



## Updates to Low Income Subsidy (LIS or Extra Help)

Beginning January 1st, 2024 the full LIS benefit is now available to eligible Medicare enrollees with income up to 150% of the [FPL](#) and assets below a specified limit.

In April 2020 due to COVID19 [LA HAP suspended requiring LIS documentation](#) for Medicare clients.

Beginning **04/01/2024** LA HAP will reintroduce the LIS documentation requirement for Medicare clients whose income <150% FPL. LA HAP can typically verify LIS status with the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS). For any Medicare client whose income <150% FPL and LA HAP is unable to verify LIS status, LA HAP staff will request proof of LIS status or application. Documentation requirements for LIS or Extra Help can be found [here](#).

Clients can apply for LIS online [here](#) or can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

## Reminder: January 2024 Updates to Low Income Subsidy

Authorized by the IRA ([Inflation Reduction Act](#)), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has expanded eligibility for the full Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) benefit, also known as "Extra Help".

Under these new regulations the full LIS benefit will be available to eligible Medicare enrollees with incomes up to 150% of the FPL and assets below a specified limit. This change became effective on January 1st, 2024.

With the full LIS benefit, both the Part D deductible and premium requirements are waived. This benefit has historically been limited to Medicare beneficiaries with incomes below 135%. Medicare beneficiaries with incomes between 135% and 150% who are not dually enrolled in Medicaid have historically qualified for the partial LIS benefit, which have helped to reduce, but not eliminate, premium and deductible payment requirements for Part D.

Under the new changes, the partial LIS benefit will be eliminated; clients eligible for partial LIS under the current rules will automatically transition to full LIS beginning January 1.

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