

Find help with the cost of medications

Medicare

www.medicare.gov.

Medicare offers a variety of drug assistance programs including 6 Ways to lower your costs in the drug coverage gap.

<https://www.medicare.gov/part-d/costs/coverage-gap/ways-to-lower-drug-costs.html>

- **Pharmaceutical Assistance Program**

Some pharmaceutical companies offer assistance programs for the drugs they manufacture. Here you can check out your drug name to see if any programs are available for the drugs you are prescribed

<https://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/>

- **L.I.S (Low Income Subsidy)**

Eligible individuals who have limited income may qualify for a government program that helps pay for Medicare Part D prescription drug costs. The Medicare low-income subsidy, also known as the Medicare Extra Help program, can amount to estimated savings of \$4,000 per year.

- **Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition Program (LINET)**

Medicare's Limited Income NET Program provides temporary drug coverage for certain dual Medicare/Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) only eligible people who qualify for Medicare's low-income subsidy (LIS) or Extra Help. This program provides immediate and retroactive (if eligible) temporary drug coverage until these beneficiaries have had a chance to enroll in a regular Medicare Part D drug plan.

S.H.I.N.E. (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)

1-800-243-4636

www.mass.gov/elder

The SHINE program provides free health insurance information for Massachusetts residents who are Medicare beneficiaries of all ages.

MassMedLine

1-866-633-1617

www.massmedline.com

If you are a Massachusetts resident, MassMedLine will answer your questions about your prescription medicines and work with you and your doctor to try to reduce their cost.

Needy Meds

1-800-503-6897

www.needy meds.org

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