount does NOT include the home you live in, one car, furniture, burial expenses, and the combined face value of your life insurance policy if it is \$1,500 or less.

Remember: If you have a disability and lost your Medicare because you returned to work, you are able to continue your Medicare Part A benefits by paying the premium. If you have limited income and resources, your state may be able to pay the premium for you. To qualify, you must be an individual with a monthly income of less than \$3,039* and resources of \$4,000* or less. Or you must be a couple with a monthly income of less than \$4,065* and resources of \$6,000* or less.



I THINK I MAY QUALIFY FOR THE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS. WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

If you believe you qualify for the Medicare Savings Programs, you must file an application at a state, county, or local medical assistance office. Remember, even if you only *think* you may qualify, it is still worth applying!

You can find the number in the phone book under Medicaid, Social Services, Medical Assistance, Human Services, or Community Services. You may also:

- ☛ Call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Someone there can help you find the phone number to call in your state. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- ☛ Visit www.medicare.gov.

Once you have the number in your state, call first to see what information you need

to bring with you. Documents may include your Medicare insurance card, bank statements, property deeds, insurance policies, proof of income and identity, and proof of any funeral or burial policies you may have.

Although some people think this is a lot of personal information to give out, please be open to this request. Only necessary information is asked for.

Don't miss out on these savings! Call Medicare's 24-hour helpline toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to see if you qualify! Call today! Ask about the Medicare Savings Programs, which are part of the State medical assistance program.

*2002 rates (Slightly higher amounts are allowed in Alaska and Hawaii. Income limits increase slightly each year.) Individual states may have more generous requirements.



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