

Medicare "Extra Help" Program New Law effective January 2010

The "Extra Help" Medicare drug prescription plan can help those with lower incomes save an average of \$3,900 annually on monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments! With the changes in the law, more may be able to qualify.

To qualify for Extra Help, annual income for individuals must not exceed \$16,245 and a married couple living together may not exceed \$21,855 annual income. There are some exceptions, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/> . Personal resources such as bank accounts, stocks and bonds must be limited to \$12,510 for an individual and \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Your home and car do NOT count as resources.

For more information about Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov> or call Social Security at 1-800-722-1213. Social Security representatives are available to help complete the application.