

ATTENTION!

MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

If you are receiving Medicaid (medical coupons) then you may already meet the income and resource limits for the Medicare Savings Programs. Call your local Medical Assistance Office to find out if your state will help pay your Medicare expenses.

WHY MEDICARE?

Though Medicaid and Medicare are both health insurance programs, only Medicare can be used anywhere in the U.S. Also, most doctors accept Medicare which may give you more doctors to choose from.



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The Medicare Savings Programs

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Step 1

Learn about programs that can put money back in your pocket

As part of the Medical Assistance Program States have programs that save up to \$799 each year in Medicare expenses, and in some cases more for millions of people who have Medicare Part A and who have limited income and resources. These programs can pay Medicare premiums and may also pay Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. Many people use the extra money to help pay for living expenses, medicine or other things they need.

Buy many of the people who can get this money never even apply. Are you one of them?

Step 2

Answer “YES” to three important questions

1. Are you receiving or eligible for Medicare Part A?

You are eligible for Medicare Part A if you: are at least 65 years old

AND

You have worked for ten years (premium free Medicare Part A).

OR

You are a U.S. citizen

OR

You have lived in the U.S. for 5 years or longer and you are a Legal Permanent Resident

2. Are you an individual with a monthly income of less than \$1,068* or a couple with a monthly income of less than \$1,426*?

3. Are you an individual with resources** of \$4,000 or less or a couple with resources** of \$6,000 or less?

* Income limits increase slightly every April.

**Resources include cash, bank accounts, certificate of deposits, stocks, bonds, Individual Retirement Accounts, property other than your home and one vehicle.

Step 3

Call to get more information

It's very important to call if you think you qualify for any of these savings, even if you are not sure.

Call your social service provider today. Or call your nearest medical assistance office. You can find the number in the phone book under Medicaid, Social Services, or Community Services.

Or call Medicare's 24-hour helpline toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). When you call ask for information on the Medicare Savings Programs or visit www.medicare.gov. TTY/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Call today and ask about the Medicare Savings Programs, which are part of the state medical assistance programs.

To Apply for Medicare Part A and Part B or to find out if you already have Medicare:

Call the Social Security Administration (SSA) at **1-800-772-1213**.