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MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES – WOULD YOU LIKE MORE MONEY?

There are programs available to help Medicare Beneficiaries with Medicare costs. The Low Income Subsidy (LIS) or as it is more commonly known, “Extra Help”, can pay for Medicare Part D monthly premiums (up to \$36.40/month.) Medicare Part D is for prescription coverage. The beneficiary will have no deductible, no gap in coverage (Donut Hole), and copays will be \$2.50 for generics and \$6.30 for brand name or even less.

The Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) can pay your Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) and Part B (outpatient coverage) premiums, deductibles, and copays. With MSP, supplemental insurance might not be needed.

Both these programs have income and asset eligibility criteria. Contact Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency to find out if you qualify. Area 9 has three certified State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselors available to assist you with more information about these two programs as well to provide help with applying for them. Call Area 9 at 966-1795 or 1-800-458-9345 and ask to speak to a SHIP Counselor. Area 9 is a community service of Indiana University East and is the Area Agency on Aging which serves Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.