

## Massachusetts Medicare Part D Cost Sharing for 2021

# Standard Part D Plan Benefit Design 2021

**Annual Deductible** 

• \$445



#### **Initial Coverage Period**

- Initial coverage limit: \$4,130
- Up to the limit, the plan pays 75% and the member pays 25%



## Coverage Gap

- When you and your plan (combined) have paid \$4,130, you enter the "coverage gap"
- For brand-name drugs, your plan will cover at least 5% of the cost, and the drug manufacturer will give a 70% discount, so that you'll pay no more than 25%
- You'll also pay only 25% for generic drugs while in the coverage gap
- Prescription Advantage and the Health Safety Net may provide some help toward meeting the coverage gap



## Catastrophic Coverage

- "Catastrophic coverage" begins when you reach the "out-of-pocket" threshold of \$6,550. The out-of-pocket threshold is what you have paid <u>plus</u> the manufacturer's discount (which applies to brand-name drugs) credited to you during the coverage gap.
- You pay the greater of \$3.70 for generic/preferred drugs and \$9.20 for other covered drugs, or 5%

Maximum Resources and Income to Qualify for Low Income "Extra Help" Subsidies

Lower Resources Level Higher Resources Level	
Resources:	Resources:
\$9,470/individual; \$14,960/married couple	\$14,790/individual; \$29,520/married couple

Resources <u>include</u> \$1,500/person burial allowance. "Married" means married <u>and</u> living together.

100% Federal Poverty Level	150% Federal Poverty Level
\$12,880/individual; \$17,420/married couple	\$19,320/individual; \$26,130/married couple

For unearned income (such as Social Security), \$20 will be deducted when calculating eligibility for a subsidy.

## 2021 Massachusetts Low Income Premium Subsidy Amount: \$35.16

Resource and income limits may not apply if you are a member of a MassHealth program.

## What Can Extra Help Do for You?

## Full Premium Subsidy, No Deductible, Limited Copayments:

- People who are on MassHealth Buy-In or MassHealth Senior Buy-In
- People on Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- "Dual Eligible" beneficiaries: people that are enrolled in both Medicare and MassHealth

\$0	\$1.30	\$4.00	\$0 Copay
Deductible	Generic/Preferred	Other Drugs	Above Catastrophic
	Drugs		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 are charged either the MassHealth or Medicare copayment, whichever is less expensive.

## Full Premium Subsidy, No Deductibles, Reduced Copayments:

- Individuals or married couples with incomes less than or equal to 135% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who meet the lower resources level
- Non-institutionalized individuals "deemed eligible" for Extra Help with incomes over 100% FPL

\$0	\$3.70	\$9.20	\$0
Deductible	Generic/Preferred	Other Drugs	Above Catastrophic
	Drugs		Limit

## Full Premium Subsidy, Reduced Deductibles, Reduced Copayments:

• Individuals or married couples with incomes less than or equal to 135% of FPL who meet the higher resources level

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\$92	15%	Greater of \$3.70 or	Greater of \$9.20 or
		5% Drug Cost	5% Drug Cost
Deductible	Co-Insurance to	Generics/Preferred	Other Drugs above
	\$6,550 out-of-pocket	Drugs above	Catastrophic Limit
	threshold	Catastrophic Limit	

## Partial Premium Subsidy, Reduced Deductibles, Reduced Copayments:

- Individuals or married couples with income between 136% FPL and 149% FPL
  - o Those with incomes from 146-149% FPL will receive a 25% premium subsidy
  - o Those with incomes from 141-145% FPL will receive a 50% premium subsidy
  - Those with incomes from 136-140% FPL will receive a 75% premium subsidy

\$92	15%	Greater of \$3.70 or 5% Drug Cost	Greater of \$9.20 or 5% Drug Cost
Deductible	Co-Insurance to	Generics/Preferred	Other Drugs above
	\$6,550 out-of-pocket	Drugs above	Catastrophic Limit
	threshold	Catastrophic Limit	-

# Questions? Need Legal Help?

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