## Get to Know Medicare

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Medicare is...

- A federal health insurance program for eligible U.S. citizens and legal residents
- Funded in part by taxes you pay while working
- Individual health insurance

Medicare is not...

- A family health plan
- Social Security
- Medicaid
- Free


## Who can get

 Medicare?
## Who can get Medicare?

## U.S. citizens and legal residents

Legal residents must live in the U.S. for at least 5 years in a row, including the 5 years just before applying for Medicare.

You must also meet one of the following requirements:

- Age 65 or older
- Younger than 65 with a qualifying disability
- Any age with a diagnosis of end-stage renal disease or ALS


## What does

Medicare cover?

## Parts A \& B: Original Medicare

Original Medicare has two parts:

- Part A is hospital insurance
- Part B is medical insurance

Original Medicare
Provided by the federal government

PART
$A$ Helps pay for hospital stays and inpatient care

PART
BU9 Helps pay for doctor visits and outpatient care


| Your Part B Premium will adjust each year if your Income changes. | If your yearly income in 2022 was..., what you'll pay in 2024 |  |  | IRMMA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | File individual tax return | File joint tax return | You pay each month (in 2024) |  |
|  | \$103,000 or less | \$206,000 or less | \$174.70 | \$0.00 |
| Medicare will notify | Above $\$ 103,000$ up to $\$ 129,000$ | Above $\$ 206,000$ up to $\$ 258,000$ | \$244.60 | \$69.90 |
| any changes to your Part B Premiums. | Above $\$ 129,000$ up to \$161,000 | Above $\$ 258,000$ up to $\$ 322,000$ | \$349.40 | \$174.70 |
| If you have had a Life | Above $\$ 161,000$ up to \$193,000 | Above $\$ 322,000$ up to \$386,000 | \$454.20 | \$279.50 |
| SSA-44 Form to request SSA to adjust | Above $\$ 193,000$ and less than \$500,000 | Above $\$ 386,000$ and less than \$750,000 | \$559.00 | \$384.30 |
|  | \$500,000 or above | \$750,000 or above | \$594.00 | \$419.30 |

Part B will adjust every year based on your tax return from two years ago.

|  | If your filing status and yearly income in 2022 was |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | File individual tax return | File joint tax return | File married \& separate tax return | You pay each month (in 2024) |
| If your Income is above the first bracket you will have an IRMMA | \$103,000 or less | \$206,000 or less | \$97,000 or less | Your plan premium |
|  | Above $\$ 103,000$ up to \$129,000 | Above $\$ 206,000$ up to $\$ 258,000$ | Not Applicable | $\$ 12.90$ + your plan premium |
| Income Related Monthly Medicare Adjustment | Above $\$ 129,000$ up to $\$ 161,000$ | Above $\$ 258,000$ up to $\$ 322,000$ | Not Applicable | $\$ 33.30+$ your plan premium |
|  | Above $\$ 161,000$ up to \$193,000 | Above $\$ 322,000$ up to \$386,000 | Not Applicable | $\$ 53.80$ + your plan premium |
| This additional monthly premium will be added to your Part D Premium each month. | Above $\$ 193,000$ and less than \$500,000 | Above $\$ 386,000$ and less than \$750,000 | Above $\$ 97,000$ up to $\$ 403,000$ | $\$ 74.20+$ your plan premium |
|  | \$500,000 or above | \$750,000 or above | \$403,000 or above | $\$ 81.00$ + your plan premium |

You can pay an IRMMA for Part D if you have a higher taxable income

## Medicare Doesn't Cover Everything

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## Original Medicare (Parts A \& B) does not cover:

- All of the cost of your care - you have out-of-pocket costs, with no limit
- Prescription drugs
- Routine dental, vision or hearing care
- Eyeglasses, contacts or hearing aids
- Long-term or custodial care (help bathing, eating, dressing)
- Excess charges for services by doctors who don't accept Medicare assignment
- Care received outside the U.S., except for certain circumstances


## Where can I get

 more coverage?
## Options for More Coverage

| OPTION $1-$ OR | OPTION 2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Add one or both of the following <br> to Original Medicare. | Choose a |
| Medicare Advantage plan. |  |

Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan
Offered by private companies


Medicare Part D Plan
Offered by private companies

## PART

D
Helps pay for prescription drugs

## Medicare Advantage Plan <br> Offered by private companies

PART Combines Part A (hospital
C
insurance) and Part B (medical
insurance) in one plan

PART
D
Usually includes prescription drug coverage


May offer additional benefits not provided by Original Medicare

## Part D Coverage Gap: Donut Hole

## Coverage stages

| Annual | Initial <br> Coverage | Coverage Gap <br> (Donut Hole) | Catastrophic <br> Coverage |
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| Co to plan <br> deductible $(\$ 545$ Max.) | Up to $\$ 5,030$ <br> total arug cosis | Up to $\$ 8,000$ <br> out-of-pocket costs | To end of year \$0 |

- Amount paid for prescriptions depends on stage
- Dollar limits can change each year
- Not all plans have a deductible
- Many people never reach the coverage gap
- Cycle starts over on January 1 each year


## When can I enroll?

## Initial Enrollment Period



- Enrolled in Part A and Part B automatically if receiving Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits at age 65, or after receiving Social Security disability benefits for 24 months
- Enroll yourself if not receiving benefits (go to SSA.gov or local office)
- Enroll early to avoid gaps in coverage and late enrollment penalties
- May refuse or delay enrollment in Part B
- May enroll in a Medicare Advantage or a prescription drug plan


## Medicare Supplement Open Enrollment



- No medical underwriting if you enroll during this time
- May enroll in a plan later but could be denied or charged more based on health history


## Special Enrollment Period: Working Past 65



- For those who delayed enrollment
- May enroll in Part A, Part B or both
- Part B enrollment triggers Medicare Supplement Open Enrollment
- May choose a Part C or Part D plan
- Enroll in Part D early to avoid penalty


## Late Enrollment Premium Penalties

| COVERAGE | PENALTY |
| :---: | :--- |
| Medicare Part B | - None if qualified for SEP <br> - Otherwise 10\% for each full 12-month period |
| Medicare Part D | - None if less than 63 days without <br> creditable coverage <br> Otherwise 1\% of current average <br> premium for each month |

## When can I change

 my coverage?
## Medicare Annual Enrollment

Every year

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Jan. Feb. 
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October 15 - December 7

- Switch from Original Medicare (Parts A \& B) to a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C), or vice versa
- Switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another
- Join, switch or drop a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D)


## Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment

## Every year

| Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
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January 1 - March 31

- Available to Medicare Advantage plan members only
- Switch to a different Medicare Advantage plan or return to Original Medicare
- Enroll in Part D plan if returning to Original Medicare
- Just one coverage change allowed


## Special Enrollment Period: Qualifying Events

Month after you move or the month after you notify your plan


- Move out of plan service area
- Move within plan service area and have new plan options
- Leave or lose other health care coverage
- Qualify for a Special Needs Plan
- Move into or out of an institution, such as a nursing home
- Get or lose financial help with Medicare
- Move back to U.S. after living outside the country

Thank you!

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