



MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES AND FAMILIES!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP WITH PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS?

Under a new law, more Medicare beneficiaries could qualify for Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs because some things no longer count as resources and income. Beginning January 1, 2010, when determining eligibility for Extra Help Social Security will:

- No longer count any life insurance policy as a resource; and
- No longer count as income the help you receive when someone else provides you with food and shelter, or someone else pays your household bills for food, mortgage, rent, heating fuel or gas, electricity, water, and property taxes.

Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Some people with limited resources and income are eligible for Extra Help to pay for the costs—monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments—related to a Medicare prescription drug plan.

- IF YOU ARE SINGLE and have a total monthly income of less than \$1,354 per month AND less than \$12,510 in resources
- IF YOU ARE MARRIED and have a total monthly income of less than \$1,821 per month AND less than \$25,010 in resources

For more information or help applying call the APPRISE phone line, 610-344-5004, leave your name and phone, and a volunteer will call you back within 24 hours

To apply directly:

- Call The Extra Help Applications Center at 1-800-866-1807, Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm
- Apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp;
- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to apply over the phone or to request an application;
- Apply at your local Social Security office, 1101 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA

You will need the following when you call:

RESOURCE INFORMATION: Amount of your bank accounts, stocks, bonds IRAs, savings, cash at home, any real estate other than your home

INCOME INFORMATION: Any wages, social security income, VA Benefits, other income from pensions, workers comp, alimony etc.

APPRISE is a free health insurance counseling program designed to help Pennsylvanians age 65 and over and those with disabilities with health insurance concerns. Apprise counselors are specially trained volunteers who can answer your questions about Medicare and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about health insurance. Apprise services are free and all information is kept completely confidential.