



Low Income Subsidy Update

There is assistance available for people with Medicare who have limited incomes and resources. If they qualify, they can receive assistance with **premiums, deductibles and co-payments** for their prescriptions.

If someone has a monthly income below **\$1,508** as an individual or **\$2,030** as a married couple living together and assets lower than **\$13,820** as an individual or **\$27,600** as a married couple living together (includes \$1,500/person funeral or burial expense), they can visit their local Social Security office, call Social Security toll free at **1-800-772-1213**, visit **www.socialsecurity.gov**, or request an extra help assistance application by contacting SHIIP. You can also contact your local SHIIP Coordinating Site, The McDowell Senior Center @ 828-659-0821. People who qualify for any level of Medicaid automatically qualify for LIS and do not need to apply.

NOTE: If you applied for Extra Help and have a letter stating that you do not qualify for assistance, you are still eligible to enroll in a PDP during your 7 month Initial Enrollment Period or during the annual Open Enrollment Period (Oct. 15 –Dec. 7) and will be responsible for paying the premiums, deductibles and co-payments.