

Understanding Medicare Part D changes in 2027

Manage your 2027 out-of-pocket prescription drug costs



See if you qualify
for **Extra Help**



Enroll in the Medicare
Prescription Payment
Plan (M3P)



Patient Access Liaison (PAL) speaking
with an actor as a patient.

Questions?
Call ForgingBridges
at **1-888-55-BRIDGE**
(1-888-552-7434),
Mon-Fri, 8 am-8 pm ET,
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You may qualify for Extra Help

Extra Help (also called the Low-Income Subsidy, or LIS) can reduce or eliminate your Part D premium, deductible, and copays if your income and resources fall below the limits set each year.¹

Extra Help Income and Resource Eligibility Limits¹

Family size	Annual income limit ^{*†}	Annual resource limit ^{‡§}
Individual	\$23,940	\$18,090
Couple	\$32,460	\$36,100
Family of 3	\$40,980 [¶]	\$36,100
Family of 4	\$49,500 [¶]	\$36,100

If you qualify
(based on family size),
you pay a
\$0 deductible
and **\$0 premiums**
and **no more**
than \$14.40 for
brand named
medications²

^{*}For family size of more than 4 and/or for residents of Hawaii or Alaska, see <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0603001020> for adjusted limits.³

[†]Represents less than 150% of the FPL based on published numbers for 2026. FPL is updated annually by the US Department of Health and Human Services in mid-late January and is used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs. The FPL is based on household income and size and is adjusted for inflation each year.

[‡]Represents resource limits for 2026.

[§]Resources include the value of things you own, such as real estate (other than your primary residence), bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), and cash at home or anywhere else.

[¶]If an individual who applies for the subsidy is married and attests to paying at least one-half support for another relative(s) who lives with them, the relative is considered in the family size when determining applicable poverty level.

How to apply for Extra Help

- ✓ Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.
- ✓ Enroll online at ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help.
- ✓ Enroll in person at your local Social Security office. Find one at [secure.ssa.gov/ICON/](https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp)

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Patient Advocacy Groups

In addition to ForgingBridges, independent charitable foundations and national patient advocacy groups may be able to help.

Scan the QR code to learn more.

These foundations are not associated with ForgingBridges and have separate rules and application processes. ForgingBridges does not endorse any specific foundation.



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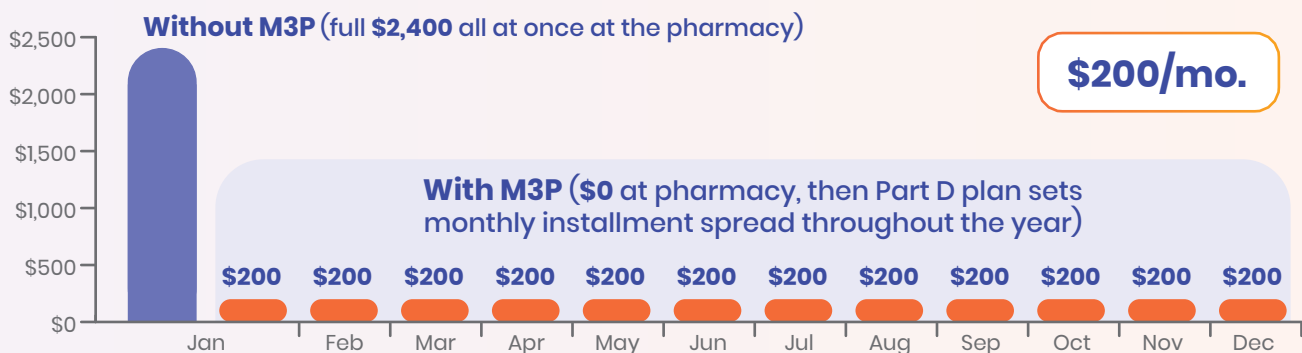
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In 2027, Part D out-of-pocket drug costs are capped at \$2,400 a year

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (M3P) lets you spread that \$2,400 across monthly payments. You will not pay these costs at the pharmacy. Instead, you will make monthly payments directly to your Medicare drug plan.⁴

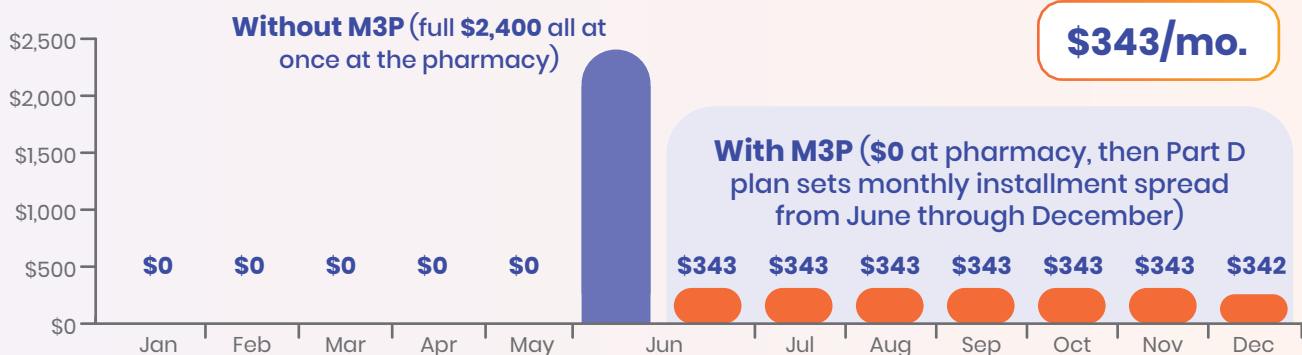
SCENARIO 1: Enrolled in M3P starting in January

An enrollee is prescribed a high-cost specialty medication in January and reaches the \$2,400 cap with that first fill.⁵



SCENARIO 2: Enrolled in M3P starting in June

Same situation, but the enrollee opts in mid-year, after reaching the cap in June.⁵



Assumes there are no other accumulating costs driving down the \$2,400 max. Additional scenarios may apply.

How to enroll⁶

- ☒ Call your Part D plan and verbally opt in, or complete the electronic participation form on your plan's website.
- ☒ Enrollment information is included in your annual plan documents whether you're new or renewing. You can also download and mail a participation form.
- ☒ Once enrolled, participation renews automatically each year unless you switch plans or opt out.

Frequently asked questions

- 1. Is M3P mandatory?** No, but it's worth considering if you take a high-cost medication. There's no fee to opt in, and payments adjust automatically if your prescriptions change. You'll never pay more than the \$2,400 annual cap.⁴
- 2. What if I don't fill a prescription some months?** You only pay for what you use, but your monthly M3P amount is based on your full \$2,400 cap. If you hit the cap in January, you'll owe your monthly installment through December whether or not you refill because the cap was already met.⁶
- 3. What if I enroll in M3P mid-year?** Whatever you already paid out of pocket is subtracted from the \$2,400 cap, and the remainder is divided across the months left in the year. Your monthly amount recalculates if your drug costs change.⁶
- 4. What happens if I miss a payment?** You'll get a notice and a grace period. If you miss that window, you're removed from the M3P program and you will pay the pharmacy directly for your medications. You will still owe any balance accrued under the plan.⁶
- 5. Should I choose M3P or Extra Help?** It depends on your situation. If you don't qualify for Extra Help, M3P is the better tool for managing costs — especially if you enroll early in the year or during Open Enrollment.⁴
- 6. Will M3P affect my Medicare coverage?** No. M3P only changes how you pay for covered Part D prescription costs; it does not change your Medicare benefits or coverage.
- 7. Who can I contact if I have questions about M3P or Extra Help?** In addition to contacting your Medicare drug plan or Social Security, patients may be able to receive educational support and assistance navigating available resources through their Patient Access Liaison (PAL).

Key terms, plain and simple

Information for Part D 2027

Insurance Premium	what you pay (usually monthly) to keep your Part D plan active, whether or not you use it	Set by Part D plans
Deductible	what you pay out of pocket for covered drugs before your plan starts sharing the cost	\$700 (can vary by plan)
Coinsurance/copay	your share of a drug's cost after the deductible; coinsurance is a percentage, copay is a flat rate	Varies by plan
Maximum Out-of-pocket (OOP)	the most you'll pay for covered Part D drugs in a calendar year before your plan covers the rest	\$2,400

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