Medicare Quick Guide 2025

Simple, Clear Answers for Your Medicare Choices



Welcome

Medicare doesn't have to be confusing. This guide breaks down the basics into simple steps. Use it as a starting point, then reach out if you want personal help.

How to Use This Guide

- Skim First, Revisit Later Read through the highlights now, and return to the details when you're ready.
- 2 Mark What Applies to You Circle or note the sections that match your situation (doctors, prescriptions, enrollment dates).
- Take the Next Step When you're ready, book a free Medicare call. We'll review your doctors, prescriptions, and budget together.

Medicare Basics

What Original Medicare Covers

- Part A Hospital insurance (inpatient care, skilled nursing, hospice)
- Part B Medical insurance (doctor visits, outpatient care, preventive services)

What It Does Not Cover

- Prescription drugs (Part D is needed separately)
- Routine dental care
- Vision exams, eyeglasses, or contacts
- Hearing aids or exams
- No cap on annual out-of-pocket costs

Medicare Advantage (Part C)

What It Is

All-in-one plan from private insurers. Combines Part A and Part B, usually with Part D (prescription drugs) and extra benefits in a single plan.

Pros

Bundled coverage (A, B, often D) in one card

Extra benefits: dental, vision, hearing, OTC, fitness

Annual out-of-pocket maximum for medical costs

Cons

Provider networks — check your doctors and hospitals

Prior authorizations for certain services

Benefits and costs can change each year — review annually

Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

When You Need It

Required if you don't have creditable drug coverage through an employer, union, VA, or TRICARE. Most people enroll in Part D with Original Medicare or choose a Medicare Advantage plan that includes drug coverage.

What Varies by Plan

Different carriers — each insurer offers its own Part D plans

Different formularies and tiers — your medications may be covered under different tiers with different copays

Different costs — premiums, deductibles, and copays vary by plan

Late Enrollment Penalty

If you go 63+ days without creditable drug coverage after you're first eligible, Medicare adds a monthly penalty to your Part D premium for as long as you have Part D. The penalty is based on national guidelines and increases with each month you were uncovered.

Medicare Supplement (Medigap)

How It Works

Works alongside Original Medicare (Parts A & B) to help pay costs that Medicare doesn't cover fully.

What It Covers

Deductibles (Part A and Part B)

Coinsurance and copayments

Other "gaps" in Original Medicare coverage

Enrollment & Underwriting

Guaranteed issue window: You have a 6-month Medigap Open Enrollment Period that starts when you are both 65+ and enrolled in Part B.

After this window, you may face medical underwriting, meaning you can be denied coverage or charged more based on health conditions.

Enrollment Periods You Need to Know

Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)

Your first chance to sign up for Medicare. It lasts 7 months — starting 3 months before the month you turn 65, your birthday month, and 3 months after.

Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)

October 15 – December 7 each year: Review and change your Medicare plans

Special Enrollment Periods (SEPs)

Certain life changes allow you to sign up or change coverage outside of IEP/AEP.

Moving to a new service area

Retiring and losing employer coverage

Other qualifying events like Medicaid eligibility changes

How to Compare Plans Wisely

Check your doctors — make sure they're in-network

Check your prescriptions — confirm coverage on the formulary

Check your total costs — premiums, deductibles, copays, and annual out-of-pocket maximum

Check extra benefits — vision, dental, hearing, over-the-counter, fitness programs, and more

Mistakes to Avoid

Waiting too long (penalties)

Choosing only by premium

Ignoring networks and drug coverage

Not reviewing yearly

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Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Part D:

- Enrollment in a plan depends on the plan's contract renewal with Medicare.
- Benefits, premiums, costs, and service areas may change each year.
- Availability varies by county and carrier.

Before discussing specific MA or Part D plan details, a Scope of Appointment (SOA) must be completed (we provide this electronically or in person).

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