

Where do I go for answers?



I'm turning 65 and my wife is turning 62 this year, what do we do?



My Dad is turning 62 this year and needs help deciding when to take Social Security



My Grandma is turning 65 this year and needs help finding the best Medicare plan



My Uncle Bob is in the hospital and needs help finding a care facility, what do I do?



I'm 26 and was part of a RIF at my employer. COBRA is so expensive, what are my other options?

Medicare 101

Presented by Transitions Benefit Group



An Educational ONLY Presentation

Remain on Employer Benefit Plan

Enroll in Medicare

What is Medicare?

Medicare is a federal health insurance program that pays for a variety of health care expenses. Enrollment is through SSA (Social Security Administration & it's administered by the Center for Medicare Services (CMS)

Who is Eligible for Medicare?

- People 65 years of age or older
 Disabled people who qualify for Medicare under the age of 65
 People with End Stage Renal Disease
 People with ALS



When do you sign up for Medicare?

Initial Enrollment Period

General Enrollment Period

Special Enrollment Period

Collecting Social Security

- Enrollment is AUTOMATIC
- Cards will arrive 3-4 months prior to 65th Birthday

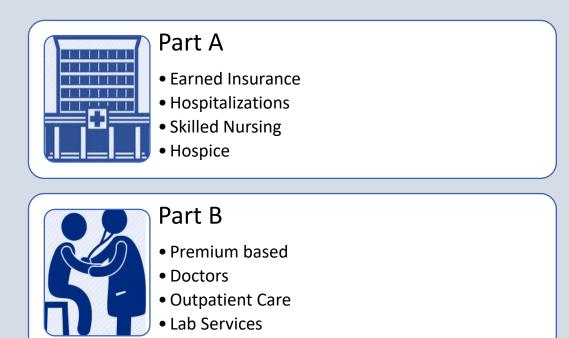
Not Collecting Social Security

• Enroll:

- Call Social Security and schedule an appointment at 800-772-1213
- Sign up at Medicare.gov
- 100 days prior to birth month is recommended

Medicare Basics







Moving Parts

- Prescription Drug Plans
- Part C- Medicare Advantage Plans (Network based Private Insurance)
- Medi-gap Plans (Medicare Supplemental Plans)

cart A is Hospital Insurance and covers costs associated with confinement in a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED FOR:	MEDICARE COVERS	YOU PAY		
1-60 DAYS	Most confinement costs <u>after</u> the required Medicare deductible	\$1,600 Deductible per BENEFIT PERIOD		
61-90 DAYS	All eligible expenses <u>after</u> patient pays a per-day copayment	\$400 A Day		
91-150 DAYS	All eligible expenses <u>after</u> patient pays a per-day copayment (These are Lifetime Reserve Days that may never be used again)	\$800 A Day		
151 DAYS OR MORE	NOTHING	YOU PAY ALL COSTS		
SKILLED NURSING CONFINEMENT: Following an inpatient hospital stay of at least 3 days and enter a Medicare-approved skilled nursing facility within 30 days after hospital discharge and receive skilled nursing care	All eligible expenses for the first 20 days; then all eligible expenses for days 21-100 <u>after</u> patient pays a per-day copayment	Days 1-20: \$0 Days 21- 100: up to \$200 per day Days 101 and beyond: All costs		

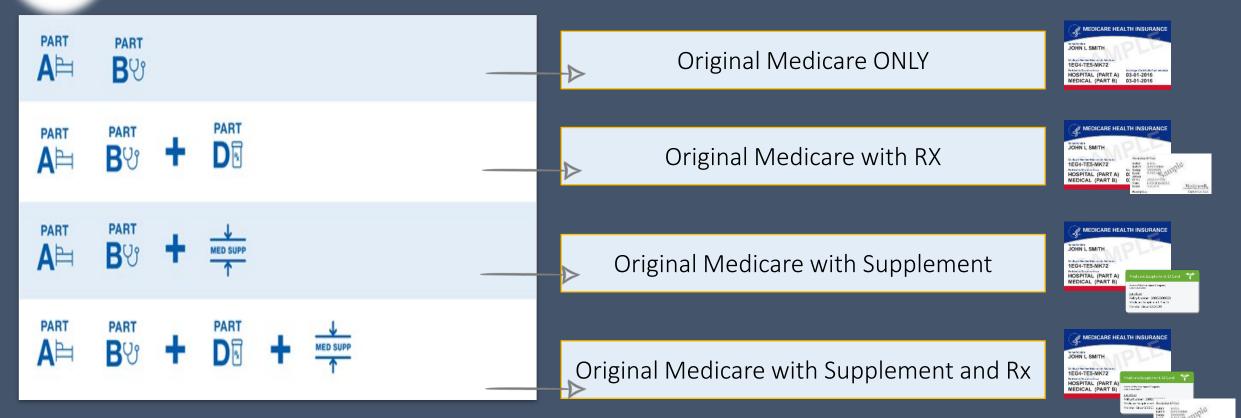
2023 Medicare Part B

Part B is Medical Insurance and covers physician services, outpatient care, tests, and supplies.

ON EXPENSES INCURRED FOR:	MEDICARE COVERS	YOU PAY		
ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE	Incurred Expenses after the required Medicare deductible	\$226 Annual Deductible		
MEDICAL EXPENSES Physicians' services for inpatient and outpatient medical/surgical services; physical/speech therapy; and diagnostic tests	80% of approved amount	20% of approved amount*		
EXCESS DOCTOR CHARGES	0% above approved amount	All costs		
CLINICAL LABORATORY Services	Generally 100% of approved amount	Nothing for services		
HOME HEALTHCARE	100% of approved amount; 80% of approved amount for durable medical equipment			
OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL TREATMENT	Medicare payment to hospital, based on outpatient procedure payment rates	Coinsurance based on outpatient payment rates		
BLOOD	80% of approved amount <u>after</u> first 3 pints of blood.	First 3 pints plus 20% of approved amount* for additional pints		



Building Medicare insurance coverage



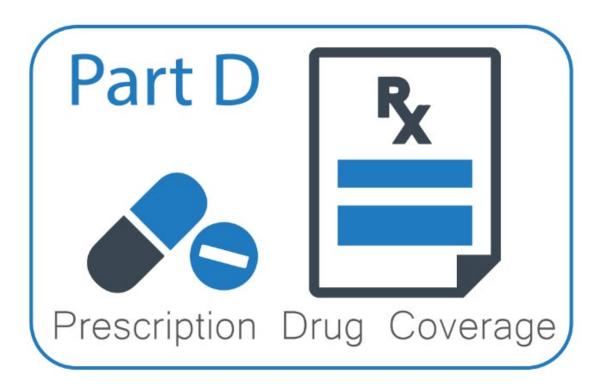
Medicare Advantage Coverage:



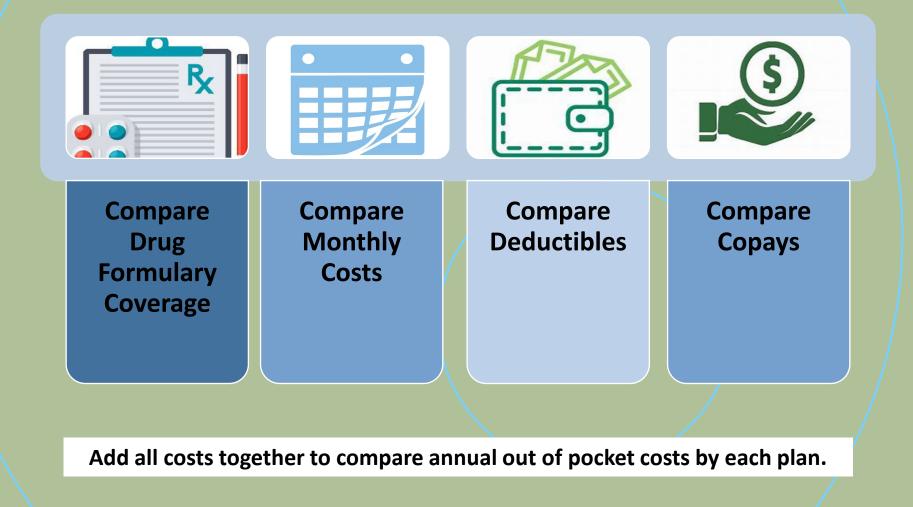


Drug Plans Cover:

- A minimum of one medication in each category
- Appeals processes for denied medications
- Opportunity to review and change annually
- Various payment options
- Preferred Network Options
- Mail Order Options
- Step-Therapy

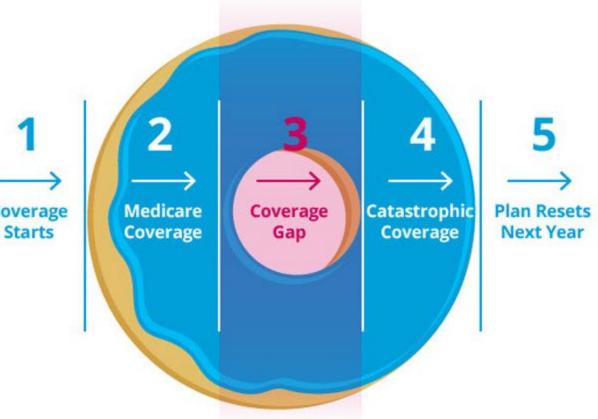


How to select a PDP Plan





What is the Medicare Donut Hole?^{*} It's This Gap:



SEE MORE

- Understanding COBRA-
- COBRA is designed for people UNDER 65-
- Medicare is Primary AFTER age 65 if you are no longer working-
- If you choose COBRA instead of Medicare past age 65, there are penalties and possible fees
- Timing your enrollment onto Medicare properly is imperative-
- 7 months to enroll-
- If you plan on retiring within the year you turn 65- use caution and speak with your advisor- do not find yourself without insurance

Medicare Coordination

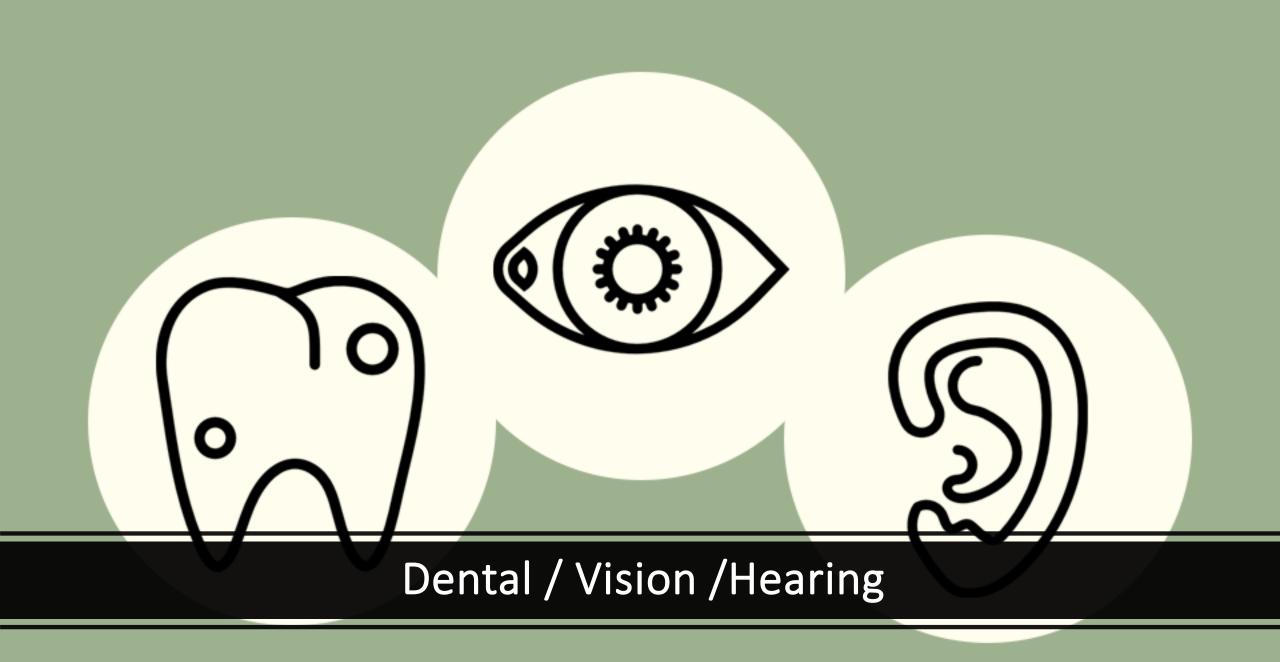
Timing • Part A • Part B • These vary based on SS Drawing and individual needs Costs • Part A: \$0 (earned) • Part B: \$164.90 • Part D: (varies) Additional Costs may apply based on income: IRMAA **Penalties and Fees** • Non-Creditable Drug Coverage • Late Enrollment General Enrollment Period • IRMAA-sliding scale based on income over \$97k/\$194k*



High Income

Medicare Part B Standard Premium S Most beneficiaries pay the standard Part B premium. S About 5% of beneficiaries pay more due to higher incomes.

Ea	arners	Up to \$97k Individuals; Up to \$194k Married	\$97k-123k Individuals; \$194K-\$246k Married	\$153k-183k Individual; \$246k-\$306k Married	\$153k-183k Individual; \$306k-366k Married	\$183k-500k Individual; \$366-\$750k Married	Over \$500k Individual; Over \$750k Married
	Part B Costs	\$164.90	\$230.80	\$329.70	\$428.60	\$527.50	\$560.50
	Part D Costs	\$0	\$12.20	\$31.50	\$50.70	\$70.00	\$76.40
	* 2023 IRMAA amounts						



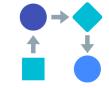
Steps to maximize our support for your needs!





Pre-Planning

Consultation



Planning

Consultation



Enrollment

Call

Educational Resources

Think of this as your begining step to planning a trip. You need to understand where you want to go before you decide when and how you would like to get there. We recommend that you join our member area on our main website, click our logo below. If possible, please watch our brief on-demand Medicare webinar before your consultation.

Now that you are a bit more prepared for a consultation call by viewing the Medicare webinar, you will have an understanding of the moving parts, options available to you, and hopefully you have an idea of the destination vou are headed to. Your advisor will help you determine the path that you need to take to get to your determined destination. This will be a brief call to determine the timing of your needs as well as the what your next steps need to be.

You have completed your Pre-Planning conversation. Congratulations! You are about to create a path to Medicare regardless if you are choosing to make that move today or in 5 years. We are going to help you meet both your health and financial needs. It is exciting to help our clients realize the options that they have and plan on how to best utilize their resources. Your advisor will work with you until you are ready to enroll in a plan.

This is the moment you have been waiting for! All of the research. conversations, and planning has finally come to the pinnacle of enrollment into health plans! These plans can either coordinate with your employer benefits OR as an election when you end enrollment with your employer health benefits. This call will allow you the opportunity to confirm plans, premiums, enrollment steps, etc. At the conclusion of this call, you will be enrolled.

Support Well, we are super excited about this part of our journey! Our team here at Transitions will be here for you at any point you need help with your plan, renewals, claims, etc. and of course the **BIG ONE...** Annual Enrollment Period which is from 10/15-12/7 every year to allow you the chance to re-evaluate vour PDP and MAPD Plans. Keep an eye on your mail and voicemail we will be reaching out throughout the year to check in with you!

Client Care &





Thank you for taking the time to learn the foundation of your Pathway to Medicare! We are looking forward to speaking with you soon

Contact us: 800-936-1405