

Provider Alert



Thanks to expanded eligibility, more Medicare beneficiaries will qualify for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) this year.

Talk to your patients about how this program can help them save on healthcare costs—including premiums, copays, deductibles, coinsurance, and prescriptions.

Patients can apply for the MSP if they are:

- **Single** and make less than \$2,200 per month.
- Married and make less than \$3,000 per month.

What are the benefits?

- Patients can save up to \$7,000 per year on their healthcare costs.
- The MSP helps pay for the patient's Part B premium.
- The patient gets Extra Help to assist with Medicare prescription drug (Part D) costs.

What else should your patients know?

- If a patient has a monthly late enrollment penalty, it is dropped for life once approved for the MSP.
- A Medicare patient who was ineligible for Medicaid in the past may qualify in 2023.

How can patients apply for the MSP?

- Healthfirst members can call My Advocate at 1-866-480-0168
 (TTY 1-855-368-9643), Monday to Saturday, 8am-7:30pm.
- If your patient is not a Healthfirst member, we can still help. They can call 1-866-889-2524 (TTY 1-888-542-3821), Monday to Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm.