Help with drug costs – Low Income Subsidy

"Extra Help" is a Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare drug coverage (Part D) premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other costs. You also won't have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty while you get Extra Help. What's the Part D penalty?

You may be eligible for help paying for some or all of your prescription drug costs, based on guidelines set by the federal government. You can apply for this help through the Social Security Administration or a state Medical Assistance Office. The amount of assistance you receive, if any, will depend on your income and resources, and is determined by the federal government. If you think you could qualify for help, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY/TDD 1-800-325-0778), between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit Social Security Website. The Social Security Administration's application process provides the quickest decision. (You can also go to a local Social Security Administration or Medicaid office and apply.)

For the Medicare program's policy on evidence of eligibility for low-income subsidy, visit the CMS website's CMS website's Best Available Evidence page.

If you know you qualify for or are already receiving help to pay for your Medicare prescription drug plan, learn how much you will pay for your Part D drugs as a member of Verda Health Plan of Texas. Verda Health Plan of Texas complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Contact us at 1-888-256-5123 (TTY: 711). From October 1 to March 31, we are open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From April 1 to September 30, we are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Copayments for your Part D covered drugs if you qualify for help

LIS Level	MBD Code (Category Code)	Income Category	Deductible	Initial Coverage Period	Catastrophic
I	2	< or = Federal Poverty Level	$0	$1.60* generic / $4.90 brand	$0
II	1	<150% or >100% Federal Poverty Level	$0	$5.10* generic / $12.65 brand	$0
Institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible	3	Institutional FBDE	$0	$0	$0

* Some cost sharing for our Part D drug coverage tiers is at a $0 copayment. You will pay the lower cost.

Verda Health Plan of Texas is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) with a Medicare Contract. Enrollment in Verda Health Plan of Texas depends on annual contract renewal.