

# Medicare Premium Assistance Program

## Need help with Medicare Expenses?

The Medicare Premium Assistance Program helps Medicare beneficiaries with limited income pay for certain Medicare expenses.



Helping Ohioans pay for their Medicare costs

**For more information, call:  
Medicaid Consumer Hotline:**

**1-800-324-8680**

*TTY/TDD for hearing impaired:*

**1-800-292-3572**

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## To complete your application you will need to provide:

1. Your Social Security number
2. Your Medicare claim number and information on other health care insurance you may have
3. Proof of all sources of income
4. Proof of all your assets, including:
  - cash
  - checking & savings accounts
  - stocks & bonds
  - real estate
  - motor vehicles
  - life insurance policies

Some items may not count as assets. These include:

- your primary home
- one motor vehicle
- burial or term life insurance policies
- personal effects

## Don't send us your originals!

If you have problems collecting some of this information, ask your caseworker for help.

## What is the Medicare Premium Assistance Program?

The Medicare Premium Assistance Program (MPAP) helps people eligible for Medicare who have limited income and assets pay the cost of one or more of the following:

- Medicare premium(s)
- Medicare deductibles
- Medicare co-insurance

## The Medicare Premium Assistance Program offers three types of assistance.

Depending on your income, you may qualify as a:

1. **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB);**
2. **Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB);** or a
3. **Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1).**

## How do I apply?

### Step One: Get the application (JFS 07103). You can:

- Call the Consumer Hotline: 1-800-324-8680 or TDD/TTY 1-800-292-3572; **or**
- Download the application from the Internet here: <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/Application.stm>; **or**
- Contact your local county department of job and family services.

### Step Two: Complete and sign the application.

- Attach copies of any required documents.
- If you do not have some of the information needed, you may still submit the application.
- Return the application by mail, fax, or in person to your local county department of job & family services.

Medicare Premium Assistance Program Levels		
Category Name	Monthly Income Limits	Benefit
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)	\$867 per individual \$1,167 per couple	Medicare premiums, deductibles, co-insurance
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	\$1,040 per individual \$1,400 per couple	Medicare Part B premium
Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1)	\$1,170 per individual \$1,575 per couple	Medicare Part B premium
Asset limits are \$4,000 per individual and \$6,000 per couple. *Income is based on 2008 Federal Poverty Level, adjustments made yearly.		