

Additions to the SSA-1020 concerning Medicare Savings Programs:

The cover letter:

You also may be able to get help from your state with other Medicare costs under the Medicare Savings Programs. By completing this form, you will start your application process for a Medicare Savings Program. We will send information to your state who will contact you to help you apply for a Medicare Savings Program unless you tell us not to by answering question 15 on this form.

Question 3:

If you are **married and living with your spouse**, do you have savings, investments or real estate worth more than \$23,970? If you are not married or you do not live with your spouse, is the value more than \$11,990? **Do NOT count the home you live in, vehicles, personal possessions, burial plots, irrevocable burial contracts or back payments from Social Security or SSI.**

YES If you place an in the YES box, you are not eligible for the Extra Help. But, your state may be able to help you with your Medicare costs through their Medicare Savings Programs. To start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs, skip to page 6, sign this application and return it to us. If you are not interested in Medicare Savings Programs, skip to question 15 on page 5.

NO or NOT SURE If you place an in the NO or NOT SURE box, complete the rest of this application and return it to us.

Question 15:

Information about Medicare Savings Programs: You may be able to get help from your state with your Medicare costs under the Medicare Savings Programs. To start your application process for the Medicare Savings Programs, Social Security will send information from this form to your state unless you tell us not to. **If you want to get help from the Medicare Savings Programs, do not complete this question. Just sign and date the application and your state will contact you.**

If you are **not** interested in filing for the Medicare Savings Programs, place an in the box below.

No, do not send the information to the state.