How & When to sign up for Medicare

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MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE

You may be enrolled AUTOMATICALLY...

- If you are receiving Social Security benefits, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B the same month that you turn 65 (or the previous month if your birthday is on the first day of the month).
- If you are disabled, you will receive coverage under Medicare Parts A and B starting the 25th month of receiving your disability entitlement (benefits payments) from Social Security provided that you have enough work credits to qualify for premium-free Part A of Medicare.

You may have to enroll YOURSELF...

- If you ARE NOT collecting Social Security when you are Medicare eligible (at least three months before your 65th birthday) you have to sign up or "enroll" in Medicare. You can do this by clicking here. You can also choose to make an appointment and sign up in person or call the Social Security office at 1-800-772-1213.
 Click here to find out when your coverage will start
- If you have a Medicare card with Part A only because you signed up for Part A of Medicare and waived Part B (or delayed it). In this case, any point before your coverage ends or up to eight months afterward you have a special right to enroll in Medicare Part B. You should mail in both forms or better yet, fax them, or complete online here (online is the quickest/best option.

You may NOT need Medicare...

• If you or your spouse have health coverage through an employer and are still working, you may not need or want Medicare yet. If you are eligible for health coverage through your retirement benefits, you will need to sign up for Medicare. **We** will help you compare additional insurance coverage to go along with your Medicare plan.

Why navigate a complex field alone when you can work with a local professional at no cost? Let me ease the process of selecting the right Medicare plan for you or your loved one.

Call 865-640-1614 or email heather@citins.com and let me guide you through your Medicare options!



Your Medicare options

When you first enroll in Medicare and during certain times of the year, you can choose how you get your Medicare coverage. There are 2 main ways to get Medicare:

Original Medicare

- Original Medicare includes Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance).
- If you want drug coverage, you can join a separate Part D plan.
- To help pay your out-of-pocket costs in Original Medicare (like your 20% coinsurance), you can also shop for and buy supplemental coverage.
- Can use any doctor or hospital that takes Medicare, anywhere in the U.S.

✓ Part A



✓ Part B



You can add:

☐ Part D



You can also add:

Supplemental coverage



(Some examples include coverage from a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, or coverage from a former employer or union.)

See Section 3, which starts on page 51 to learn more about Original Medicare.

Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C)

- Medicare Advantage is an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare. These "bundled" plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D.
- Plans may have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare.
- In most cases, you'll need to use doctors who are in the plan's network.
- Most plans offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover— like vision, hearing, dental, and more.

✓ Part A



☑ Part B



Most plans include:

☑ Part D



☑ Extra benefits

Some plans also include:

☐ Lower out-ofpocket costs

See Section 4, which starts on page 55, to learn more about Medicare Advantage.

2021 Medicare Costs

Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) Costs

Part A Monthly Premium

Most people don't pay a Part A premium because they paid Medicare taxes while working. If you don't get premium-free Part A, you pay up to \$471 each month.

Hospital Stay

In 2021, you pay

- \$1,484 deductible per benefit period
- \$0 for the first 60 days of each benefit period
- \$371 per day for days 61–90 of each benefit period
- \$742 per "lifetime reserve day" after day 90 of each benefit period (up to a maximum of 60 days over your lifetime)

Skilled Nursing Facility Stay

In 2021, you pay

- \$0 for the first 20 days of each benefit period
- \$185.50 per day for days 21–100 of each benefit period
- All costs for each day after day 100 of the benefit period

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) Costs

Part B Monthly Premium

The standard Part B premium amount in 2021 is \$148.50 or higher depending on your income. Social Security will tell you the exact amount you'll pay for Part B in 2021.

You pay the standard premium amount (or higher) if:

- You enroll in Part B for the first time in 2021.
- You don't get Social Security benefits.
- You're directly billed for your Part B premiums.
- You have Medicare and Medicaid, and Medicaid pays your premiums. (Your state will pay the standard premium amount of \$144.60 in 2020.)
- Your modified adjusted gross income as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years ago is above a certain amount.

If you're in 1 of these 5 groups, here's what you'll pay:



If your yearly income in 2019 was				
File individual tax return	File joint tax return File married & separate tax return			
\$88,000 or less	\$176,000 or less	\$88,000 or less	\$148.50	
Above \$88,000 up to \$111,000	Above \$176,000 up to \$222,000	Not Applicable	\$207.90	
Above \$111,000 up to \$138,000	above \$222,000 up to \$276,000	Not Applicable	\$297.00	
Above \$138,000 up to \$165,000	Above \$276,000 up to \$330,000	Not Applicable	\$386.10	
Above \$165,000 and less than \$500,000	Above \$330,000 and less than \$750,000	Above \$88,000 and less than \$412,000	\$475.20	
\$500,000 or above	\$750,000 and above	\$412,000 and above	\$504.90	

The information in this chart can be found at Medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/medicare-costs-at-a-glance. If you have questions about your Part B premium, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778. If you pay a late enrollment penalty, these amounts may be higher.

Part B Deductible—\$203 per year

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C) and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D) Premiums

Visit Medicare.gov/find-a-plan to get plan premiums. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. You can also call the plan or your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). To get the most up-to-date SHIP phone numbers, visit shiptacenter.org or call 1-800-MEDICARE.



Part D Monthly Premium

The chart below shows your estimated prescription drug plan monthly premium based on your income. If your income is above a certain limit, you will pay an income-related monthly adjustment amount in addition to your plan premium. The information in the chart above can be found at Medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/medicare-costs-at-a-glance.

If your yearly in	You pay (in 2021)		
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	
\$88,000 or less	\$176,000 or less	\$88,000 or less	Your plan premium
Above \$88,000	Above \$176,000	Not Applicable	\$12.30 + your
up to \$111,000	up to \$222,000		plan premium
Above \$111,000	Above \$222,000	Not Applicable	\$31.80 + your
up to \$138,000	up to \$276,000		plan premium
Above \$138,000	Above \$276,000	Not Applicable	\$50.20 + your
up to \$165,000	up to \$330,000		plan premium
Above \$165,000 and less than \$500,000	Above \$326,000 and less than \$750,000	Above \$88,000 and less than \$412,000	\$70.70 + your plan premium
\$500,000 or	\$750,000 and	\$412,000 and above	\$77.10 + your
above	above		plan premium

2021 Part D National Base Beneficiary Premium — \$43.07

This figure is used to estimate the Part D late enrollment penalty and the income-related monthly adjustment amounts listed in the table above. The national base beneficiary premium amount can change each year. See your Medicare & You handbook or visit Medicare.gov for more information.

For more information about Medicare costs, visit Medicare.gov.



Other Medicare Part A Costs & Coverages

Home health care

\$0 for home health care services. 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for Durable medical equipment (DME).

Hospice care

\$0 for hospice care.

You may need to pay a copayment of no more than \$5 for each prescription drug and other similar products for pain relief and symptom control while you're at home. In the rare case your drug isn't covered by the hospice benefit, your hospice provider should contact your Medicare drug plan to see if it's covered under Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D)

You may need to pay 5% of the Medicare-approved amount for inpatient respite care. Medicare doesn't cover room and board when you get hospice care in your home or another facility where you live (like a nursing home).

Important Term: Benefit Period

A Benefit Period is defined as: Being home and out of the hospital and not receiving skilled care for 60 consecutive days.

Note: Penalty for Part A Late enrollment penalty:

If you don't buy it when you're first eligible, your monthly premium may go up 10%. (You'll have to pay the higher premium for twice the number of years you could have had Part A, but didn't sign up.)

Penalty for Part B

In most cases, if you don't sign up for Part B when you're first eligible, you'll have to pay a late enrollment penalty. You'll have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Part B. Your monthly premium for Part B may go up 10% of the standard premium for each full 12-month period that you could have had Part B, but didn't sign up for it. Also, you may have to wait until the General Enrollment Period (from January 1 to March 31) to enroll in Part B. Coverage will start July 1 of that year.





MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS



LOW MONTHLY PREMIUMS



OUTPATIENT
MEDICAL COVERAGE



INPATIENT HOSPITAL BENEFITS



PART D DRUG BENEFITS

NETWORK OF PROVIDERS

You pay copays for medical services as you go along, up to the plan's outof-pocket maximum.



OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM

No more than \$6700 per calendar year. Out-of-pocket max. cap on Part A & B expenses. This cap varies by plan and does not include Part D spending.





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The Medicare Donut Hole

1

Coverage Begins
Jan 1st

Deductible

(Your plan resets on January 1st)

Can be up to \$445

2

This stage ends when you & your plan have spent \$4130

by your plan
(You pay only
copays for your
meds)

3

2021

COVERAGE

Less Coverage

(You pay a certain percentage based on the type of drug)
You nay no more

than 25% of the cost of the medication

4

You exit the coverage gap when your total out of pocket costs reach \$6550*

Catastrophic Coverage Begins

(Covering 95% of drug costs)

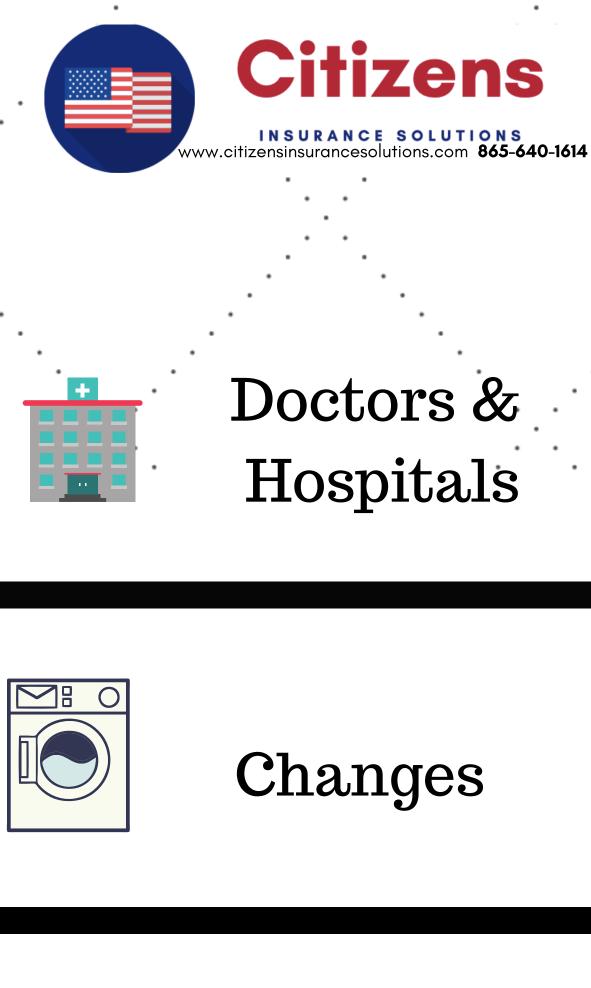
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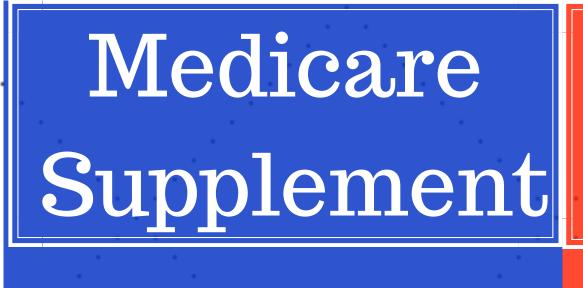
Coverage Ends
Dec 31st

Catastrophic Coverage

continues through December 31st

*Your out of pocket cost is calculated by adding everything you have paid (except premiums) PLUS discounted amounts you didn't pay in the gap)





Medicare Advantage

Any Provider in USA (that takes Medicare)

Only Providers that will Accept Plan or are Contracted



Set It & Forget It Plans Stay the Same

(Except Premium Increases)

EVERY YEAR (IF Renewed, YOU Must Review Impact)



Enrollment

(IF NOT Locked INTO Advantage Plan & Health Qualifies)

ONLY October 15 - December 7



Access to Care

100% Access You & Your Doctor Decide Care

Must Get Approval & Follow Plan Rules



Costs

Pay Now Save Later

Save Now Pay Later



Must Get Separate Part D Coverage

Usually Included in Most Medicare Advantage Plans



Medicare Supplement in 2021

Medicare Supplement insurance (sometimes called Medigap) helps protect more than 13 million Medicare beneficiaries from high out-of-pocket costs not covered by Medicare. If you currently have Medigap or are planning to supplement Medicare with a Medigap plan when you turn 65, we have some information that could help you understand your options and choose the best plan for you.



The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) made a significant change to Medigap. It

prohibits Medigap plans from providing first dollar coverage of the Medicare Part B deductible for those "newly eligible" beneficiaries on or after Jan. 1, 2021. Plans C and F have traditionally covered 100 percent of the Part B deductible, which is why those plans will not be options for newly eligible beneficiaries on or after Jan. 1, 2021.



Medigap is comprised of standardized plan designs from which beneficiaries can choose. Currently, beneficiaries have a choice of 10 standardized plans, each with its own specified benefits/coverage levels. For those eligible for Medicare on or after Jan. 1, 2021; however, there will only be 8 plans from which to choose. Existing Plans C and F will not be options for these "newly eligible" individuals.

Benefits	A	В	С	D	F*	G*	К	L	М	N
Medicare Part A coinsurance and hospital coverage (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used up)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100% copays apply
Blood (first three pints)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%
Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%
Skilled nursing facility coinsurance			100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%
Medicare Part A deductible		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	50%	100%
Medicare Part B deductible			100%		100%					
Medicare Part B excess charges					100%	100%				
Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits)			80%	80%	80%	80%			80%	80%
Out-of-pocket limit [2020]							\$5,580	\$2,940		

Plans C and F will NOT be options for Medicare beneficiaries who turn 65 on or after Jan. 1, 2021. *Plans F and G also off er a high deductible plan option. Once that deductible is paid, the plan pays 100% of covered services for the remainder of the year. While high deductible Plan G does not cover the Part B deductible, it does count the payment of the Part B deductible toward meeting the plan deductible.

my Social Security



How To Create An Online Account

Step 1

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and select:





Step 2

Select "Create An Account."

To create a *my* **Social Security** account, you must be at least 18 years old and have:

- A valid E-mail address;
- A Social Security number; and
- A U.S. mailing address.

Step 3

Provide some personal information to verify your identity.



Social Security The Official Website of the U.S. Social Security Administration
Create an Account
1 Verify your Identity 2 Secure your Identity 3 Create your Account
Please create your account details
Username:

Step 4

Choose a username and password to create your account.

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After you create a **my** Social Security account, you can access your *Social Security Statement* to check your earnings and get your benefit estimates.

If you receive benefits, you also can:

- Change your address and phone number;
- Start or change your direct deposit; and
- Get your benefit verification letter.

How To Get Your Benefit Verification Letter

You can use your benefit verification letter as proof of your:

- Income when you apply for a loan or mortgage, assisted housing or other state or local benefits;
- Current Medicare health insurance coverage;
- Retirement or disability status; and
- Age.









How to Apply Online for Medicare Only

It's so easy! Just go to www.socialsecurity.gov



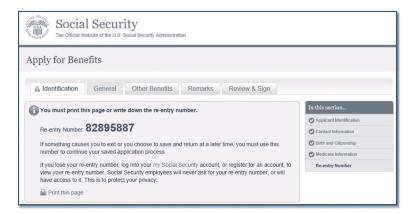
Welcome to the Social Security Benefit Application

- Apply for benefits by selecting "Start a New Application;" or
- "Return to Saved Application Process."

Information About You

- Name:
- Social Security number;
- Date of birth; and
- Gender.





Re-entry Number

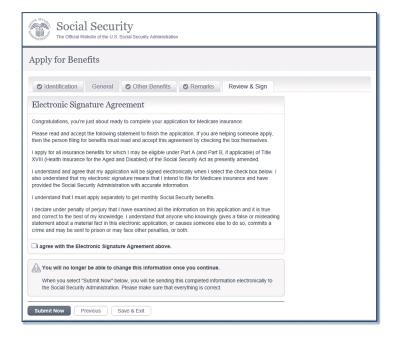
When you have successfully started your application, you will get a re-entry number that you can use to:

- Continue your application later if you need a break; and
- Check the status of your completed application.



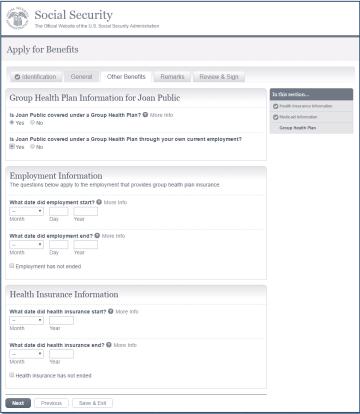
Questions About Your Health Benefits

- Other health insurance coverage;
- Group health plan information;
- · Employment information; and
- Dates of coverage information.



Medicare-only Decision

Choose to sign up for Medicare only and not receive retirement benefits at this time.



Finishing Your Application

- Go over a summary of your application for accuracy;
- Accept the agreement and sign your application by selecting the "Submit Now" button;
- Get a receipt for your application; and
- · Get information on what to do next.



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