

**INFORMATION NEEDED FOR REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION FOR HELP WITH
MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN COSTS**

Please have the INFORMATION CHECKED BELOW on hand for the telephone review. Even if you do not have all of the information that is checked, I will help you get the information you do not have. We only need information about your spouse if you and your spouse were living together when you filed your application.

A. FAMILY SIZE AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES INFORMATION

- Names, income amount and relationship of any relatives (by blood, marriage or adoption) living with you and your spouse for whom you and/or your spouse provide half of their support.
- If you are living with anyone other than your spouse and/or minor children, have their name and amount they contribute towards the household expenses.
- The monthly amount you paid for each one of the following items: food, mortgage/ rent, property insurance, property tax, heating fuel, electricity, gas, water, garbage removal, and sewer for the time period _____.

B. INCOME

- Amount of wages that you or your spouse earned during the period _____
- The monthly amount of any pensions, or other benefit (other than Social Security benefits) you or your spouse receives.

C. RESOURCES

- Balance in bank accounts during the period _____ for all accounts on which your name and/or your spouse's name appear as individual or joint owner, or as a beneficiary.
- Value of stocks, bonds, promissory notes, etc. owned by you or your spouse.
- Location of property owned by you or your spouse other than the home you live in.
- Amount in retirement savings accounts such as 401K, IRA, KEOGH, etc., owned by you or your spouse.

D. OTHER

- _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

COLLECTION AND USE OF INFORMATION

Section 1860 D-14 of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide, along with the information we receive from other people we interview, to conduct a quality review of applications and determine if we made the correct decision during the review process for those applicants who requested extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs.

The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide all or part of the spousal information could prevent us from making an accurate and timely decision regarding your eligibility and appeal rights.

HOW THE INFORMATION IS USED

We rarely use the information you provided on this form for any other purpose other than the reasons explained above. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Medicare benefits and/or coverage;
2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans' Affairs);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and,
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

We may also use the information you provide in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally funded and administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

A complete list of routine uses for this information is available in System of Records Notice, entitled, Medicare Database (MDB) File, 60-0321. The notice, additional information regarding this form, and information regarding our programs and systems, are available on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov or at your local Social Security office.