

ECKAAA SHICK

- ◆ SHICK offers free, unbiased Medicare counseling and education related to all parts of Medicare. Contact ECKAAA for questions about Medicare and other enrollment plan options, drug plans and other issues.
- ◆ **Contact Information www.eckaaa.org**
- ◆ **Ottawa Office: (785) 242-7200**
- ◆ **Johnson County: (785) 521-3315**
- ◆ To access self help tutorials on YouTube:
- ◆ **<https://eckaaa.org/medicare-resources>**

Social Security Administration

- ◆ Contact to determine when you are eligible and to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.
- ◆ **www.ssa.gov or call 1-800-772-1213**

Medicare

- ◆ Contact for questions on Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) coverage claim and appeals.
- ◆ **www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)**

Kansas Department of Insurance

- ◆ Contact for complaints related to Medicare Supplement Insurance or Insurance Agents.
- ◆ **<https://insurance.kansas.gov> or call 1-800-432-2484**



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NEW TO MEDICARE CHECKLIST

Contact ECKAAA for Help with any Items in Blue

- ◆ **4-6 months before your month of eligibility:**

Contact Social Security Administration to check eligibility status.

Contact your HR department or current insurer to review your current health insurance to see what happens after you become eligible for Medicare. Ask about any HSA account you may have.

- ◆ **[Find out about Medicare options and costs.](#)**

- ◆ 3 Months before your month of eligibility:

Check with your doctor (s) to see if they accept the different types of Medicare coverage.

- ◆ **[Determine which Medicare options you want.](#)**
- ◆ **[Still working? Enrolling in Part A & B may not be your best option.](#)**
- ◆ **[Determine if you qualify for any financial assistance to help with Medicare costs.](#)**

- ◆ **1-3 Months before your month of eligibility:**

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

Enroll in Medicare A and B. You must do this thru Social Security office or website.

- ◆ **[Enroll in a Medicare Advantage \(MA\) Plan.](#)**
- ◆ **[Enroll in a Medicare drug plan.](#)**
- ◆ **[Get info needed to enroll in a Medicare supplement plan.](#)**

2024 LIS Program Guidelines “Extra Help”

To qualify for Part D Extra Help in 2024, you must meet the following limits:

Individual:	Income Limit: \$1,843/month	Asset limit: \$17,220 (Approximate)
Married Couple:	Income Limit: \$2,485/month	Asset limit: \$34,360 (Approximate)

To apply for Extra Help go to www.ssa.gov or call ECKAAA at 785-242-7200 You can download the application OR 785-521-3315 in Johnson County for assistance.

WILL THE STATE TAKE MY HOME IF I APPLY FOR THE MEDICARE SAVINGS

PROGRAM? Answer: NO

Your home and your assets will not be touched by the state if you only receive public funding from the Medicare Savings Program.

For more information, questions, or to apply for a Medicare Savings Program, call the KanCare Customer Service Line at 1-800-792-4884.

You can download the application at www.applyforKanCare.ks.gov

Medicare Savings Program can help pay for Medicare Part A, Part B and/ or Part D premiums, deductibles, and co-payments.

How do I know if I qualify for a Medicare Savings Program?

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1. Do you have Medicare Part A, also known as hospital insurance?
2. Are your resources at or below, \$9430 for an individual or \$14,130 for a married couple? Resources include money in a checking, savings, or CD account, stocks, and bonds. When you count your resources don't include the house you live in, your car or household items.
3. Do you fall within any of the income guidelines below?

Medicare Savings Program	Individual Monthly Income Limit	Married Couple Monthly Limit	The Medicare Savings Program may pay your
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary—QMB Acts as a Medigap	\$1,215	\$1,643	Part A, Part B, premiums, copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance. Deemed eligibility for Part D Extra Help
Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary—LMB	\$1,458	\$1,972	Part B Premium, deemed eligibility for Part D Extra Help
Qualifying Individual (QI); (also known as Expanded Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary—ELMB)	\$1,640	\$2,219	Part B Premium, deemed eligible for Part D Extra Help