

Social Security Administration
Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs
Notice of Denial

Southeastern Program Service Center
1200 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd.
Birmingham, AL 35285-0001
Date: January 5, 2021
BNC#: [REDACTED]



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You are not eligible for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. This determination is based on the letter we previously sent you and any additional information you submitted. It is important for you to know you can still enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan even though you are not eligible for Extra Help.

Why You Are Not Eligible For Extra Help

You are not eligible for Extra Help, because your income is above the limit set by law to qualify for Extra Help.

What To Do If Your Situation Changes

If your situation changes, please call Social Security right away toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 to file a new application.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

Even though you are not eligible for Extra Help paying for the costs of a Medicare prescription drug plan, you may still be able to join a drug plan. To find out if you are eligible to join a Medicare prescription drug plan or Medicare Advantage health plan, visit www.medicare.gov on the web. You can also call toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call the Medicare TTY number toll-free at 1-877-486-2048.

Information Used To Make The Decision

The amount of your Extra Help is based on your marital status, the number of people living in your household, the resources you own, and your income. When you are married and living with your spouse, we count the resources and income for both of you.

You and your spouse have the following resources:

- Bank Accounts

Your resources we count are less than \$11,960.00. The enclosed worksheet shows you how we counted your resources.

You have 3 people in your household. When we determine the size of your household, we count you, your spouse (if you are married and living together), and any relative who lives with you and receives at least one-half of their financial support from you or your spouse.

You and your spouse have the following yearly income:

- Social Security benefits (before any Medicare premium deductions) of \$27,494.40
- Other pensions or annuities of \$8,400.00
- Other income of \$8,400.00

Your income we count is 150% or more of the Federal Poverty Level. We count your total yearly income. We converted any monthly income amounts you gave us to a total yearly income amount. The enclosed worksheet shows you how we counted your income.

If You Disagree With The Decision

If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to appeal. We will provide you with a hearing by telephone or a case review. We will look at any new information you have. The person who will conduct the hearing or case review had no prior involvement in the first decision. We will review those parts of the decision which you believe are wrong and will look at any new facts you have. We may also review those parts which you believe are correct and may make them unfavorable or less favorable to you.

If you want this appeal, either by a hearing or a case review, you may request it by calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213.

- You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- The 60 days start the day after you get this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days.
- You can call to request an appeal. You can also obtain a copy of the form SSA-1021, "Request for Appeal of Determination for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs" from www.socialsecurity.gov. Contact us if you need help.

If You Want Help With Your Appeal

You can have a representative, friend or someone else help you with your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you. These groups can find a representative or give you free legal services if you qualify. There also are representatives who do not charge unless you win your appeal.

Information About Medicare Savings Programs

Unless you told us not to, we will share information with your State. This will start your application process for a Medicare Savings Program which can help you with your medical costs. The additional help from these Medicare Savings Programs can be worth more than \$1,326.00 a year.

For more information about the Medicare Savings Programs please call your State's medical assistance (Medicaid) or social service office. To get the telephone number, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/mediinfo.htm and select "Who to Contact." You may also call Medicare toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call the Medicare TTY number toll-free at 1-877-486-2048.

How You May Be Able To Receive SSI

It does not appear that you are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. However, you may still want to file an SSI application if you have not already done so. If you file an SSI application, you will receive a formal decision about your eligibility. If you do not agree with the decision, you may appeal.

If you decide to file for SSI, it is important that you get in touch with Social Security right away. You can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. The sooner you file for SSI, the sooner you may begin receiving benefits. If you wait more than 60 days from the date of this notice to apply for SSI you could be losing SSI benefits.

Suspect Social Security Fraud?

Please visit <http://oig.ssa.gov/r> or call the Inspector General's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 (TTY 1-866-501-2101).

If You Have Questions

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For information about Extra Help, please visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call our TTY number toll-free at 1-800-325-0778. We can answer most questions by phone.

You also can write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

SOCIAL SECURITY
830 FLORENCE ST NW
CONCORD NC 28027

Telephone: 1-888-456-9312

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions.

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Enclosure(s):
Income Worksheet
Resource Worksheet

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**How We Counted Your And Your Spouse's Income
To Determine Your Subsidy**

For December 2020 and continuing

Social Security	\$27,494.40
Other Pensions or Annuities	8,400.00
Other Income	8,400.00
(\$240 General Income Exclusion)	(240.00)
Subtotal of Your Income We Count	\$44,054.40
Total Income We Count	\$44,054.40
Income Limit For Subsidy Eligibility	\$32,580.00

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**How We Counted Your And Your Spouse's Resources
To Determine Your Subsidy**

For December 2020 and continuing

Bank Accounts	\$6,391.00
(Burial Fund Money We Do Not Count)	(3,000.00)
Your Resources That We Count	\$3,391.00
Resource Limit for Subsidy Eligibility	\$26,520.00
Amount Over The Resource Limit	\$0.00

We counted only the resources listed above. We do not count the value of your home, your vehicles or your personal possessions.

Because some money will be used for burial expenses, we also do not count \$3,000.00.