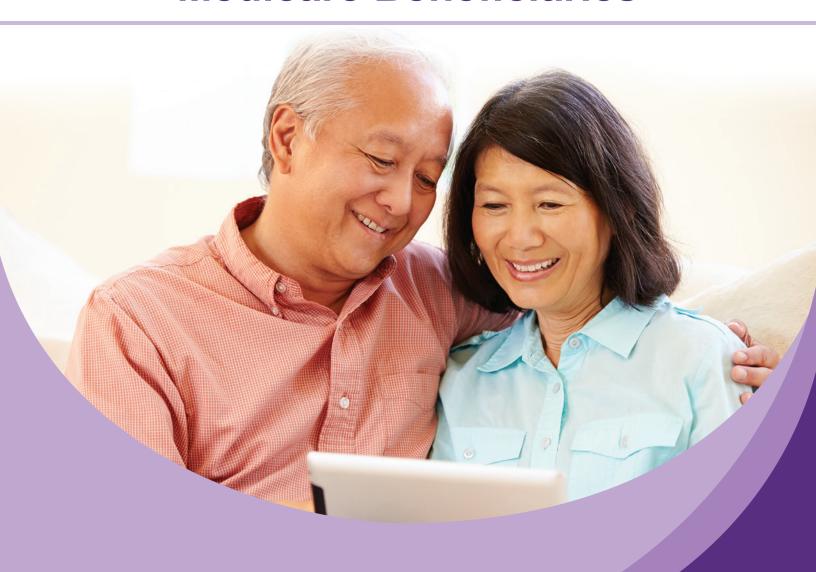
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# Resources for Medicare Beneficiaries



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#### **Resources for Medicare Beneficiaries**

#### Introduction

Medicare is health insurance for people 65 or older, people under 65 with certain disabilities, and people of any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant). Medicare includes:

Please note:

The information in this publication includes resources on the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.

- Part A: Hospital insurance;
- Part B: Medical insurance:
- ◆ Part C: Medicare Advantage (MA); and
- Part D: Prescription drug coverage.

This publication lists resources that can assist you with answering your patients' questions. You'll also find "Did You Know?" tips with helpful information for your Medicare patients.

For Medicare publications you can view, print, or order, visit http://www.medicare.gov/ Publications on the Medicare website, or scan the Quick Response (QR) code on the right with your mobile device.



For Social Security information written for your patients, visit http://www.socialsecurity. gov/pubs and search by publication or topic.

NOTE: Medicare and Social Security's websites are available in Spanish. To access, click the "Español" link at the top of any page.

For questions from your patients about the Health Insurance Marketplace, refer to http://www.medicare. gov/Pubs/pdf/11694.pdf on the Medicare website or http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/ Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/ICN908826.html the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

For official information for health care professionals, visit the Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) Guided Pathways (GPs) at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNEdWebGuide/Guided Pathways.html on the CMS website.

#### **Formats Available**

You may access many of the resources listed in this publication in a variety of formats. The key below shows how this publication designates the available formats next to the listed resources. All resources are available in English; Indicates a Spanish version is available. For Medicare publications available in different languages, visit http://www.medicare.gov/Publications on the Medicare website.



Video



Website





#### **Medicare Eligibility & Enrollment**



## Who Is Eligible for Medicare?

This video provides information about eligibility requirements for Medicare.

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/medicarebasics/whatismedicare/video/mc7\_na.html





#### **Medicare Eligibility Tool**

The Eligibility & Premium Calculator provides a quick estimate of a person's

Medicare eligibility date and premium amount.

http://www.medicare.gov/eligibilitypremiumcalc







#### **Enrolling in Medicare**

This video provides an overview of the Medicare enrollment process.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvHkJT0gENw





#### Apply Online for Medicare In Less Than 10 Minutes -Even if You Are Not Ready to Retire

This publication explains how and when to apply for Medicare online.

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10530.pdf





# Did You Know

If your patient is not eligible for Medicare and is looking for health coverage, refer him or her to <a href="http://finder.healthcare.gov">http://finder.healthcare.gov</a> on the Internet.

#### What Is Medicare?



#### Medicare & You

This booklet provides a comprehensive summary of Medicare benefits, coverage options, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions

about Medicare.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050.pdf

This web page is your online connection to the "Medicare & You" handbook.

http://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html







#### 1-800-MEDICARE

People with Medicare may call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) with questions about Medicare claims and coverage. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.



#### Medicare.gov

This website is the official United States Government site for Medicare.

http://www.medicare.gov







#### A Quick Look at Medicare

This publication provides basic information about the different parts of Medicare.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11514.pdf





#### **Welcome to Medicare**

The "Welcome to Medicare" booklet provides an overview of Medicare and has information about decisions that people who

are new to Medicare need to make.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11095.pdf





While Medicare and Social Security benefits are related, eligibility for the programs and the application process isn't the same. For more information about Social Security retirement benefits, refer your Medicare patients to <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10035.pdf">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10035.pdf</a> on the Internet.





#### **Your Medicare Benefits**

This booklet explains health care services and supplies covered under Original Medicare.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10116.pdf





#### **Medicare Costs**

This web page provides basic information about Medicare costs, such as premiums and deductibles.

http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/costs-at-a-glance/costs-at-glance.html





#### Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries

The law requires an adjustment to Medicare Part B and Part D premiums for beneficiaries with higher income. This publication

explains which beneficiaries may be affected.

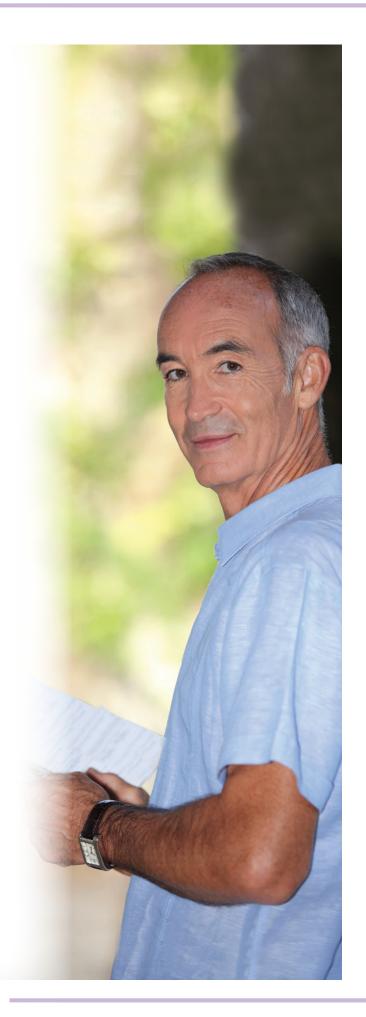
http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10536.pdf





#### **Did You Know**

Many resources are available to help answer your Medicare patients' questions. For more information, see the "Get Help Making Informed Decisions" section beginning on page 14.



# Medicare Part A – Hospital Insurance

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#### What Part A Covers

This web page provides basic Part A coverage information.

http://www.medicare.gov/

what-medicare-covers/part-a/what-part-a-covers.html





# Medicare and Your Hospital Benefits Hospital Care when you need it

# Medicare & Your Hospital Benefits

Medicare helps cover certain medical services and supplies in hospitals. This publication provides a brief overview of those covered services and supplies.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11408.pdf





# Getting a Second Opinion Before Surgery

This fact sheet describes what a patient needs to know about getting a second opinion before surgery.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02173.pdf



### **Did You Know**

Depending on the situation, Part A (Hospital Insurance) or Part B (Medical Insurance) may cover hospitalizations for your Medicare patients. For more information, refer your Medicare patients to the "Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient?" fact sheet at <a href="http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11435.pdf">http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11435.pdf</a> on the Internet.



#### **Medicare Hospice Benefits**

Understanding the hospice benefit can make choosing a hospice provider easier. Information in this booklet includes eligibility requirements, covered services, and how to

find a hospice program.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02154.pdf





# Medicare Coverage of Skilled Nursing Facility Care

This booklet explains Medicarecovered skilled nursing care and related rights and protections.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/

pdf/10153.pdf





### Medicare and Home Health Care

Medicare provides home health care benefits for people with Original Medicare. This booklet provides an overview about eligibility, covered

services, and how to find and compare home health agencies.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10969.pdf



#### **Medicare Part B - Medical Insurance**



#### What Part B Covers

This web page provides basic Part B coverage information.

http://www.medicare.gov/

what-medicare-covers/part-b/what-medicare-partb-covers.html







#### **Outpatient Hospital Services**

This web page explains how Medicare pays for outpatient services for

Medicare beneficiaries with Part B.

http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/outpatienthospital-services.html







#### **Medicare Limits on** Therapy Services

This fact sheet explains the therapy cap limits for outpatient physical therapy, speechlanguage pathology, and occupational therapy.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10988.pdf





#### **Did You Know**

Original Medicare (Part A and Part B) covers many services. Some of these services include:

- Emergency transportation;
- Hospital visits:
- Kidney transplants and dialysis;
- Mental health services; and
- Therapy services.

For more information on covered services, refer your Medicare patients to visit http:// www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers on the Internet.

#### **Preventive Services & Staying Healthy**



#### Your Guide to Medicare's **Preventive Services**

This booklet explains Medicare's coverage of preventive services and services that help keep certain illnesses from getting worse.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10110.pdf





#### Staying Healthy

Disease prevention and early detection can help your patients stay healthy. This fact sheet gives an overview of Medicarecovered preventive services.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/

pdf/11100.pdf



# **Did You Know**

Medicare improved coverage of preventive services by adding more services, with many at no cost to your Medicare patients. For more information, refer your Medicare patients to watch the video at https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=3ljyLlaDUEU on the Internet.





#### Questions to Ask About Medicare Preventive Services

This checklist includes a list of questions patients can ask their doctors about Medicare's preventive services,

as well as worksheets to keep track of tests and appointments.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11542.pdf





# Are You Up-To-Date on Your Preventive Services?

This easy-to-use checklist helps beneficiaries track

their Medicare-covered preventive services.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11420.pdf



#### **Medical Equipment & Supplies**



# Medicare Coverage of Durable Medical Equipment and Other Devices

This booklet provides an overview of Medicare's coverage of Durable Medical

Equipment (DME) and other devices, including covered and non-covered items.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11045.pdf





#### **Medicare Diabetes Postcard**

This postcard lists Medicarecovered diabetes services and supplies and includes questions people with diabetes should ask their doctors.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/

pdf/11410.pdf





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# What You Should Know if You Need Medicare-covered Equipment or Supplies

This fact sheet describes Medicare's Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies Competitive Bidding Program,

including a list of the affected areas and the items included.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11307.pdf



**Medicare Part C - Medicare Advantage** 



## Medicare Advantage Plans

Beneficiaries can visit this web page to learn more about Medicare Advantage Plans.

http://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/medicare-health-plans/medicare-advantage-plans/medicare-advantage-plans.html





#### Costs for Medicare Health Plans

This web page provides information about out-of-pocket costs when enrolled

in a Medicare Advantage Plan.

http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/medicare-health-plan-costs/costs-for-medicare-health-plans.html





# When Can I Join a Health or Drug Plan?

This web page provides information on when beneficiaries can enroll

in Medicare Advantage Plans or Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

http://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/when-can-i-join-a-health-or-drug-plan/when-can-i-join-a-health-or-drug-plan.html







# Did You Know

Medicare Advantage Plans provide an alternative to Original Medicare. For more information or to enroll in a plan, your Medicare patients may visit <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan">https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan</a> on the Internet, or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

#### **Medicare Part D – Prescription Drug Coverage**



# Your Guide to Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

This booklet explains Medicare prescription drug coverage, how it works with other drug coverage, and how beneficiaries can get Extra Help paying

premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11109.pdf





# Things to Think About When You Compare Medicare Drug Coverage

This fact sheet helps beneficiaries compare Medicare drug plans.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11163.pdf





# Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: How to Join a Medicare Drug Plan

This fact sheet tells beneficiaries how and when to join a Medicare drug plan.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/

#### pdf/11111.pdf





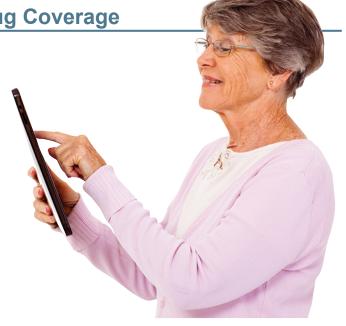
#### Closing the Coverage Gap -Medicare Prescription Drugs Are Becoming More Affordable

This fact sheet provides information and resources for people with Medicare drug

coverage to use during the coverage gap (also called the "donut hole").

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11493.pdf







### Have You Done Your Yearly Medicare Plan Review?

Beneficiaries should review their coverage every year during Open Enrollment. This brochure provides tips to help beneficiaries review their health

and prescription drug coverage.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11220.pdf





## Medicines and You: A Guide for Older Adults

This guide provides tips for older adults on taking medicine safely.

http://eldercare.gov/ ELDERCARE.NET/Public/

Resources/Brochures/docs/Your\_Medicines\_and\_You.pdf



Your Medicare patients may be able to get Extra Help paying for Medicare drug costs. For more information, or to apply online, visit <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp</a> on the Internet.

**Medicare Supplements & Other Insurance** 



### How Medicare Works with Other Insurance

This web page explains how Medicare works with other insurance coverage.

http://www.medicare.gov/supplement-other-insurance/how-medicare-works-with-other-insurance/how-medicare-works-with-other-insurance.html





#### What's Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)?

Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)

policies can help pay costs not covered by Original Medicare. This web page gives an overview of Medigap.

http://www.medicare.gov/supplement-other-insurance/medigap/whats-medigap.html





#### Choosing a Medigap Policy: A Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare

This guide helps people with Medicare understand Medigap policies.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02110.pdf





# What Is a Medicare Advantage Plan? What Is a Medigap Policy?

This fact sheet explains the differences between Medicare Advantage Plans and Medigap.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11474.pdf







#### Medicare & Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First

Some beneficiaries have other health coverage that must pay before Medicare pays its share of the bill. This booklet explains

how Medicare pays if beneficiaries have other types of coverage.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02179.pdf



# J Did You Know

If your Medicare patients have Medicare and other health coverage, each type of coverage is called a "payer." When there's more than one payer, the coordination of benefits rules decides which one pays first.

#### **Get Help With Your Medicare Costs**



#### 4 Programs that Can Help You Pay Your Medical Expenses

This fact sheet provides information on Federal and State programs available for people with Medicare who have

limited income and resources.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11445.pdf





# Medicare Savings Programs

This web page provides information about Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs).

http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/ help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-program/ medicare-savings-programs.html





#### Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs

Dual eligible beneficiaries are people who are eligible for Medicare and full Medicaid or a Medicare Savings Program. This publication provides an overview about eligibility criteria, assignment, and billing for dual eligibles.

http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/ MLNProducts/MLN-Publications-Items/ CMS1244469.html





## Seniors & Medicare and Medicaid Enrollees

This web page provides information on what Medicaid covers for

Medicare patients.

http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Population/Medicare-Medicaid-Enrollees-Dual-Eligibles/Seniors-and-Medicare-and-Medicaid-Enrollees.html



# Did You Know

Your Medicare patients can find Medicaid eligibility and State contact information all in one location. For more information, refer your Medicare patients to <a href="http://www.medicaid.gov">http://www.medicaid.gov</a> on the Internet.



# Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

This publication provides information about the SSI program's eligibility requirements and how to apply for benefits.

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-11000.pdf





#### Understanding the Extra Help with Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

Beneficiaries who need help paying Medicare drug costs may qualify for Extra Help. This publication explains the Extra

Help program available to cover the costs of a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, including eligibility criteria, and a list of factors to consider when comparing drug plans.

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10508.pdf



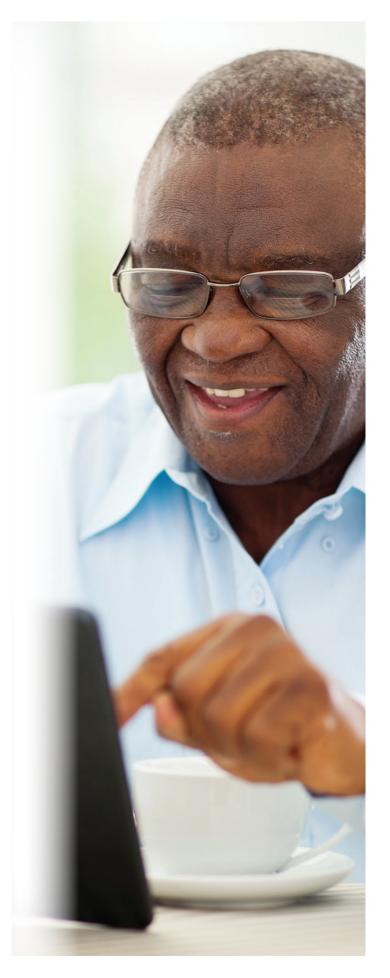


What to do if you no longer automatically qualify for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs

This fact sheet provides information on other options for lowering prescription drug costs for beneficiaries who don't qualify for Extra Help.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11215.pdf





#### **Long-Term Care Choices**



#### LongTermCare.gov

This website provides current information to help beneficiaries accurately plan for long-term care needs that may help pay for

some long-term care services.

http://longtermcare.gov





#### Planning for Long-Term Care

This video provides information on long-term care planning and factors

to consider.

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/longtermcare/planningforlongtermcare/video/planningforLTC\_na.html





# Your Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home

This booklet explains how to find and compare nursing homes, how to pay for nursing home care, nursing home residents' rights, and alternatives to

nursing home care.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02174.pdf





Medicare generally doesn't cover long-term care. Medicare only covers skilled nursing care for a short period following a qualifying hospital stay. For more information, see the Medicare Part A – Hospital Insurance section beginning on page 5.





# Nursing Home Compare

Nursing Home Compare is a web tool that provides beneficiaries and caregivers

with the ability to compare Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing homes and the quality of care provided to patients.

http://www.medicare.gov/nursing
homecompare





# Did You Know

A nursing home may not be the only choice for long-term care. Other options include:

- Assisted living facilities;
- · Home health care;
- Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); and
- · Residential care facilities.

To find out more about options and links to resources, visit <a href="http://www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers/part-a/other-long-term-care-choices.html">http://www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers/part-a/other-long-term-care-choices.html</a> on the Internet.

#### **Get Help Making Informed Decisions**



#### Get Your Medicare Questions Answered

This publication advises beneficiaries on how and when to contact Medicare.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11386.pdf





### Medicare Helpful Contacts

This search tool has helpful resources and information about specific topics.

http://www.medicare.gov/contacts





#### MyMedicare.gov

This website is Medicare's free, secure online service for Medicare beneficiaries to access personalized information regarding their

Medicare benefits and services.

https://mymedicare.gov





### **Did You Know**

Your Medicare patients can use MyMedicare.gov to monitor all their claims. This helps protect them from medical identity theft and Medicare fraud. For more information about identity theft and fraud, visit <a href="http://www.stopmedicarefraud.gov/preventfraud/scams-identity-theft">http://www.stopmedicarefraud.gov/preventfraud/scams-identity-theft</a> on the Internet.



### Medicare Plan Finder at a Glance

This video demonstrates how beneficiaries can use the Medicare Plan

Finder online tool on Medicare.gov to view and compare Medicare health and drug plan options available in their area. It also explains how they can enroll in a plan that best meets their needs.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= iQQJ7ry\_H6k





# Guide to Choosing a Hospital

This booklet explains steps for choosing a hospital and provides information about quality hospital care.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/

pdf/10181.pdf





#### **Hospital Compare**

Hospital Compare is a web tool that provides beneficiaries and caregivers the ability to compare

Medicare-certified hospitals and the quality of care provided to patients.

http://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare





#### **Physician Compare**

Physician Compare is a web tool that provides beneficiaries and caregivers the ability to compare and

locate Medicare participating physicians and health care professionals.

http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare



#### **Resources for Medicare Beneficiaries**



#### **Supplier Directory**

This web page provides beneficiaries and caregivers the ability to find Medicare suppliers of medical equipment and supplies in

their area.

http://www.medicare.gov/supplierdirectory







#### **Home Health Compare**

Home Health Compare is a web tool that provides beneficiaries and caregivers the ability to compare

Medicare-certified home health agencies and the quality of care provided to patients.

http://www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare







# Dialysis Facility Compare

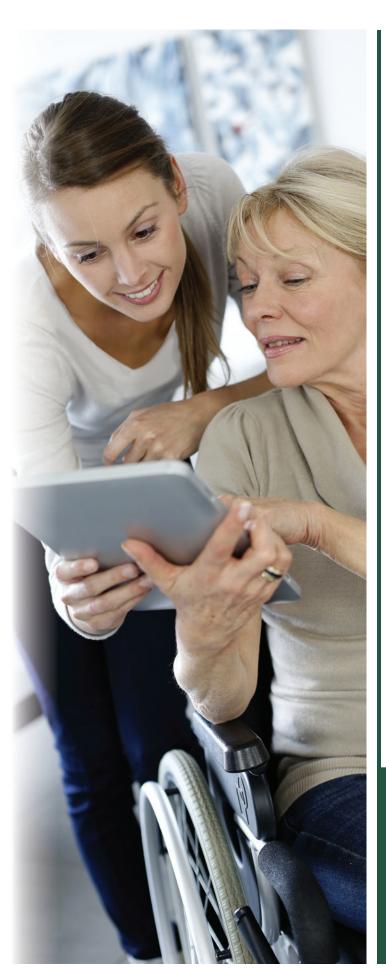
Dialysis Facility Compare is a web tool that provides beneficiaries and caregivers

the ability to compare Medicare-certified dialysis facilities and the quality of care provided to patients.

http://www.medicare.gov/dialysis
facilitycompare







#### **Rights & Protections**



### Medicare Rights & Protections

This booklet explains the rights and protections guaranteed to Medicare beneficiaries.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11534.pdf



#### **Medicare Appeals**

This booklet explains the Medicare appeals process.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11525.pdf



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# Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage

This web page provides an explanation of Advanced Beneficiary Notices (ABNs)

and when beneficiaries should get them.

http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/medicare-rights/abn/advance-notice-of-noncoverage.html





# Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)

A "Medicare Summary Notice" (MSN) is a notice people with Original

Medicare get. This web page explains when beneficiaries should get them and what information they include.

http://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-andresources/mail-about-medicare/medicaresummary-notice-msn.html





Medicare guarantees your Medicare patients certain rights and protections. For more information, refer your Medicare patients to <a href="http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/medicare-rights/medicare-rights-overview.html">http://www.medicare.gov/claims-and-appeals/medicare-rights-overview.html</a> on the Internet or call 1-800-MEDICARE.



#### How the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman Works for You

The Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman helps with complaints, grievances, and information requests. This

fact sheet explains how the program can help beneficiaries.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11173.pdf





#### **Medicare forms**

This web page provides a list of Medicare forms for beneficiaries.

http://www.medicare.gov/

forms-help-and-resources/forms/medicare-forms.html





#### Help Prevent Fraud, Waste, & Abuse



# Protecting Yourself & Medicare from Fraud

This booklet provides information on how beneficiaries can detect and protect against fraud and identity theft.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10111.pdf



#### **Did You Know**

Medicare needs your Medicare patients' help to protect them and Medicare from fraud, waste, and abuse. For more information, refer your Medicare patients to watch the video at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fY9ImEKlu88">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fY9ImEKlu88</a> on the Internet.



### Medical Identity Theft & Medicare Fraud

This publication provides information on Medical identity theft and how it can disrupt a beneficiary's life.

http://www.stopmedicarefraud.gov/toolkit/documents/fightback\_brochure\_rev.pdf





# Identity Theft And Your Social Security Number

This publication explains how people with Medicare can prevent identity theft and what to do if they've become a victim.

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/

pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf





# Beneficiary Card Sharing Education

This video provides education on the issues associated with sharing

Medicaid cards or numbers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gty6TuNrUD0





#### What You Need To Know About Misleading Advertising

This publication helps beneficiaries avoid being victimized by misleading advertisers who use "Social

Security" or "Medicare" to sell services available free of charge.

http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10005.pdf





Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) are available in every state to assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers in preventing, detecting, and reporting health care fraud, errors, and abuse. To find an SMP, visit <a href="http://www.smpresource.org">http://www.smpresource.org</a> on the Internet.

#### **Information for Caregivers**



# Medicare Basics: A Guide for Families and Friends of People with Medicare

Medicare Basics is a guide for families and friends of beneficiaries. It highlights various health care related topics.

http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11034.pdf





#### Caregiving

This web page provides a variety of resources for those caring for older adults.

http://www.medicare.gov/campaigns/caregiver/caregiver.html





#### A Home Fall Prevention Checklist for Older Adults

This checklist asks about hazards found in each room of an older adult's home. For each hazard, the checklist explains

how to fix the problem and offers other tips for preventing falls.

http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreational Safety/pubs/English/booklet\_Eng\_desktop-a.pdf





#### **Eldercare Locator**

This video provides information on community services available to older adults.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=
DbMLXUOW\_0E











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