



Get to know  
the basics  
about Medicare





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# What is Medicare?

We're here to help you be your healthy best. We've put together this guide to help you understand the basics about Medicare – the federal government program that provides healthcare coverage. Please take a look and let us know if you have any questions along the way.

Our customer service representatives are uniquely trained to answer your questions. Just call 844-721-4938. TTY users, dial 711.

## Medicare comes in different options

You have five options for Medicare coverage: Part A, Part B, Part C, Part D and Medicare Supplement.



## Part A and Part B

Part A and Part B are also called Original Medicare. Both are administered by the federal government. With Part A and Part B, you can see healthcare providers throughout the U.S. who accept Medicare patients.

Part A and Part B both provide basic coverage, but do not include:

- Most outpatient prescription drugs
- Hearing aids and exams for fitting them
- Routine vision exams and eyeglasses
- Routine annual physical exams with lab tests
- Dental care and dentures
- Long-term care
- Travel outside the U.S. with limited exceptions
- Alternative care, including acupuncture and naturopathic services
- Medical transport services (not by ambulance)



Be sure to enroll in Medicare when you first become eligible. See why on pages 10 and 11.

## Original Medicare



Part A  
Hospital insurance

Basic hospital coverage that is administered by the federal government



Part B  
Medical insurance

Basic medical coverage that is administered by the federal government

## Medicare Advantage



Part C  
Medicare Advantage

Coverage from private insurers that includes Original Medicare's benefits plus extra benefits



Part D (voluntary)  
Prescription Drug  
Coverage

Drug coverage offered from private insurers



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Medicare Supplement  
(optional)

Additional coverage to original Medicare. This coverage is offered from private insurers.





## Part C

Part C is also called Medicare Advantage. It is the private option for Part A and Part B. You can get Part C through private insurers. Part C plans cover all of Original Medicare's benefits plus some extra benefits that Part A and Part B do not cover.

Some of these benefits may include vision, hearing, dental, and other health and wellness programs.

Medicare Advantage plans limit your out-of-pocket costs for medical services. They have an annual maximum. Once you reach that annual maximum, you will not pay anything for covered medical services for the rest of the year.

Medicare Advantage plans have specific coverage areas. You can only enroll in the plans that are available where you live (your permanent residence).



## Part D

Part D is prescription drug coverage. You can get Part D by:

- Enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan that offers prescription drug coverage
- Joining a stand-alone prescription drug plan from a private insurer

To enroll in Part D, you must also already have Medicare Part A and/or Part B.



## Medicare Supplement

Medicare Supplement is also called Medigap. Just like its name, Medicare Supplement supplements Original Medicare. With this type of coverage, Medicare always pays first. Medicare Supplement comes in 12 standard plans that usually only include Medicare-covered services.

Although it is different than a Medicare Advantage plan, Medicare Supplement is sold by private carriers. To apply for Medicare Supplement, you must also already have Medicare Part A and Part B.

## Which Medicare option is right for you?

When you consider your Medicare plan options, you may want to think about the following:

- Your lifestyle, priorities and health needs, including chronic conditions
- Your current coverage. Is it from an employer or retiree plan?
- Prescription drug coverage
- Whether or not you need coverage for services that Original Medicare does not cover
- How often you travel
- Whether or not you live in another state for part of the year

## You may qualify for Extra Help!

Extra Help is a Medicare program that helps people with lower incomes pay for some Medicare prescriptions. Those who qualify can get help with their monthly plan premium, yearly deductible, coinsurance and copayments. You can see if you qualify for Extra Help by contacting Social Security at **800-772-1213** or **800-325-0778** (TTY users).

## What's the difference between Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid?

- **Medicare** is health insurance for people age 65 or older. It's also for people who qualify for disability and people younger than age 65 with certain disabilities.
- **Social Security** is the pension program for people age 62 or older and those with disabilities.
- **Medicaid** is a state program that provides healthcare for people with limited income and resources.

To learn more about each program, visit [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov).



Before you choose a Medicare option, be sure to consider any current coverage you may have. Learn more on page 9.

# Time to enroll in Medicare?

You can enroll in Medicare during your initial enrollment period, which is three months before your 65th birthday, your birthday month and three months after. If you are under age 65, you may be able to enroll if you have a qualifying event.



It's important to find out if you can delay enrollment without paying a penalty. See page 9.



If you are working now and are covered by your employer or your spouse's employer, the size of the employer determines whether you can delay enrollment without paying the penalty:

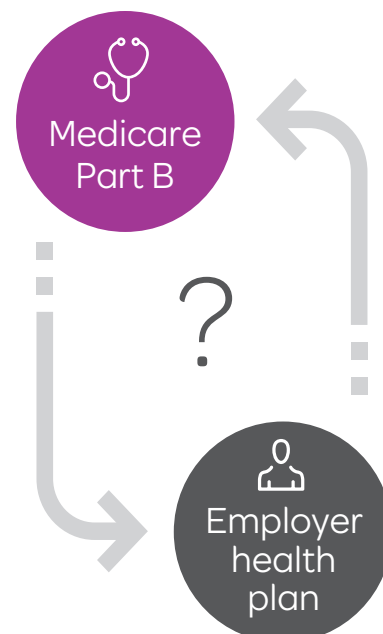
- **If the employer has less than 20 employees**, and you enroll in Part A and Part B during your initial enrollment period, Medicare will pay before your other coverage. It is best to enroll as soon as you are eligible. If you do not, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and have a gap in coverage.
- **If the employer has 20 or more employees**, talk with your benefits administrator. Ask if they have group health plan coverage as defined by the IRS. If they do, you may be able to delay enrolling in Part A and Part B without paying a lifetime late enrollment penalty.
- **If you are getting retiree coverage from an employer**, you should sign up for Part A and Part B as soon as you are eligible
- **If you have marketplace or other private insurance**, you should sign up when you are first eligible and drop your other insurance so that it stops when your Medicare coverage starts

You have eight months after employer coverage ends to enroll without paying a penalty. This is true whether or not you choose COBRA.

## Coordinating benefits with your group plan

Please know that *Medicare is the primary coverage in certain situations*. If you qualify for Medicare Part B, but do not enroll when Medicare is the primary coverage, an employer health plan may not pay for a covered expense that Medicare Part B covers. For example, this may affect you if you have one of the following types of coverage: individual, a group with under 20 employees, domestic partner, COBRA or retiree. This also applies if you are eligible for Medicare due to a disability, and your employer has less than 100 employees. If one of these situations applies and you do not have Medicare Part B, your plan could reduce the amount paid by the amount Medicare Part B would pay, and you would need to pay the amount due. **This means that you could be asked to repay claims that had been previously paid.**

Which is your primary coverage?



# Eligibility and timing

Depending on your circumstances, there are different time periods when you can enroll in Medicare.

## Initial enrollment period

You can enroll in Medicare during your initial enrollment period, which is three months before your 65th birthday, your birthday month and three months after. If you are under age 65, you may be able to enroll if you have a qualifying event. It's important that you know that there may be penalties if you do not enroll. If you decide to delay enrollment, you may have to pay a lifetime late enrollment penalty.

## General enrollment period

If you did not enroll during your Initial enrollment period, you have another chance each year to sign up during the general enrollment period, which is from Jan. 1 to March 31. Your coverage will begin on July 1. Please know that you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B.



### Please know:

There may be penalties if you do not enroll in Medicare when you first become eligible. If you decide to delay enrollment, you may have to pay a lifetime late enrollment penalty.

## Special enrollment period

If you have a qualifying event, you may qualify for special enrollment. You can use special enrollment to enroll in Medicare or make changes to your existing Medicare coverage. Qualifying events can include:

- Losing current insurance or drug coverage
  - Anytime you have a chance to get coverage from an employer, union or program
  - There are other qualifying events for the special enrollment period.
- To learn more, visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

## Annual enrollment period

If you are already enrolled in Medicare Advantage or a stand-alone prescription drug plan; you can make changes to your coverage during the annual enrollment period. Annual enrollment is Oct. 15 – Dec. 7 every year. During annual enrollment:

Eligible beneficiaries can

- Enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan
- Change Medicare Advantage plans
- Return to Original Medicare and add a Medicare Supplement plan

## Open enrollment period

If you are already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, you can make changes to your coverage from Jan. 1 to March 31 every year.

Medicare Advantage members can:

- Change Medicare Advantage plans
- Return to Original Medicare and add a Medicare Supplement plan. If you apply for a Medicare Supplement plan outside a guaranteed issue period, Underwriting may be required.



# How to enroll

If you have not applied for Social Security benefits, you will need to contact Social Security to sign up for Medicare. If you have applied for, or are already receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board benefits, you will receive a Medicare card and packet in the mail three months before your 65th birthday.

## Getting Part A and Part B – Original Medicare

You can sign up for Part A and Part B during the initial enrollment period. Most people should enroll in Part A at this time. You can delay enrolling in Part B, but you may have to pay a higher premium.

Most beneficiaries can enroll in Part A without having to pay a monthly premium, but if you enroll in Part B, you will need to pay the monthly premium.

To sign up for Part A and Part B, you will need to contact the Social Security office. You can apply online at [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov). You can also visit a local office.

## Getting Part D – prescription drug coverage

If you have already enrolled in Original Medicare, Part A or Part B, you will need to decide whether or not you would like prescription drug coverage. If you know you will need Part D, it's best to get it during your initial enrollment period so that you avoid a late penalty. If you did not enroll in Part D during your initial enrollment period, you can enroll during the annual enrollment period, which is Oct. 15 – Dec. 7.

## Getting Part C – Medicare Advantage

To search for and enroll in Part C plans, you can visit [medicare.gov](https://medicare.gov). You can also contact private insurers directly.

## Getting Medicare Supplement

You can buy Medicare Supplement within the six-month period after you turn 65 and are enrolled in Part B.



If you know you will need Part D, prescription drug coverage, it's best to get it during your initial enrollment period so that you avoid a late penalty.



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**Medicare Customer Service,**  
877-299-9062 (TDD/TTY 711)

**Medicaid Customer Service,**  
888-788-9821 (TDD/TTY 711)

**Customer Service for all other plans,**  
888-217-2363 (TDD/TTY 711)

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**Please mail or fax it to:**

Moda Partners, Inc.  
Attention: Appeal Unit  
601 SW Second Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204  
Fax: 503-412-4003

**If you need help filing a complaint, please call Customer Service.**

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U.S. Department of Health  
and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave. SW, Room 509F  
HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201  
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

You can get Office for Civil Rights complaint forms at [hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html](http://hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html).

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