



Medicare Part D Extra Help/Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) for Patients With Prostate Cancer

# Did you know?

The Extra Help/LIS program helps eligible patients with prostate cancer to access brand-name drugs for less than \$10 per month.<sup>1</sup>

## What is the Medicare Part D Extra Help/LIS program?<sup>1</sup>

For eligible patients, the Extra Help/LIS can help in the following ways:

- ✓ May lower out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs
- May lower monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments

## Who is eligible for Extra Help/LIS?<sup>2</sup>

- Patients who are enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Medicare Part D)
- Patients who live in one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia
- Patients who have limited income and limited resources may receive a partial or full subsidy.†
  For up-to-date eligibility information, please visit: https://bit.ly/2AmFFBe
- Patients who are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligibles). Dual-eligible patients are automatically enrolled in Extra Help/LIS and do not need to submit an application<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>\*</sup> For patients who live in one of the five American territories (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, or American Samoa), there may be programs to help cover some Medicare costs.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle \dagger}$  Annual income limits and resource limits may change from year to year.



## When should eligible patients enroll in Extra Help/LIS?

#### **Enrollment Application Facts**

- If patients do not meet automatic enrollment requirements,3\* they may apply for Extra Help/LIS at any time of year by submitting a free application
- If patients are not eligible when they first apply, they may reapply if their income and resources change<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ Once patients are enrolled, the Social Security Administration (SSA) may periodically review their status to ensure they are still eligible for Extra Help/LIS⁵¹
- Patients have the right to an appeal if they believe their application was incorrectly denied6t

### Where do patients apply for Extra Help/LIS?



ONLINE: Visit https://bit.ly/2VQojEW



**BY PHONE:** Call the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and request an application be mailed, or make an appointment at a local SSA office.



## **Support & Resources**

- For help with enrollment, patients can find their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)<sup>§</sup> using the SHIP Locator at https://bit.ly/2y9cm3S or by calling 1-877-839-2675
- For more helpful patient information about Medicare Extra Help/LIS, please access the National Council on Aging: https://bit.ly/2AmFFBe

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Patients who have Medicare and Medicare (dual eligibles), receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, or receive help paying for Medicare through a Medicare Savings Program are automatically enrolled in Extra Help/LIS.

<sup>†</sup>Visit https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start for Extra Help/LIS eligibility requirements.

the patients believe their request for Extra Help/LIS was incorrectly denied, they can appeal the decision using the Appeal of Determination for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs form: https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-1021.pdf.

<sup>§</sup> Program name may vary by state.