

Not a Scam: In May, the Social Security Administration (SSA) mails letters to people enrolled in Medicare who are likely eligible for but not receiving the Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS), also known as Extra Help, and the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs).

There are two variations of these letters:

Form SSA-L447 provides information about the MSPs.

Form SSA-L448 provides information about both LIS and MSPs

While these data help identify those likely eligible for these two programs based on their Social Security benefit, remember that Medicare beneficiaries may have additional sources of income or assets above the amounts allowed for the programs, and not all letter recipients may be eligible to enroll. Find additional information, including federal eligibility guidelines, for LIS <https://www.ncoa.org/economic-security/benefits/prescriptions/lis-extrahelp/> and MSP <https://www.ncoa.org/economic-security/benefits/medicare-and-medicaid/medicaid-mmps/>.

But can be a scam or deceive business practices - Beware of companies mailing cards- providing a referral service to assist you in applying or just trying to get your personal information.

For assistance call SHIP - 800-307-4444 in Nevada – they can help in determining if you are eligible and completing the necessary forms - and it won't cost them anything.