



**SOCIAL SECURITY**



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**SSA-L447—Beneficiary has LIS, not MSP**  
(or LIS application is pending or awarded,  
no buy-in)

## **HELP WITH YOUR MEDICARE COSTS IS AVAILABLE**

### **Help with Medicare Costs**

**You may be able to get help with your Medicare costs from your State.** The Medicare Savings Programs help people who have limited income and resources pay for their Medicare expenses. The help that you can get from the Medicare Savings Programs can save you more than \$1,100 a year. The Medicare Saving Programs may pay for your Medicare Part A premiums (if any), your Medicare Part B premiums and your Part A and B deductibles and copayments. You could qualify if:

- You have Medicare Part A, also known as Hospital Insurance.  
and
- Your resources (such as money in a bank, stocks or bonds) are worth \$4,000 or less, or you and your spouse (if married and living together) have resources of \$6,000 or less. Resources do **not** include such things as the home where you live, your home furnishings, a car, burial plots and \$1,500 (per person) in a burial account.  
and
- Your monthly income is less than **\$1,190** or your and your spouse's monthly income (if married and living together) is less than **\$1,595**. These income limits will change slightly in 2009.

**Note:** Income limits are slightly higher in Alaska and Hawaii. Some States figure your resources and income differently, so you might qualify in your State even if your resources and income are more than these amounts.

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If you think you might be able to get this help with your Medicare costs, or if you are not sure, call your State medical assistance (Medicaid) office or you can call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048)** or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) on the Internet.



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