

Massachusetts Medicare Part D Cost Sharing for 2019

Maximum Resource Levels and Annual Income to Qualify for Low Income "Extra Help" Subsidies

Full Subsidy	Partial Subsidy	
Resources:	Resources:	
• \$9,230/single	• \$14,390/single	
• \$14,600/married	• \$28,720/married	
Annual Income:	Annual Income:	
• \$16,862/single	• \$18,735/single	
• \$22,829/married	• \$25,365/married	

- Resource limit <u>includes</u> \$1,500/person burial allowance
- "Married" means married <u>and</u> living together
- For unearned income (such as Social Security), \$20 will be deducted when calculating eligibility for a subsidy

Low Income Subsidy ("Extra Help") Out-of-Pocket Costs Medicare Part D Costs for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries

Dual Eligible beneficiary: someone who receives both Medicare and MassHealth

Dual Eligible beneficiaries receiving home or community-based services, or who are in			
institutions			
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Deductible	Generic/Preferred Drugs	Other Drugs	Above Catastrophic Limit

Non-Institutionalized Dual Eligible beneficiaries with incomes at or below the Federal			
Poverty Level (FPL)			
\$0	\$1.25	\$3.80	\$0
Deductible	Generic/Preferred Drugs	Other Drugs	Above Catastrophic Limit

Non-Institutionalized Dual Eligible beneficiaries with incomes above FPL			
\$0	\$3.40	\$8.50	\$0
Deductible	Generic/Preferred Drugs	Other Drugs	Above Catastrophic Limit

MassHealth charges \$1 for certain covered drugs used for diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. For all other covered drugs, MassHealth charges \$3.65. Those on MassHealth & Medicare will pay the least expensive.

Medicare Part D Costs for Non-Dual Eligible beneficiaries with "Extra Help"

Non-Dual Eligible beneficiary: someone who receives only Medicare

Full Subsidy, Non-Dual Eligible Beneficiaries			
\$0	\$3.40	\$8.50	\$0
Deductible	Generic/Preferred Drugs	Other Drugs	Above Catastrophic Limit

Partial Subsidy, Non-Dual Eligible Beneficiaries			
\$85	15%	\$3.40	\$8.50
Deductible	Co-Insurance to Initial	Generics above	Other drugs above
	Coverage Limit	Catastrophic Limit	Catastrophic Limit

2019 Massachusetts Low Premium Subsidy Amount: \$36.20

Standard Part D Plan Benefit Design 2019

Annual Deductible



Initial Coverage Period

•Initial coverage limit: \$3,820

•\$415

•Below the limit, the plan pays 75% and the member pays 25%



Coverage Gap

- When you and your plan (combined) have paid \$3,820, you enter the *coverage gap* ("donut hole").
- •Within the coverage gap, you must pay:
- •25% of brand name drug costs
- •37% of generic drug costs



Catastrophic Coverage

- *Catastrophic coverage* begins when you reach the *out-of-pocket* threhold. The *out-of-pocket* threshold is the sum of what you have paid, and the manufacturer's discount credited to you during the coverage gap. In 2019, the out-of-pocket threshold is \$5,100.
- You pay \$3.40 for generic drugs and \$8.50 for brand name drugs or 5%, whichever is greater
- Prescription Advantage and the Health Safety Net may provide some help toward meeting the coverage gap.

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