

MEDICARE QUESTIONS & MEDICARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Medicare Health and Drug options:

- Medicare Prescription Drug Plan/Part D
- Medicare Advantage Health Plan/Part C
 - HMO's, PPO's, PFFS with or without Part D
- Medicare Supplement or Medigap
 - Covers all or most of the gaps that Original Medicare doesn't cover depending if you choose Policy A – N. Policy F pays 100% of what Original Medicare doesn't cover

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers (MIPPA) Help for Medicare beneficiaries to apply for:
Medicare Savings Program *

State Benefit administered through the State Medicaid Office that helps pay for Part A and Part B premium/expenses.

- QMB – Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
 - Individual Income Limit \$951 - Married Couple \$1,281
- SLMB – Subsidized Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
 - Individual Income Limit \$1,137 - Married Couple \$1,533
- QI – Qualified Individual
 - Individual Income Limit \$1,277 – Married Couple \$1,723

Individual Resource/Asset Limit \$6940, Married Couple \$10,410

- QDWI – Qualified Disabled Working Individual
 - Individual Income Limit \$3809 – Married Couple \$5129
 - Individual Resource/Asset Limit \$4,000 – Married Couple \$6,000

Extra Help Program / Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) *

Federal Program administered through the Social Security Administration office.

Helps pay for Medicare Part D (Drug/Prescription Plan) costs and drug copayments.

- Individual Income Limit - \$1,396.25/monthly
- Married Couple Income Limit - \$1,891.25/monthly
- Individual Resource Limit \$13,070 - Married Couple Resource \$26,120

*You may apply for both programs using the 2-in-1 application process provided if you are applying for both Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help/LIS program. Contact our office for assistance at (208)233-4032, Ext 33.

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) *Empowering Seniors to Prevent Healthcare Fraud.*

A successful outreach approach targeting the elderly to become involved in protecting, detecting, and reporting Medicare Fraud, Waste, and Abuse. For more information:

For personalized assistance call 208-233-4032 ext.33

- [SMP Contacts by State](#)
- [SMP Contacts by State: Quick Reference](#)

Helpful Links:

https://www.cms.gov/apps/firststep/content/medicare_dualelig.html

<http://www.medicare.gov/navigation/medicare-basics/medical-and-drug-costs.aspx>

<http://www.medicare.gov/default.aspx>

<http://stopmedicarefraud.gov/>

<https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start>

<http://www.doi.idaho.gov/shiba/shmedigap.aspx>