Making sense of Medicare

2020

A retiree guide to getting complete health care coverage
Medicare made easier

This guide is not intended to replace information available to all Medicare recipients in the Medicare & You handbook. Please review this and all information available at medicare.gov, which will provide you with complete details about Medicare plans, including beneficiary rights, coordination of care, preventive services, how to change plans, state assistance options, definitions and more.
Medicare is something you’ve earned, a benefit you count on. Understanding how it works, how to navigate and make the most of it, however, is no easy task — especially if you try it on your own.

Trusted, impartial guidance from Aon Retiree Health Exchange can help you make sense of Original Medicare — and individual Medicare plans that can help complete your coverage needs. Whether you rely on our secure website, or prefer speaking with one of our licensed Benefits Advisors, we’ll help you understand your options so you can make the right decision for your health.

Aon Retiree Health Exchange provides:

• Access to national and regional insurance companies with individual Medicare plans in your area.
• Clear, current and complete information about the Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement, Prescription Drug, Dental and Vision Plans available to you.
• Help with evaluating your options, comparing plans that fit your needs and budget, and enrolling in coverage.
• Continued assistance after you enroll and as your needs change.
• Services at no additional cost to you — you only pay for the plan(s) you enroll in.
• Licensed Benefits Advisors who are not incented to promote any carrier or plan over another. They offer objective and personalized guidance so you can make informed decisions about your benefits.

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Medicare is a federal program that offers health insurance to Americans and other eligible individuals.

**Eligibility**

To be covered by Medicare, you must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident who has lived in the U.S. continuously for at least the last five years, including the five years just before applying for Medicare. You must also meet one of these criteria:

- Age 65 or older
- Younger than 65 with a qualifying disability
- Any age with a diagnosis of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

**Enrollment**

Original Medicare (Parts A and B) helps pay for hospital stays and doctor visits, but it doesn’t cover everything — nor does it cover prescription drugs.

You should be automatically enrolled in Original Medicare if you’re receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits when you become eligible. If you’re not receiving benefits, you need to sign up for Medicare when you become eligible.

**You must have Medicare Parts A and B before enrolling in supplemental coverage.** You can sign up in one of three ways:

- Visit your local Social Security office
- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)
- Apply online at ssa.gov

If you worked for a railroad, call your local Railroad Retirement Board office or 1-877-772-5772.

While Congress has shifted the full retirement age for Social Security benefits from 65 to 66 (and 67 in the future), 65 has remained the eligibility age for Medicare.

Keep in mind that it may take up to 60 days to get approved for Medicare Part B, and up to three weeks to receive your Medicare card in the mail.

Many people who are still working sign up for Medicare Part A at 65 but delay signing up for Part B if they’re covered by their employer’s insurance. But you must sign up for Medicare Part B no later than eight months after you leave your job and lose group coverage, or you may have to pay a lifetime penalty and experience a gap in coverage.

If you miss the Part B initial enrollment period, you must wait to sign up for Part B until the next general enrollment period (January 1 to March 31), and coverage will begin July 1.
Other coverage choices

Many Medicare-eligibles choose additional coverage by enrolling in one or more individual Medicare plans.

- Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) combine Part A and Part B, and often include prescription drug coverage. Some plans may offer additional benefits like coverage for routine vision and dental care.

- Medicare Supplement Plans (Medigap) help pay some of the out-of-pocket costs that aren’t covered under Original Medicare.


Understanding Medicare — we’ll help you through it

This guide will help you understand your Medicare options and the enrollment process.

1. Activate your personal Aon Retiree Health Exchange account online.

2. Use our interactive website to enroll online or a Benefits Advisor can assist you by phone.

3. Pay special attention to deadlines so you don’t have a lapse in coverage.

On page 17, you’ll find details about how to prepare for enrollment, information you’ll need to have handy, and how our innovative online recommendation tool can help make your buying experience easier.

Your website details, Aon ID and pre-scheduled appointment time are listed on the letter enclosed.
Understanding Medicare

Over time, your health care needs and budget may change. That’s why there are options that allow you to select benefits that support those needs.

You can choose Original Medicare Part A for hospital stays and Part B for doctor visits, or you can choose a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) from a private insurance company. Medicare Advantage Plans combine Medicare Part A and Part B coverage, and many also include prescription drug coverage. Some plans come with hearing and vision care benefits as well.

Medicare Supplement Plans help pay some of your out-of-pocket costs. Available from private insurance companies, these plans pay for some of the expenses not covered by Original Medicare, like deductibles and copayments.

In general, here’s what’s covered under Medicare Parts A and B

### Part A
- Inpatient care in hospitals
- Inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility
- Hospice care services
- Home health care services

**In 2020, you pay:**
- Typically a $0 premium
  - Or
  - A premium of up to $458 per month, based on your work history
- Deductible: per 60-day benefit period

### Part B
- Medically necessary — Services or supplies to diagnose or treat a condition that meets accepted standards of medical practice
- Preventive — Health care to identify or stop illness at an early stage
- Doctor visits
- Outpatient hospital care
- Durable medical equipment and supplies

**In 2020, you pay:**
- Typically, the standard premium amount = $144.60
- 20% coinsurance, after $198 deductible

**Note:** Social Security will contact you if you have to pay more based on your income.

### What’s not covered by Medicare Parts A and B
- Most prescriptions
- Health care services not approved by Medicare
- Long-term care (also called custodial care)
- Most dental care
- Eye examinations related to prescribing glasses
- Dentures
- Cosmetic surgery
- Acupuncture
- Hearing aids and associated exams
- Routine foot care

Even if a service or item is covered, you’ll generally still have to pay deductibles, coinsurance or copayments without any annual limit on those costs.
There is no out-of-pocket cap for Medicare Parts A and B. That means your share of costs is unlimited. So it’s a good idea to plan for out-of-pocket costs by enrolling in an individual Medicare insurance plan.

You can review your coverage and make changes during the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), which runs October 15 – December 7 every year.

The Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP) runs January 1 to March 31 and allows anyone currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan on January 1 the opportunity to change plans.

Good to know

Keep in mind that you must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B before you can enroll in an individual Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement Plan.
Beyond Original Medicare

As Medicare has evolved, the federal government allowed private insurance carriers to offer additional options that cover a wider range of services and help retirees manage the out-of-pocket costs. Because Medicare (Parts A and B) doesn’t pay for everything, you may want to consider a Medicare Advantage Plan, or a Medicare Supplement Plan along with a Prescription Drug Plan.

**Medicare Advantage Plans** provide medical benefits as good as those covered by Medicare Parts A and B, but with greater financial protection. Many Medicare Advantage Plans also include Medicare Prescription Drug coverage.

With a Medicare Advantage Plan, sometimes abbreviated as “MA Plan” or called “Part C,” the insurance company that offers the plan determines the monthly premium and cost-sharing amounts. If you join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you still have Original Medicare (Parts A and B), but a private insurance company is responsible for coordinating your care and paying claims. Ongoing changes to Medicare Advantage Plans include additional supplemental benefits designed to diagnose, treat, or prevent health conditions. Benefits may include transportation services, meal deliveries, or even home and bathroom safety devices.

In this illustration, each of the triangles represent a different part of Medicare. Part C shows a full triangle because it includes Medicare Parts A, B and, in many cases, Part D, under one plan with one ID card.

### Part A
**Original Medicare**

Covers:
- Inpatient hospital care
- Skilled nursing facility care
- Hospice care
- Home health care

### Part B
**Original Medicare**

Covers:
- Medically-necessary services: clinical research, ambulance services, durable medical equipment, mental health services, partial hospitalization, second opinions before surgery
- Preventive health care services
- Doctor visits
- Outpatient hospital care
- Durable medical equipment and supplies
Medicare Prescription Drug Plans cover much of the costs for prescription drugs and can be useful in situations where prescription drugs aren’t already covered. Some plans have pharmacy networks that offer discounted prices. Plans may also offer a mail-order pharmacy benefit.

These optional plans are highly regulated and have standardized benefits: Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans are regulated by the federal government; Medicare Supplement Plans are regulated by individual states.

More about Medicare Advantage Plans:

- You’ll usually pay a monthly premium for your Medicare Advantage Plan, but in most cases there are no deductibles.
- You’ll pay a copayment instead of coinsurance for most medical services.
- These plans have an out-of-pocket maximum, which protects you by setting a yearly cap on your cost for health services.
- If you need prescription drug coverage, check the plan to be sure your medications are covered.
- Check that your preferred doctors and specialists participate in the plan’s provider network or accept Medicare (depending on which plan type you choose).
- Before traveling, check with your provider to understand benefits available to you.
- You should review your plan details provided by your insurance company since benefits, premiums and terms can change annually.

Medicare Supplement Plans (also known as Medigap) are designed to “fill the gaps” of Medicare Parts A and B. However, these plans do not cover prescription drugs. While there are several different Medicare Supplement Plan levels, they are the same nationwide, except in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

You’ll pay a monthly premium for a Medicare Supplement Plan in addition to your monthly Medicare Part B premium. When you choose a Medicare Supplement Plan, you must enroll in a Prescription Drug Plan. If you delay, you will pay a penalty.

Medicare Supplement Plans (also known as Medigap)

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

Part C Medicare Advantage

Covers:
- Everything Medicare Parts A and B cover
- Many plans cover prescription drugs
- Many plans cover dental and vision

Part D Prescription Drug

Covers:
- Prescription drugs
Comparing your Medicare options

To help you explore which coverage would be better suited to your health care needs and budget, let’s take a closer look at your options. Keep in mind these high-level comparisons:

- **Medicare Advantage Plans**
  - Medical benefits similar to those covered by Medicare Parts A and B
  - Offer greater financial protection
  - Most include Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage

- **Medicare Supplement (Medigap) Plans**
  - Designed to “fill the gaps” of Medicare Parts A and B
  - Do not cover prescription drugs

- **Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D)**
  - Helps pay for medications
Many plans also include one or more benefits you'd otherwise have to purchase separately, such as dental, vision and/or hearing care, wellness programs, gym memberships and a nurseline.

Many plans have an out-of-pocket maximum, which caps your financial liability in a given plan period. If your out-of-pocket costs exceed this amount, you pay $0 for additional eligible services until a new plan period begins.

Types of Medicare Advantage Plans

In general, most Medicare Advantage Plans offer nationwide coverage for emergency room, urgent care and renal dialysis. Some Medicare Advantage Plans have you select a primary care physician from their network, enabling you to receive coordinated medical services, including specialist and hospital care.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Plans: You’re required to seek care from providers in the plan’s network and you may need your primary doctor’s referral to see specialists.

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plans: Typically you’re not required to get a referral to see a specialist and you can see providers outside the network without having to pay all the costs yourself.

Fee-For-Service Plans: You can get care from any Medicare-eligible provider who accepts your plan. These plans do not offer coordinated care.

Coordination Care Plans: A network of doctors and hospitals work together to provide your care. Each plan creates its own network. In most cases, you will pay most or all costs if you see a provider outside the network.

Point of Service (POS) Plans: This HMO plan allows you to visit doctors and hospitals outside the network for some covered services, but your copayment or coinsurance is usually higher.

Special Needs Plans (SNPs): For people with a range of special needs, including those with chronic diseases, nursing home residents and people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Private Fee-For-Service (PFFS) Plan: You can see any provider in the U.S. who accepts Medicare. Medical Savings Account (MSA) plans combine Medicare Advantage Plan coverage with a special savings account that offers tax advantages to help pay for covered medical expenses.

Important considerations

- You must enroll in Original Medicare Parts A and B and pay any premiums.
- Enrollment in a Medicare Advantage Plan is through private insurance carriers. These plans are not offered by the federal government.
- At a minimum, all plans provide the same benefits as those available under Original Medicare.
- Most include prescription drug coverage as part of the premium.
- Many plans also include one or more benefits you’d otherwise have to purchase separately, such as dental, vision and/or hearing care, wellness programs, gym memberships and a nurseline.
- Many plans have an out-of-pocket maximum, which caps your financial liability in a given plan period. If your out-of-pocket costs exceed this amount, you pay $0 for additional eligible services until a new plan period begins.
- Most Medicare Advantage Plans are limited to a defined geographic area.

Medicare Cost Plans are a type of Medicare Advantage plan that’s available in some states. These plans are provided by private insurance companies Medicare has approved. Medicare Cost Plans can vary in their costs and coverage. Talk with a Benefits Advisor to explore options in your area.
## Types of Medicare Supplement Plans

There are a variety of standardized Medicare Supplement Plans to choose from. Each plan provides different benefits, so it’s important to compare plans before choosing one. The monthly premium for your plan will vary and may be based on the coverage offered and which insurance company you choose.

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(A check mark ✓ indicates areas where the plan pays 100% of the benefit cost.)

*Plans C and F are only available to individuals eligible for Medicare prior to January 1, 2020.

1 Plan F also offers a high-deductible plan. If you choose this option, you must pay for Medicare-covered costs up to the deductible amount of $2,340 (in 2020) before your Medicare Supplement plan pays anything.


3 Plan N pays 100% of the Part B coinsurance, except for a copayment of up to $20 for some office visits and up to a $50 copayment for emergency room visits that don’t result in an inpatient admission (in 2020).
• To enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan, you must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B.

• Although most Medicare Supplement Plans cover expenses from any provider that accepts Medicare, some private insurance companies also offer a Medicare Select Plan, which provides coverage only within a defined network of providers. Check that your hospital is included in that particular plan’s network.

• Most Medicare Supplement Plans don’t require a copayment or coinsurance for hospital charges.

• If you enroll in coverage when you first become eligible at age 65, or if your employer stops providing a group retiree health plan, you may not be subject to a health screening or underwriting by the insurer.

• Medicare Supplement Plans are standardized in a different way in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Go online to review the plans available in your area or discuss your options with a Benefits Advisor.

Planning for the future

While considering your plan options, if a Medicare Supplement Plan seems to fit your needs, consider future changes affecting Medicare Supplement Plans C and F.

Under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), existing Medicare Supplement Plans C and F have been replaced by new plans that do not include the Medicare Part B deductible.

• If you had Medicare Supplement Plans C or F in 2019, you’re grandfathered in. After January 1, 2020, these plans are not available to NEW Medicare beneficiaries.

• Medicare Supplement Plans D and G offer mostly the same coverage as the plans they replaced, except they do not cover the Medicare Part B deductible.

• Switching from Medicare Supplement Plan C or F to plans D or G, or switching to a different insurance company, may trigger a review by medical underwriters. This means your medical history may influence your monthly premium.

• Medicare Advantage Plans will not be affected.
Prescription Drug Plans

Medicare Part D coverage helps you pay for prescription drugs and can help you manage your health care budget by providing predictable drug costs. Since Original Medicare doesn’t cover most prescription drugs, you’ll want to enroll during your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP), otherwise you may pay a late enrollment penalty.

The federal government sets basic guidelines that all Part D plans must meet. Each plan has a list of drugs that it covers (known as a formulary). Before choosing a Part D plan, review its formulary to make sure your drugs are covered. Plans also have different costs, so check the annual deductible, premiums, copays and coinsurance to ensure you have the appropriate coverage to cover your costs.

Starting in 2020, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans have four phases, each with a different level of coverage.

**Deductible phase:** Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage may have up to a $435 annual deductible.

**Initial coverage phase:** Your plan pays a portion of your cost for each covered prescription drug after the deductible is met. The portion varies based on the drug’s “tier” and whether it’s brand-name or generic.

**Out-of-pocket threshold:** After you’ve spent $4,020 in combined costs for the year, you pay 25% of the cost for covered brand-name and generic drugs until the total combined costs (paid by you and the plan) reach $6,350.

**Catastrophic phase:** Once $6,350 has been paid for the year, a copayment or coinsurance applies for any remaining prescriptions until year end.

**Drug-related costs that count toward your total out-of-pocket costs:**
- Covered drug costs subject to your annual deductible ($435)
- Coinsurance and copayments you paid
- Manufacturer discounts received on brand-name drugs

**Drug-related costs that do NOT count toward your out-of-pocket costs:**
- Plan premiums
- Pharmacy dispensing fees (if any)
- Costs of drugs not covered under your plan

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### Out-of-pocket drug costs

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- Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage is not automatic. You must enroll for coverage to begin.
- If you have other prescription drug coverage, such as Veterans Affairs (VA) coverage, you may not need additional drug coverage. Discuss any other coverage you have with a Benefits Advisor.
- Part D charges a late enrollment penalty if you don’t sign up when you’re first eligible — unless you qualify for an exception. The penalty is a fee set by Medicare that gets added to your premium, and you pay it for as long as you have Part D.
Knowing what’s right for you

Our Benefits Advisors are ready to help you explore your options, understand the differences between plans and help you enroll — all at no additional cost to you. You only pay the costs of the plans you enroll in.

Quick coverage comparison

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Let’s recap your options:

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You cannot have a Medicare Advantage Plan and a Medicare Supplement Plan at the same time.
If you’re unsure which plan will best meet your needs, answer these questions or consult with a Benefits Advisor.

Q. Can I afford to pay the health care costs Original Medicare doesn’t cover?
   You’ll pay:
   • Medicare Part A and Part B deductibles before coverage begins
   • A monthly Medicare Part B premium
   • 20% of the amount Medicare approves for the medical services it covers
   • The full cost for services not covered by Medicare
   If “No,” you may want to consider other plan types, such as a Medicare Advantage Plan. Ask a Benefits Advisor to help you compare costs and coverage. Financial assistance programs are available if you’re eligible.

Q. Do I want prescription drug coverage?
   If “No,” you may have to pay a penalty if you enroll later. Even if you don’t take medications now or don’t think you need drug coverage, you may still want to consider enrolling in Medicare Part D coverage through a private insurance plan to protect yourself from unforeseen expenses.

Q. Do I want coverage for hearing aids, routine eye exams, dental services and extra preventive care not covered by Medicare?
   If “Yes,” many Medicare Advantage Plans offer these additional benefits, but they may cost extra. A Benefits Advisor can also review individual dental and vision plan options with you.
   If “No,” consider Original Medicare, Medicare Supplement or a Medicare Advantage Plan with limited or no coverage for these benefits.

Q. Is my current doctor in a Medicare Advantage Plan network?
   If your doctor is in a Medicare Advantage HMO or PPO network, consider joining it. You may be able to save money.
   If “No,” consider Original Medicare, Medicare Supplement or a Medicare Advantage PPO that lets you see doctors outside their network.

Q. Do I want a primary care doctor who’ll coordinate my specialty care?
   If “Yes,” you may want to consider a Medicare Advantage HMO Plan. Your primary care doctor and your specialists will coordinate your care. Most services require a referral from your doctor.
   If “No,” a Medicare Advantage PPO Plan or Original Medicare might be a good option.
Get started online

Our easy-to-use online recommendation tool allows you to narrow plans in your area through an automated process that helps define and rank coverage options based on the details you provide.

- Compare your needs against all available plan options to identify and recommend the right benefits specifically for you.
- Significantly reduce your shopping time and get optimal coverage for your providers and medications.
- Results are ranked to show the best comprehensive package of benefits to meet your needs.
- Look for this symbol in your plan recommendation results: Score: 94  *This score is used for example purposes only.*

In addition, our licensed Benefits Advisors can answer questions about benefits, coverage and costs, and then help you enroll in the plan of your choice. It’s important to keep your health details updated so as your needs change, plan recommendations are updated as well.

Online, you get the convenience of 24/7 shopping, plus educational information you need to make informed decisions about your health care coverage. To start exploring your options, log in to your account today using your personal ID shown on the letter enclosed.

Before your telephone appointment with a Benefits Advisor, confirm your account online and complete your personal profile. You can find your personal Aon ID on the letter included in this mailing.

Enter the names of your preferred doctors, clinics and hospitals, including phone numbers and addresses.

Enter your prescription details, including the name of each medication, dosage and how often you take it.

Check out personalized plan comparisons and recommendations based on your requirements. Save plans that you want to consider.

By providing details within your account, you’ll get plan recommendations that best match your health care requirements so you can compare plans, ask questions and get advice during your consultation.
How to enroll

You can enroll online or by phone. Be sure to:

- Have your Medicare ID card and any other ID cards available
- Create a list of things you need in your new coverage
- Gather all necessary legal documents if a Power of Attorney will be signing any enrollment forms on your behalf
- Log in to your Aon account with the personal ID, shown on the enclosed letter
- Verify your information and review the plans you’ve saved online
- Choose the plan you’d like to enroll in

Things to keep in mind

To ensure timely payment of your premiums, you may want to enroll in the automatic payment option if the insurance company offers it. Once your application has been submitted, the insurance company will contact you to verify your enrollment (as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as a security measure). Carefully review the insurance cards and plan information you receive.

After you enroll

If you have an issue regarding a bill or have a coverage question, you should first call your insurance company to attempt to resolve the issue.

If you need to change your plan after your initial enrollment, please call an Aon Benefits Advisor. We can also help with Medicare questions, insurance claims, access to care and other issues.

The benefits you get from working with Aon Retiree Health Exchange start before you enroll in coverage and extend through future plan years as your coverage needs change. You’re entitled to free advisory services, online decision tools and educational information, webinars and enrollment assistance.
As you review this guide and future materials, write down your health care coverage considerations, details that may impact your benefit choices and any questions you have. Feel confident knowing that Aon Retiree Health Exchange is by your side and can help you along the way.
Aon Retiree Health Exchange is an official partner of the National Council on Aging (NCOA). For 6 years, we have met NCOA’s stringent Standards of Excellence for Medicare Brokerage Services. Aon Retiree Health Exchange and NCOA partner to provide comprehensive education and decision support services to help Medicare beneficiaries make informed and confident choices about their health care coverage.

The Better Business Bureau also gives Aon an A+ rating* for quality and competency in assisting seniors through guidance, resources and enrollment expertise in Medicare health insurance plans.