

# GET HELP PAYING FOR YOUR MEDICARE PART A COSTS!

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**Great news for Medi-Cal members who are eligible for Medicare!** A new change in California can make it easier to sign up for Medicare Part A and get help with Medicare costs. This change helps Medi-Cal members who must pay a premium for Medicare Part A.

**The Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program can help with your Medicare costs. It may cover:**

- » Your Medicare Part A premium.
- » Your Medicare Part B premium.
- » Other Medicare costs, like deductibles and copayments.

If you are already signed up for Medicare Part B, Medi-Cal will automatically enroll you in Medicare Part A and pay for your Medicare Part A costs through the QMB program if you qualify. To learn more, please visit the Medicare Savings Program in California webpage at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/MSPCal> or the DHCS Medicare Premium Payment (Buy-In) Program webpage at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Buyin>.

Medicare Part A covers hospital and skilled nursing facility stays, rehab after the hospital, and more. Medicare Part B covers preventive services like doctor visits and medically necessary supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, and more.

**If you are not yet enrolled in the QMB program, you can get more information and apply in one of these ways:**

- » Call or visit your local county office. Find their telephone number and address here: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/COL>.
- » Apply online through Benefits Cal: <https://benefitscal.com/>.
- » Fill out the application form and mail it to your county office. Find the application form and more information about the program here: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/MSPCal>.

## **Do You Still Have Questions?**

- » Check with your local county office. They can tell you if you qualify for Medi-Cal with your Medicare. You can also ask your county office about your Medi-Cal or QMB status. Find their telephone number and address here:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/COL>.
- » If Medi-Cal enrolled you in Medicare Part A, it helps pay your Medicare costs through the QMB program. For questions about the QMB program, you can call the Medi-Cal Helpline at (800) 541-5555.
- » For questions about Medicare or SSI/SSP (Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment) benefits, visit your local Social Security office or call (800) 772-1213.
- » For questions about Medicare billing, claims, or medical records, call (800) MEDICARE [(800) 633-4227].

## **More Resources:**

- » For free one-on-one Medicare counseling, call the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at (800) 434-0222.
- » If you need help with a problem that your health plan has not been able to resolve, call the Medicare Medi-Cal Ombudsman Program (MMOP) at (855) 501-3077.