

## 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](http://www.eckaaa.org) (785) 242-7200

[leslear@eckaaa.org](mailto:leslear@eckaaa.org)

### Social Security Administration

Contact to determine when you are eligible for and to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.

#### Contact Information:

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) 1-800-772-1213

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Contact for questions on Medicare Parts A and B, Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) coverage claim and appeals.

#### Contact Information:

[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)

### Kansas Department of Insurance

Contact for complaints related to Medicare Supplement Insurance or Insurance Agents.

#### Contact Information:

[www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org) 402-471-2201



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## NEW to Medicare Checklist

### 4-6 months before your month of eligibility:

- Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits.
  - Contact the Social Security Administration (Railroad retirees contact the Railroad Retirement Board).
- Review your current health insurance to see what happens after you become eligible for Medicare.
  - Contact your HR department or current insurer.
- Find out what Medicare covers and the different options for coverage.

### 3 Months before your month of eligibility:

*The following MAY not be necessary for everyone*

- Decide which Medicare option is best for you.
- Check with your doctor (s) to see if they accept the different types of Medicare coverage.

### 1-3 Months before your month of eligibility:

*The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone*

- Enroll in Medicare A and B.
- If you are continuing work, enrolling in Part B may not be your best option.
- Enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan OR a Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan

## 2017 LIS Program Guidelines

### “Extra Help”

To qualify for Part D Extra Help in 2017, you must meet the following limits:

#### Individual:

- Annual income at or below \$18,090 (\$1,508 monthly).
- Resources (sometimes called assets) are at or below \$13,820 for an individual.

#### Married Couple:

- Annual income at or below \$24,360 (\$2,030 monthly).
- Resources (sometimes called assets) are at or below \$27,600

To apply for Extra Help go to [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call ECKAAA at 785-242-7200 or 913-286-0292 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 may also apply online at [www.applyforKanCare.ks.gov](http://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?**

**If you can answer YES to the following 3 questions, you should apply for the public funding to pay your Medicare premiums.**

1. Do you have Medicare Part A, also known as hospital insurance?
2. Are your resources at or below, \$7,390 for an individual or \$11,090 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	\$1,005	\$1,353	Part A, Part B, Part D, premiums, copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance.
Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary—SLMB	\$1,206	\$1,624	Part B Premium, deemed eligible for Part D Extra Help
Qualifying Individual (QI); (also known as Expanded Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary—ELMB)	\$1,357	\$1,827	Part B Premium, deemed eligible for Part D Extra Help