

Your Eligibility for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Costs in 2009 If You Automatically Qualified in 2008

You will automatically qualify for Extra Help in 2009 if you:

- Receive both Medicare and Medicaid;
- Have your Medicare Part B premiums paid by your state because you belong to a Medicare Savings Program; or
- Receive both Medicare and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

If you no longer automatically qualify, you will receive a letter from Medicare by the end of September 2008. However, it is important to remember that you may still qualify for Extra Help. The letter has an enclosed Social Security application for Extra Help.

If you have limited income and resources, you should complete the application and return it to Social Security in the postage-paid envelope provided. You also can apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov or www.BenefitsCheckUp.org. If you do not apply right away, the Extra Help you receive now could end on January 1, 2009. Act Quickly!

For help completing the application for Extra Help, contact Social Security at **1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)** or www.AccessToBenefits.org to see if there is an Access to Benefits Coalition in your community.

If you believe the letter you received from Medicare is a mistake, you should call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048)**.

