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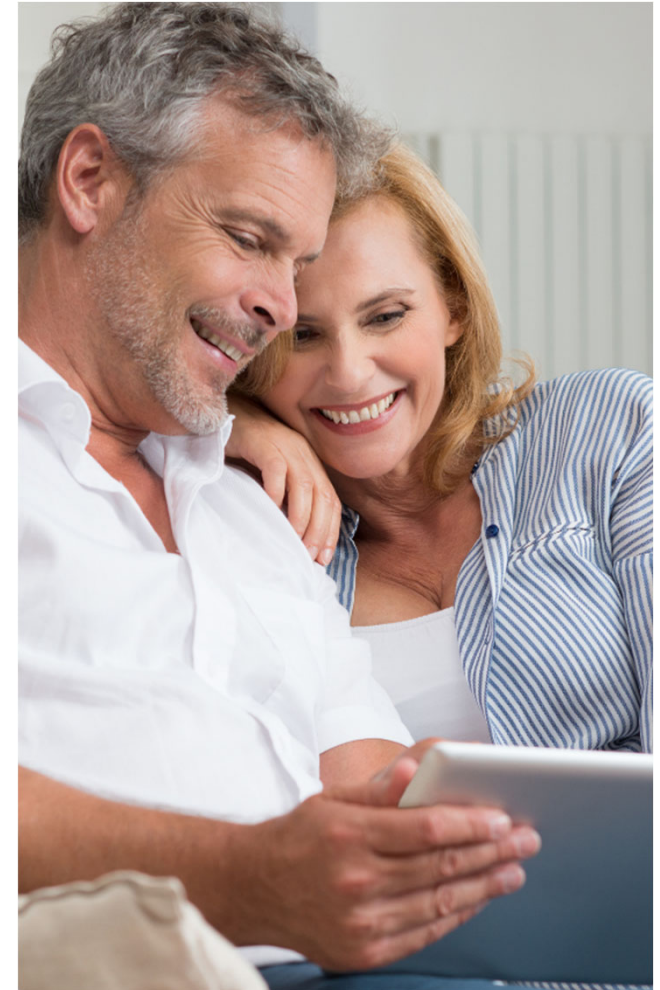
# Social Security and Medicare 101:

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MEDICARE BENEFITS

# Agenda: What we'll cover

1. Social Security overview
  - What is Social Security and who can participate?
  - Social Security basics and benefits
  - Considerations for collecting Social Security early
  - How Social Security and Medicare work together
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  - Federal health insurance programs and private plans
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  - How to get started
    - Enroll in Medicare when eligible
    - Choose additional coverage that's right for you
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# Social Security

# Social Security Overview

- The main requirement of the original Social Security Act was to pay financial benefits to retirees based on lifetime payroll tax contributions.
- It was intended to be a federal safety net providing aid and benefits for the elderly, unemployed, victims of industrial accident, dependent mothers and children, the blind and disadvantaged Americans.

## Qualifications to receive full benefits

- Must be a U.S. citizen or resident
- Pay into the Social Security system for 10 years



Source: [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount)

# Social Security basics

Before you apply for retirement benefits, here are Social Security basics you need to know:

- Your full “*retirement age*” depends on your date of birth. This may be between 66 plus 2 months and 67 (We will go into more detail later).
- You can start receiving benefits as early as 62.
- Benefits (monthly payments) may be reduced if you choose to receive benefits earlier.
- You may choose to continue working while receiving benefits, if you elect to receive benefits before full retirement age.
- Delayed retirement credits may be added to your benefits if you start after your full retirement.



Source: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/>



## Considerations for collecting Social Security early

### Working

- Will you work, even part time, before full retirement age (FRA)?

### Longevity

- How is your health? Is there an expectation of longevity?
- Have you saved enough money in your retirement accounts (401k, pension, personal savings, etc.)?

### Spouse/Children

- Are you married?
- If so, what is the age difference between spouses?
- Whose benefits can the spouse and/or children collect?
- Do you have children under 18 or in college?



# Full retirement age

## Age to receive full Social Security benefits

(Called "full retirement age" or "normal retirement age.")

Year of birth*	Full retirement age
1943 - 1954	66
1955	66 and 2 months
1956	66 and 4 months
1957	66 and 6 months
1958	66 and 8 months
1959	66 and 10 months
1960 and later	67

If you delay your retirement benefits until after full retirement age, you may be eligible for *delayed retirement credits* that would increase your monthly benefit. Even if you decide to delay your retirement, be sure to *sign up for Medicare at age 65*.

\* The earliest you can start receiving Social Security retirement benefits will remain age 62.

\* If you were born on January 1 of any year, you should refer to the previous year. (If you were born on the 1st of the month, your birthday is considered part of the previous month, and your eligibility window will be shifted accordingly.)

Source: <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html>



## How Social Security and Medicare work together

The Social Security Administration determines who is eligible for Social Security benefits as well as Medicare. They also carry many of the administrative functions for Medicare.

Medicare is available to some younger people with disabilities.

Social Security  
AND  
Medicare  
are social safety  
programs that  
people pay into  
during their  
working years  
through taxes

# How to determine your Medicare Part B premium\* based on income level

File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	Part B monthly premium amount
\$109,000 or less	\$218,000 or less	\$109,000 or less	\$202.90
Above \$109,000 up to \$137,000	Above \$218,000 up to \$274,000	N/A	\$284.10
Above \$137,000 up to \$171,000	Above \$274,000 up to \$342,000	N/A	\$405.80
Above \$171,000 up to \$205,000	Above \$342,000 up to \$410,000	N/A	\$527.50
Above \$205,000 and less than \$500,000	Above \$410,000 and less than \$750,000	Above \$109,000 and less than \$391,000	\$649.20
\$500,000 or above	\$750,000 or above	\$397,000 or above	\$689.90

\*The Part B premium can be automatically deducted from your monthly Social Security check, or you can choose to pay the premium out-of-pocket.

Source: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html>

## Social Security covers Original Medicare (Parts A and B)

- Social Security enrolls you in Part A. Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or limited time at a skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay). Part A also pays for some home health care and hospice care.
  - Note: For those who have not worked 40 quarters or 10 years, you may purchase Part A in 2026.
  - You can also sign up for Part B. Medicare Part B (medical insurance) helps pay for services from doctors and other health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment and some preventive services.



Source: Medicare Benefits | SSA

## Working past 65 with Medicare benefits

# Should you enroll in Medicare if you are still working?

Questions to ask:

If your employer offers health coverage, do you need to enroll in Medicare?

What about Medicare's prescription drug benefit?

Can I save money using Medicare instead of what my employer group offers?

Things to know:

- Most workers should remain enrolled in Medicare Part A, which is free for most people and covers institutional care in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and other caregiving agencies.
- Individuals who don't sign up for Part B when they first become eligible might have to pay a 10-percent premium penalty for each year that enrollment is delayed.



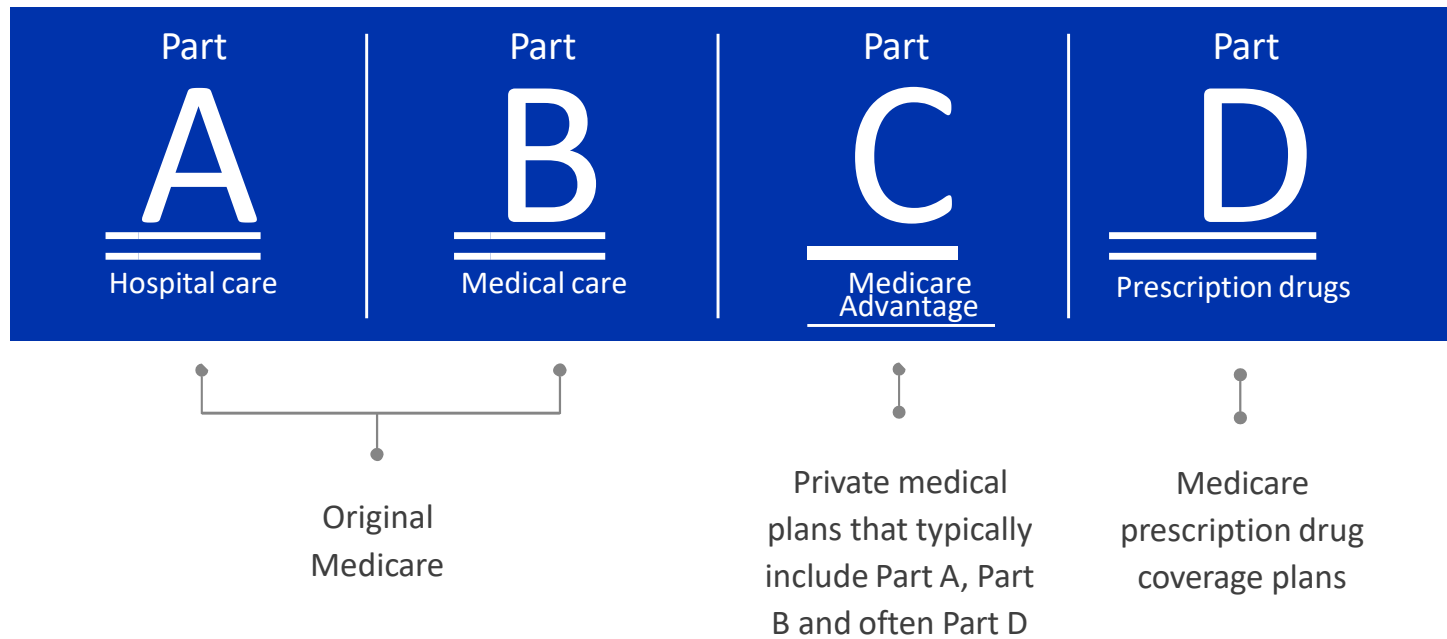
# Medicare

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## Medicare Parts A – D

Let's start at the beginning.

## The 4 parts of Medicare




# Medicare Part A and B: Original Medicare



Medicare Parts A and B make up Original Medicare. They're provided by the federal government.

Original Medicare is for people 65 and older or those under 65 with certain disabilities.

# Medicare Part C and D: Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans

<p>Part</p> <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">C</h1> <hr style="border: 2px solid white; width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">Medicare Advantage</p>	 <p>This is called Medicare Advantage.</p>
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You can buy Part C from private insurance companies.

Medicare Advantage combines Parts A and B and sometimes offers prescription drug coverage. It may include additional benefits like dental, eye care, hearing or wellness services.

You can buy a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) if you:

- Are enrolled in Parts A and B
- Live in the plan's service area

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You can purchase Part D as a standalone prescription drug plan (PDP).

You can buy a Part D plan if you:

- Are enrolled in Parts A and/or B
- Live in the plan's service area

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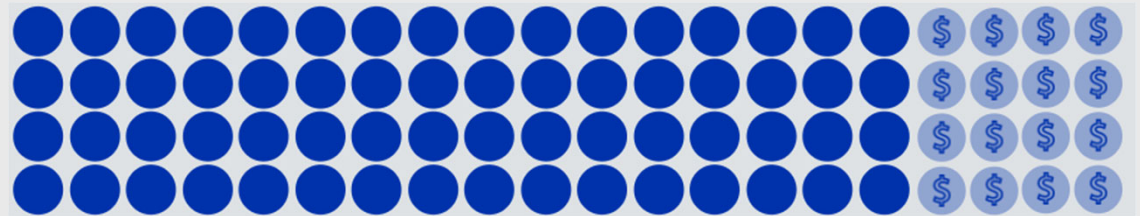
## Federal health insurance programs and private plans

Can I just rely on Parts A and B—  
what the government pays for?

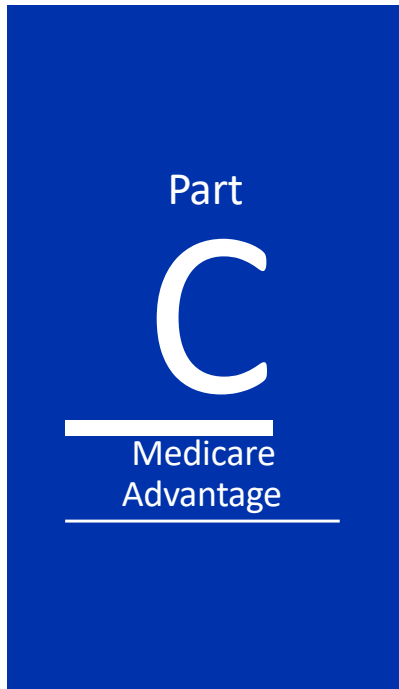


You can rely on Parts A and B, but Original Medicare has a deductible and only covers about 80% of your Part B services

It covers hospital and doctor visits, along with some prescription drugs.



When you choose Medicare Advantage (Part C), the plan will cover:



- Medicare Part A and Part B
- All the same benefits as Original Medicare, and may include benefits Original Medicare doesn't cover, like dental, hearing and vision care
- Prescription drug coverage (Part D), with most plans

Part C also has a yearly limit on out-of-pocket costs for covered medical services, unlike Original Medicare.



## So, what's the bottom line?

Part C, or Medicare Advantage, combines Part A and Part B benefits, and usually Part D, in one plan.

There are plenty of options. We can help you weigh them.

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## Your options

How to choose your plan.

## Questions to consider

- What monthly plan premium can I afford?
- Does the plan cover the services I need?
- Can I see the doctors I want?

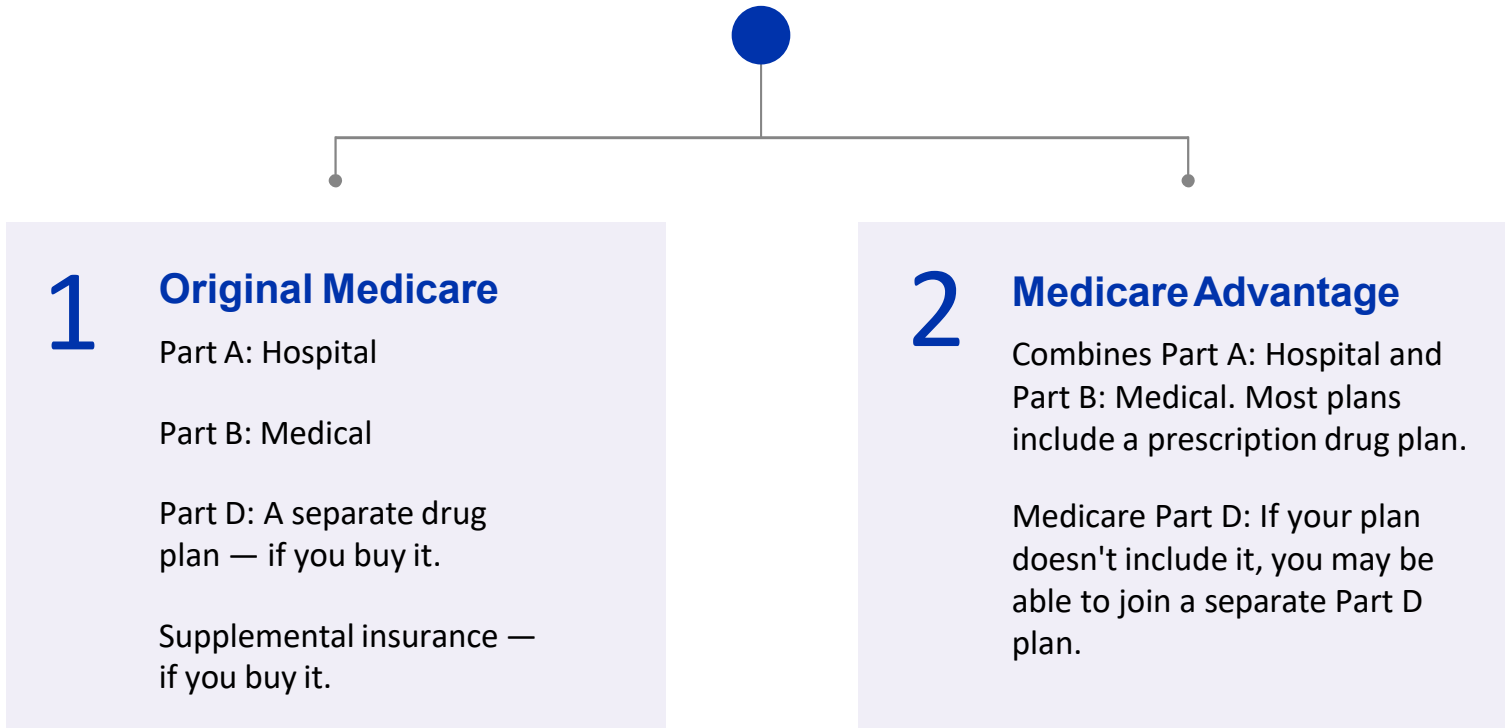
## What about a prescription drug plan?

- It helps pay for prescription drugs.
- It's only offered through private insurance companies.

We'll talk more about Part D later,  
so don't stress.

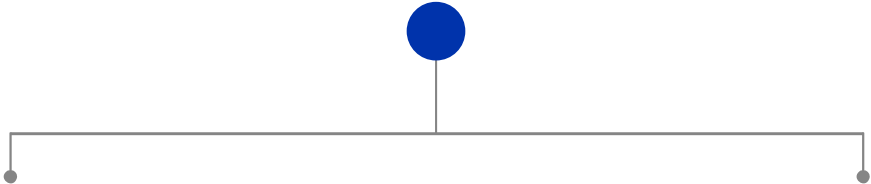


## You can choose from two paths:



\*Supplemental insurance will be discussed in Chapter 6 of this presentation.

If you choose Medicare Advantage, here are two options:



**1 A health maintenance organization (HMO)**

You'll use doctors in the network.

You might need a referral to see a specialist.

**2 A preferred provider organization (PPO)**

You can use doctors and hospitals outside of the network, but often for a higher share of costs.



What costs does Medicare Advantage cover?

**\$1,736**

Part A  
Deductible  
(hospital  
insurance)

**\$217** per day

Part A  
Coinsurance (skilled  
nursing facility for  
days 21 through 100)

**\$283**

Part B  
Annual deductible  
(medical  
insurance)

**20%**

Part B Coinsurance  
for doctor services  
the plan covers



Medicare Advantage may also include:



Dental



Annual hearing exams



Eyewear and hearing aids



Part D prescription drugs



Emergency medical care outside the U.S.



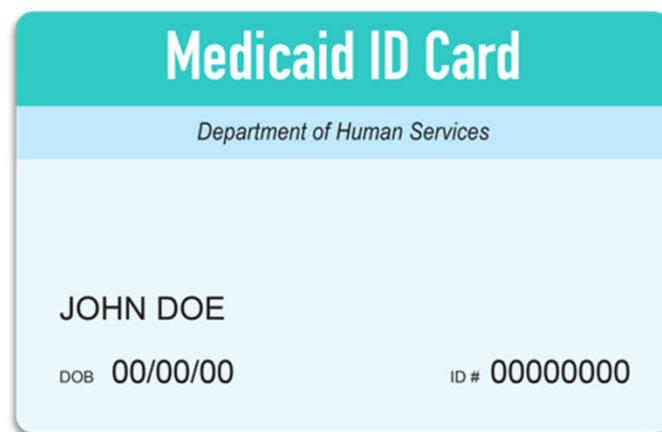
Out-of-pocket medical costs annual limit

# 4. D-SNPs

## Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans

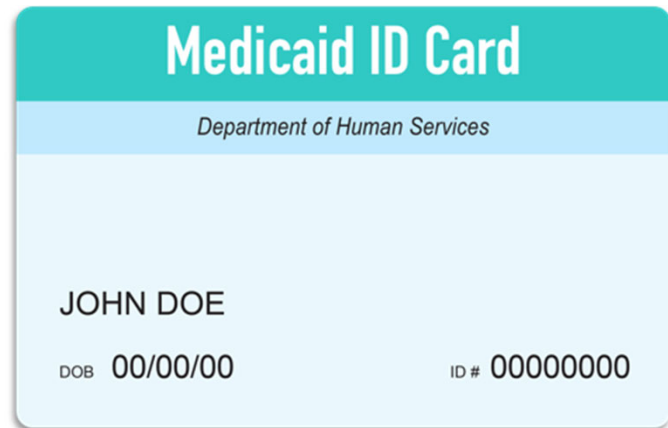
## What is D-SNP?

- D-SNP stands for Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan.
- D-SNPs are specialized Medicare Advantage plans created for those who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.
- You must have a state Medicaid plan and qualify for a Medicare Advantage plan to be able to get a D-SNP.



# How do D-SNPs work?

With a D-SNP, Medicare is the primary payer for medical services, while Medicaid is the secondary payer. This means Medicare is the first to pay for covered medical services. Then Medicaid pays for most remaining qualified costs. Some members will have remaining out-of-pocket costs.



## Why should you consider a D-SNP?

Much like a traditional Medicare Advantage plan, a D-SNP can include extra benefits that Original Medicare and Medicaid alone may not cover. This may include dental care, eye exams, transportation to doctor's appointments and more.



Dental care



Eye exams



Transportation

# 5.

## Prescription drugs

Now let's look at Part D — the drug plan.

## Here's how Part D works

You can buy this in addition to  
Part A and/or Part B.

You have two choices:

**1** Stand-alone  
Medicare  
prescription drug  
plan (PDP)

**2** Medicare  
Advantage that  
comes with  
prescription drug  
(Part D) coverage

## What you need to know about prescription drug coverage:

### Phase 1

#### DEDUCTIBLE

Your plan may have a separate prescription deductible. If applicable, this deductible may apply to some or all drug tiers. If your plan has a deductible, you will pay the full amount of the discounted drug cost until your deductible is met.

### Phase 2

#### INITIAL COVERAGE

During the initial coverage phase, you will share in the cost of your prescription drugs with the health plan.

### Phase 3

#### CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE

Once you have reached \$2,100 prescription cost-sharing, you will have zero cost on covered prescriptions for the remainder of the plan year. .

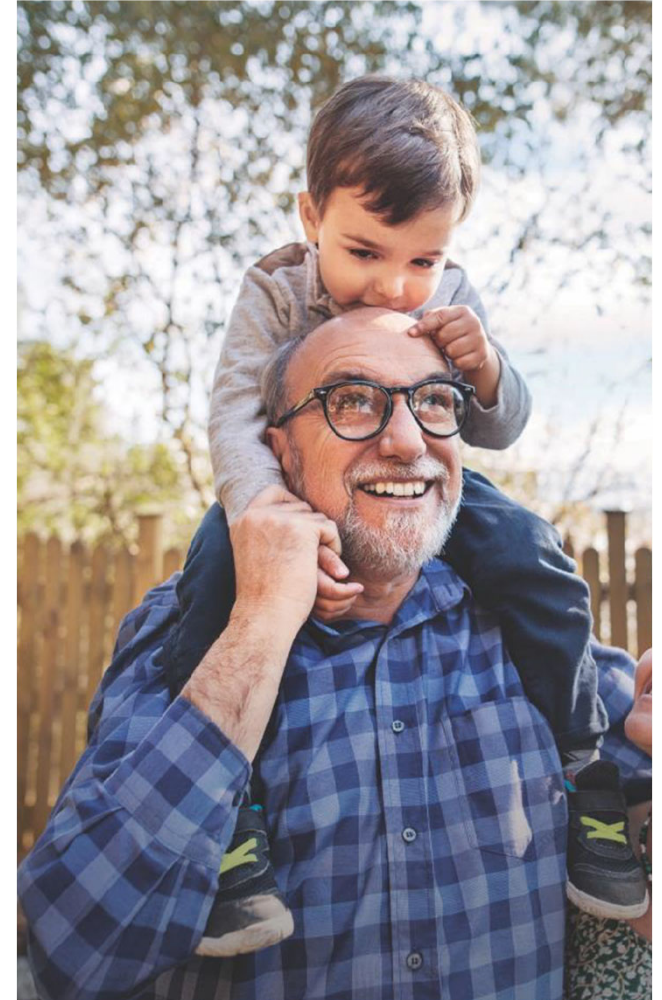
You can see the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) of your specific plan for complete coverage information.

## Medicare Part D formulary

The formulary is a list of covered drugs, based on the most-used Medicare prescribed drugs.

A plan formulary may change at any time (you will receive notice when necessary).

For the most up-to-date formulary, visit the plan's website or call their customer service phone number.



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Adding more to your coverage.

## Medicare Supplement Insurance

# Supplemental Insurance

Sometimes called

## Med Supp or Medigap.

Original Medicare covers about 80% of Part B services. Med Supp can help cover some out-of-pocket expenses like deductibles, coinsurance and copays.





## Medigap plans

Sold by private insurance companies

- These help manage some out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles and coinsurance.
- They don't include Part D drug coverage — you buy that separately.
- They do cover visits to any doctor who accepts Medicare patients.

# Next steps

Bringing it all together

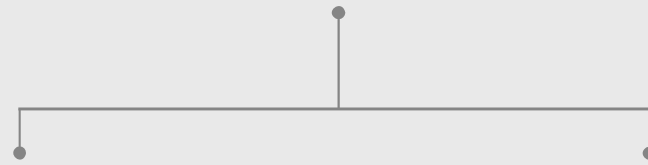
# Step 1

Enroll in Medicare  
Part A and Part B  
when you're  
first eligible.



## Step 2

Now you have two ways to proceed:



**1** Keep Original Medicare and add:  
Medicare Supplement Insurance  
Medicare Part D

**2** Buy a Medicare Advantage plan.  
This combines Medicare Part A, Part B and often Part D, and additional benefits.

# Frequently asked questions

## How do I enroll in Part A and Part B?

If you are getting Social Security when you turn 65, you'll automatically be enrolled.

If not, you'll need to sign up for Parts A and B. Contact Social Security three months before you turn 65. If you worked for a railroad, contact the Railroad Retirement Board.

Note: People on Social Security disability will automatically be enrolled in their 25th month of disability.

# Frequently asked questions

## When can I enroll in Part A and Part B?

You can enroll in the window three months before the month you turn 65, your birthday month and the three months after the month you turn 65.

## What if I don't enroll in that window?

You may have to pay a penalty in the form of a higher premium.

# Frequently asked questions

## When can I enroll in Part C and Part D?

During the same seven-month window as Part B. That means during the three months before the month you turn 65, your birthday month and the three months after the month you turn 65.

# Frequently asked questions

Are there other times I can enroll in Parts C and D?

From October 15 to December 7, all people with Medicare can change their health care plans.

You can switch to Medicare Advantage or Original Medicare during this Annual Enrollment Period, join a Medicare prescription drug plan or change plans.

# Frequently asked questions

Are there other times I can enroll in Parts C and D?

You can also enroll in Parts C and D during a Special Enrollment Period for special circumstances such as:

- Losing your employer coverage
- Moving to a new service area
- Qualifying for Extra Help

# Frequently asked questions

## What if I'm late in signing up for Part D?

- You may face a late enrollment penalty.
- The penalty increases based on each month that you delay.
- This can get costly.

# Frequently asked questions

When can I enroll in a Medigap (also called Medicare Supplement Insurance) plan?

Medigap has a six-month Open Enrollment Period. It automatically starts the first full month you're 65 and enrolled in Medicare Part B.

For example: If you turn 65 on April 3 but don't join Medicare Part B until May 25, your Medigap Open Enrollment Period will start on June 1. This is the first day of the month in which you are both 65 and enrolled in Part B.

During your six-month Open Enrollment Period, you can buy any Medigap policy sold in your state.

# Frequently asked questions

Will a Medigap policy help me if I have health problems?

During the six-month Open Enrollment Period, you can purchase a Medigap policy even if you have pre-existing health conditions.

Even if you have a disability or have health problems, an insurance company cannot do any of the following:

- Refuse to sell you any Medigap policy it offers
- Charge you a higher premium than they charge others who are 65 and older
- Delay the start of your coverage

# Frequently asked questions

## What if I delay enrollment in a Medigap policy?

You can apply for a Medigap policy after your Open Enrollment Period ends. However, there's no guarantee your application will be accepted if you don't meet medical underwriting requirements, except in certain limited situations.

If you're able to buy a Medigap policy, there may be an additional cost in the form of a penalty. You incur this penalty from Medicare.

Time to review our  
Medicare benefits



## Important dates and instructions

Enroll in a Medicare plan during your 7-month initial enrollment window. You can also enroll or change Medicare plans during AEP:

October 15 – December 7

To learn more:

- Contact me your local representative
- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call **1-800-MEDICARE TTY: 711**,  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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