

Consumer Savings - Medicare Part B Premium



	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
New MSP Population	19,217	11,721	8,386	4,408
Part B Savings (\$2,096/person)	\$40.3M	\$24.6M	\$17.6M	\$8.5M

What does this mean?

- The “new to MSP” population is the net new number of Vermonters who are eligible for any level of MSP.
- They will no longer have to pay their Part B premium. For an individual, this will mean \$2,096/year extra in their pocket. For a couple, this will mean \$4,192/year extra in their pocket.
- **These savings will be a cash infusion to low-income Vermonters** and 58% will come from federal dollars.
- This extra money will help Vermonters afford basic life necessities, like food, housing, and medicine. The benefits will spillover to doctors and hospitals as patients are more able to afford their medical bills.

Consumer Savings – QMB Cost-Sharing



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New QMB Population	17,242	10,281	6,193	6,193
Estimated QMB Cost-Sharing Savings (\$335.62/person)	\$5.8M	\$3.5M	\$2.1M	\$2.1M

What does this mean?

- The “new to QMB population” will be able to go to the doctor and hospital for \$0.
- DVHA estimates that QMB saves individuals on average \$335.62 per person in cost-sharing.
- These savings will benefit consumers. Instead of the consumer paying the doctor or hospital a Medicare deductible or cost-sharing amount, QMB will pay.
- This is a benefit for doctors and hospitals because not all patients can pay their bills.



Consumer Benefit – Estimated LIS / Extra Help Benefit



	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
New to Rx Benefit	9,972	3,914	579	0
Estimated LIS Savings (\$5,300/person)	\$52.9M	\$20.7M	\$3.1M	0
VPharm Premium Savings				
VPharm Non-Part D Coverage (Assumed Forgone)				

What does this mean?

- The Social Security Administration estimates the LIS benefit at approx. \$5,300 per person.
- The “New to Rx Benefit” is the population that would be new to the Medicare Savings Program and does not have VPharm now. These individuals will newly enjoy major Rx savings.
- Many people currently enjoy prescription savings through VPharm and will become newly eligible for a MSP. This will result in significant savings to the State of Vermont by shifting the cost of providing a prescription benefit onto the Federal government. (LIS/Extra Help is 100% federally funded.)

Summary – New Consumer Savings/Benefit



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Est. QMB Cost-Sharing Savings (\$335.62/person)	\$5.8M	\$3.5M	\$2.1M	\$2.1M
Estimated LIS Benefit (\$5,300/person)	\$52.9M	\$20.7M	\$3.1M	0
Total Est. New Consumer Savings/Benefits	\$99M	48.8M	22.8M	10.6M

