The Basics of Medicare



Learn the parts of Medicare, how it works, and what it costs.

Are you new to Medicare and have questions?

Medicare is health insurance for people 65 or older. You're eligible to sign up for Medicare 3 months before you turn 65, and 3 months after, giving you a 7 month window to enroll. You may be eligible to get Medicare earlier if you have a disability.

The basics of Medicare begin with the two "Parts" that make up Original Medicare, Part A & B. After basic coverage is acquired, you have options. Let's explore the fundamentals.

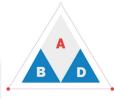


All Parts of Medicare are regulated by the federal government. Only Parts A & B are also provided by the government. Parts C & D are provided by Private Insurance.

PART C

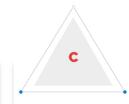
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

PART A ORIGINAL MEDICARE



PART B

ORIGINAL MEDICARE





A B A D



- coverMany plans cover
- prescription drugs
- Many plans cover additional benefits like dental and vision
- AB
- Prescription drugs are covered through Part C or a stand alone prescription
- Drugs are grouped into tiers based on cost.

- Hospital care
- Skilled nursing facility care

Part B or both.

- Hospice
- Home health care
- Doctor visits
- Mental health care
- Outpatient surgery
- Lab test
- Medical equipment like wheelchairs and walkers

Your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) is 7 months long. It includes your 65th birthday month plus the 3 months before and the 3 months after. It begins and ends 1 month earlier if your birthday is on the first of the month. You may enroll in Part A,



Open Enrollment Period January 1 - March 31





How much does Medicare cost? Do you have to pay for Medicare? Is Medicare Part B free? What will be my Medicare premiums in 2022?

These are very common questions about the costs for Medicare. The costs for Medicare Part B and Part D, as well as supplemental coverage, are something that many don't anticipate. It can surprise you when you turn 65 and learn that Medicare is not free.

So, do you have to pay for Medicare? Yes, most people do pay Medicare premiums. Fortunately, it's fairly easy to put together a Medicare cost estimate so that you can plan ahead.

zero. If you've worked 10+years (40 quarters) in the U.S., you have already paid for Part A via payroll taxes. (99% of beneficiaries qualify for free Part A.)

If you have to buy Part A, the cost for Medicare Part A will be around \$499/month. People with less than 40 quarters work experience but more than 30 quarters can get a pro-rated premium of \$274/month.

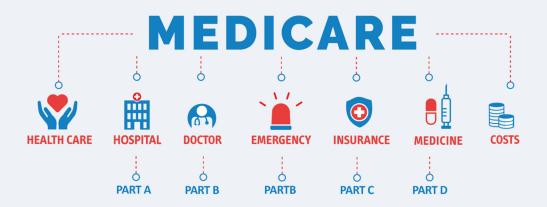
To be eligible to buy Part A, you must have been a legal resident or have had a green card for at least 5 years.

Should you have a hospital stay, your Part A Deductible will be \$1,556 in 2022. This is an increase of \$72 from the Part A deductible in 2021, which was \$1,484. (However, if you have a Medigap plan, it will likely cover this cost for you).

Parts	Costs
Part A Premium	Premium-free with qualifying work history; \$499/month without
Part A Deductible	\$1,556 deductible for each benefit period
	Days 1-60: \$0 coinsurance for each benefit period
	Days 61-90: \$389 coinsurance per day of each benefit period
	Days 91 and beyond: \$778 coinsurance per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90
	Beyond lifetime reserve days: All costs
Part B Premium (monthly)	The standard Part B premium amount is \$170.10 (high earners pay more)
Part B Deductible	\$233 per year and then 20% of the Medicare- approved amount

Medicare shouldn't be overwhelming.

We simplify the information and help you find the right plan.



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