

# What is **PA MEDI**?

- **PA MEDI** provides free health insurance counseling. It is confidential, and provides objective, easy-to-understand information about Medicare Advantage Plans, Prescription Drug Plans, and Medicare Supplemental Plans. **PA MEDI** can also help with Medicare Appeals.
- **PA MEDI** helps you find the plan that best meets your needs.
- **PA MEDI** counselors are specially trained volunteers who can answer all your questions about Medicare and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about health insurance.
- **PA MEDI** services are free, and all information is kept completely confidential.

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**“Effective July 1, 2021, APPRISE is now Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight, PA MEDI – Same Program, Same Services for Pennsylvania’s Medicare Beneficiaries, now with a New Name.”**



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# **PA Medicare Education and Decision Insight**

## **PA MEDI** **(formerly APPRISE)**



## Need “Extra Help”? Do you have Medicare?

The “Extra Help” Program is offered to Medicare Recipients and can...

- Lower prescription copays and premiums
- Eliminate the coverage gap (donut hole)

*If you are **Single**; and have a **total monthly income** of less than \$1,630 per month; and less than \$14,790 in resources.*

*If you are **Married**; and have a **total monthly income** of less than \$2,198 per month; and less than \$29,370 in resources*

Low-Income Premium Subsidy for 2021 in PA is \$37.45

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp/>

## PACE / PACENET (2021)

PACE / PACENET will help reduce the cost of your prescription medication. You can be enrolled in PACE / PACENET, and other prescription plans at the same time.

### Eligibility Requirements

- 65 years of age or older
- PA resident for at least 90 days
- Meet the income limits listed below (assets are not counted as income)
- Income is based on prior calendar year
- As of February 7, 2014, Medicare Part B Premiums are no longer counted as income

### Annual Income Guidelines

Program	Single Gross Income	Couple Gross Income
PACE	\$14,500	\$17,700
PACENET	\$27,500	35,500

### Copays for 30 Day Supply

Program	Generics	Brand
PACE	\$6.00	\$9.00
PACENET	\$8.00	\$15.00

## Medicare Savings Programs

- QMB Plus (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary): The State pays for full Medicaid benefits and Medicare Part A/B premiums.
- QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary): Part B Premium, Medicare deductibles and copays are paid for by the State of PA.
- SLMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary): The State of PA pays the Part B Premium Only.
- QI-1 (Qualifying Individual): The State of PA pays the Part B Premium Only.

### Monthly Income Guidelines (2021)

Program	Single Income	Couple Income
QMB Plus*	\$1,093	\$1,472
QMB	\$1,093	\$1,472
SLMB	\$1,308	\$1,762
QI-1	\$1,469	\$1,980

### Asset Guidelines (2021)

QMB Plus*	\$2,000	\$3,000
Assets	\$7,970	\$11,960