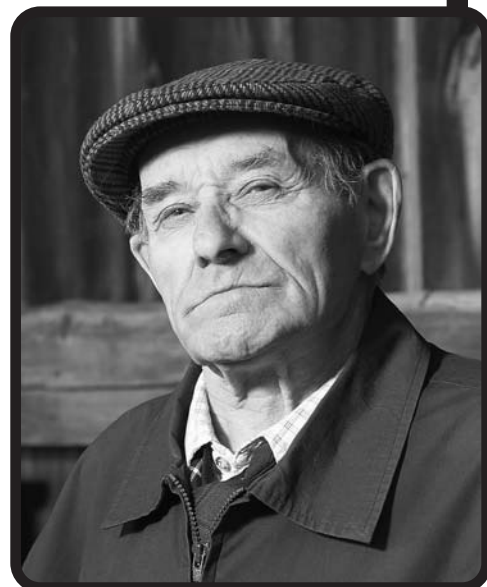


Your Eligibility for Extra Help with Your Medicare Drug Costs in 2009 If You Previously Applied and Qualified for Extra Help

If you are currently receiving Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug costs (also called the Low-Income Subsidy), Social Security may contact you to review your eligibility for Extra Help next year.

If you were selected for a review, Social Security, beginning in late August, sent you a form to complete. It is called “Social Security Administration Review of Your Eligibility for Extra Help” (Form SSA-1026). You must complete and return this form in 30 days even if there are no changes to your income and resources. Any changes to the Extra Help you get will be effective in January 2009 unless you report a change in your marital status or marital living arrangements. Those changes are effective the month after they are reported.



If you qualified for Extra Help in 2008 but no longer qualify for Extra Help in 2009, you will be able to change prescription drug plans once between January 1 and March 31, 2009, during a Special Enrollment Period.

If you were not selected for a review, you will not receive a letter from Social Security and the amount of Extra Help you get won't change.

For more information about Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

