

30 - Eligibility Requirements

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This section describes the requirements for Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources to qualify for the Part D LIS. Specifically, it discusses eligibility for the two categories of the LIS: the full subsidy and the partial subsidy.

The LIS described in this chapter is limited to Medicare beneficiaries who reside in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. U.S. Territories receive a Federal grant to operate their own programs to assist dual Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries with the costs of the Part D benefit. *Full time U.S. residents visiting the Territories will be afforded LIS copay rates for in-network drug purchases.* Discussion of the U.S. Territories enhanced allotment program is described in section 90 of this chapter.

Low-income individuals must be enrolled in a Part D plan to have their premium, deductible, coverage gap, and cost-sharing subsidized by the LIS. Individuals who receive prescription drug coverage through plans other than Part D plans, including those for whom employers are claiming a retiree drug subsidy, do not receive *LIS* benefits.