





Benefits Quick Guide

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1. Medicare Savings Program (MSP)

Effective 3/1/22-2/28/23

QMB

Monthly Income Guideline

Single: \$2,390Couple: \$3,220

SLMB

Monthly Income Guidelines

Single: \$2,617Couple: \$3,525

ALMB

Monthly Income Guidelines

Single: \$2,786Couple: \$3,754

Important notes about MSP

- There is no asset limit or estate recoupment for MSP.
- Individuals who qualify for MSP and missed enrollment into Medicare A and/or B may be able to
 enroll into Medicare through MSP. For information on how to enroll into Medicare through MSP, click
 here.
- Earned income disregard applies to income limits: For earned income, the first \$65 and then half of
 the remainder is not counted toward eligibility. For more info on the Medicare Savings Program, click
 here.

2. Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS)

Effective 1/1/23-12/31/23

Full LIS Level 1 copays

(Medicare + MSP)

Generic drugs: \$4.15Brand Drugs: \$10.35

Full LIS Level 2 copays

(Medicare + HUSKY C)

Generic drugs: \$1.45Brand Drugs: \$4.30

Maximum out of pocket cost-sharing \$17 per month

Full LIS Level 3 copays

(Medicare + Medicaid Waiver or SNF)

\$0 cost-sharing

Important notes about LIS:

- MSP recipients automatically qualify for full LIS level 1.
- Connecticut residents should consider applying for LIS through MSP because MSP has no asset restrictions and higher income guidelines.
- Beneficiaries who have LIS will be randomly assigned to a benchmark Part D plan if they do not select
 a plan on their own. Beneficiaries with Extra Help who are enrolled in a benchmark plan will have a \$0
 monthly premium for their coverage. However, they still benefit from a plan comparison to
 determine the best plan that covers all their medications.
- Individuals entitled to LIS who do not yet have a Part D plan can be eligible for immediate drug coverage through LI NET. For more information on LI NET and eligibility requirements, click here.

3. Medicaid for those age 65+, blind or with a disability (HUSKY C)

Effective 7/1/22-6/30/23

Husky C Monthly Income Guidelines:

Single: \$879Couple: \$1,062

HUSKY C Asset limits:

Single: \$1,600Couple: \$2,400

Standard disregards (included above):

Unearned income disregard

Single \$409Couple: \$818

Earned income disregard:

• Subtract \$65, then divide by half

Important notes about HUSKY C:

- State income regions A, B and C eliminated 7/1/22 statewide standard limit now in effect.
- Income limits include single unearned disregard of \$409 and couple unearned disregard of \$818. The special shared disregard is \$476.90. Income is based on 143% of TFA.

4. Medicaid Expanded Benefits (HUSKY D)

Effective 7/1/22-6/30/23

Husky D Monthly Income Guidelines

Household Size of 1 MAGI monthly Income: \$1,563
 Household Size of 2 MAGI monthly Income: \$2,106

Important notes about HUSKY D:

- For those 18-64 without minor children or Medicare
- Apply through Access Health CT online at <u>accesshealthct.com</u>
- Eligibility is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) in the tax household
- No spend-down provision if you are over the income guidelines
- No asset limits

 During the Public Health Emergency, individuals have been able to stay on HUSKY D while on Medicare under certain conditions. <u>For more info on eligibility changes during Public Health</u> <u>Emergency, click here.</u>

5. Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities (MED-CONNECT)

Effective 7/1/22-6/30/23

MED-CONNECT Income limits:

• Earnings up to \$75,000/year

MED-CONNECT Asset limits:

- Single person \$10,000
- Married couple \$15,000

Important notes about MED-CONNECT:

- Enrollees can have income up to \$75,000 per year and qualify for full Medicaid/HUSKY Health coverage.
- Enrollees may have to pay monthly premium, depending on their income level.
- Only the applicant's income counts to determine program eligibility. Spouse's income is counted when determining monthly premium amounts.
- Full MED-CONNECT program details can be found by clicking here.

6. Medicaid for parents and caregivers with children under age 19 (HUSKY A)

Effective 7/1/22-6/30/23

Monthly Income Limits for parents/caregivers:

Family of 1: \$1,812Family of 2: \$2,442

Important notes about HUSKY A:

- There are other groups covered under HUSKY A, including pregnant women. There are different
 income and asset limits for different groups under HUSKY A. To view the Husky full eligibility
 chart, click here.
- Eligibility is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI).
- There is no asset test for this HUSKY A coverage group.
- SSI and certain other types of income do not count toward eligibility limits, and certain expenses are deducted from eligibility.

7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Effective 10/1/22-9/30/23

Gross monthly income limits

Household Size of 1: \$2,265Household Size of 2: \$3,052

Asset limits

• Households below 200% FPL: No asset limit

• Households above 200% FPL: \$4,250

Important notes about SNAP

• Certain income and assets are not counted toward eligibility.

8. Important Contacts

Mailing applications

Husky C, MSP and SNAP benefit applications are mailed to: DSS Connect Scanning Center, PO Box 1320, Manchester, CT 06045-1320

Online Applications

Applications for most programs can be completed online at www.connect.ct.gov

• DSS Benefits Center telephone line

Consumers can call **1-855-626-6632** to check on the status of benefits and to report changes.