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There are two variations of these letters ([View samples in English and Spanish at SSA's website](#)):

- Form SSA-L447 is sent to individuals whose countable income appears to be less than 135% of poverty, and the beneficiary has Extra Help but does not have MSP.
- Form SSA-L448 is sent to beneficiaries whose countable income appears to qualify them for Extra Help and MSP, but the beneficiary has neither.

Note: A third letter, Form SSA-L441, is sent to former Social Security Disability Insurance beneficiaries who lost their free Medicare Part A because of work and do not have Medicaid according to SSA records. We do not have data on these mailings, and thus it is not included in the visualization below.

SSA has released the number of letters that will be mailed to each zip code in the United States in May-June 2020 in order to help community-based organizations and state and local agencies more effectively target outreach on these vital benefits programs.

Note: While these data help identify those likely eligible for these two programs based on their Social Security benefit, remember that Medicare beneficiaries may have additional sources of income or assets above the amounts allowed for the programs, and not all letter recipients may be eligible to enroll.

Find additional information, including federal eligibility guidelines, for [LIS](#) and [MSP](#).

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You may have received a letter from Social Security saying you might qualify for this program. We can help you apply.

Call your local Agency on Aging:

- **Lake County: 406-883-7284, Samantha, Jane, Mary B., Mary Mc.**
 - **Lincoln County: Eureka, 406-291-5767 Brenda**
 - **Libby, Troy, 406-334-9823 Sandi**
 - **Mineral County: 406-369-5766 Patti**
 - **Sanders County: 406-827-3034 Kate**

You May Be Able To Save \$1,735.20 Or More In Medicare Costs!

If you can't afford Medicare premiums or other medical costs, you may be able to get help. Medicare Savings Programs may help pay Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments.

Am I Eligible For A Medicare Savings Program? To qualify for a Medicare Savings Program, your monthly income and total resources (like money in a bank, stocks, or bonds) must be at or below the amounts shown in this table:

Medicare Savings Program	
2020 Monthly Income Limit*	
Single	Married (living together)
\$ 1,456.00	\$1,960.00
2020 Resource Limit**	
Single	Married (living together)
\$7,860. 00	\$11,800.00

* The income limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii. Many states allow you to have more income than the figures listed above. If you or your spouse work, some of your earned income won't be counted in determining your eligibility. ** Some states allow you to have more resources and some states may have no resource limit at all. Your house, car, and up to \$1,500 per person in burial expenses **don't count** as resources.