

EXTRA HELP

With Medicare Prescription Drug Expenses

The Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County can assist Medicare beneficiaries who have limited income apply for **EXTRA HELP** paying for their Medicare prescription drug expenses.

INCOME LIMITS - 2009 (Based on Family Size)

Individual	\$1,353 per month (\$16,236 per year)
Married couple living together	\$1,821 per month (\$21,852 per year)

DO NOT COUNT AS INCOME:

- * Food stamp assistance
- * Home energy assistance
- * Medical treatment and drugs
- * Housing assistance
- * Disaster assistance
- * Earned income tax credit payments
- * Victim's compensation payments
- * Scholarships and education grants

RESOURCE LIMITS - 2009

Individual	\$12,510
Married couple living together	\$25,010

COUNT AS RESOURCES: All bank accounts, Certificates of Deposit, stocks, bonds, all other investment accounts and cash at home or anywhere else

DO NOT COUNT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

- * Primary residence
- * Vehicle(s), boats, recreational vehicles, etc.
- * Burial spaces and interest earned on money you plan to use for burial expenses
- * Personal possessions such as jewelry or home furnishings
- * Non-business property essential to your self support, such as land you use to grow produce for home consumption
- * Up to \$1,500 (\$3,000 if married and living with spouse) of the cash value of life insurance policies you hold

**Call Area Agency on Aging Outreach Benefits Counselor
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