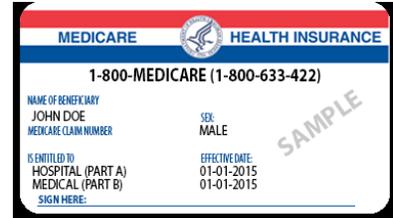


Medicare Open Enrollment –

Medicare health benefits and drug plan costs can change from year-to-year. Beneficiaries should review their benefits options annually and decide which option best-fits their health needs.



Medicare Part A Premiums/Deductibles

Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facility, and some home health care services. About 99 percent of Medicare beneficiaries do not have a Part A premium since they have at least 40 quarters of Medicare-covered employment.

The Medicare Part A inpatient hospital deductible that beneficiaries will pay when admitted to the hospital will be \$1,484 in 2021, an increase of \$76 from \$1,408 in 2020. The Part A inpatient hospital deductible covers beneficiaries' share of costs for the first 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period. In 2021, beneficiaries must pay a coinsurance amount of \$371 per day for the 61st through 90th day of a hospitalization (\$352 in 2020) in a benefit period and \$742 per day for lifetime reserve days (\$704 in 2020). For beneficiaries in skilled nursing facilities, the daily coinsurance for days 21 through 100 of extended care services in a benefit period will be \$185.50 in 2021 (\$176.00 in 2020).

Part A Deductible and Coinsurance Amounts for Calendar Years 2020 and 2021

	2020	2021
Inpatient hospital deductible	\$1,408	\$1,484
Daily coinsurance for 61 st –90 th Day	\$352	\$371
Daily coinsurance for lifetime reserve days	\$704	\$742
Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance	\$176.00	\$185.50

Enrollees age 65 and over who have fewer than 40 quarters of coverage and certain persons with disabilities pay a monthly premium in order to voluntarily enroll in Medicare Part A. Individuals who had at least 30 quarters of coverage or were married to someone with at least 30 quarters of coverage may buy into Part A at a reduced monthly premium rate, which will be \$259 in 2021, a \$7 increase from 2020.

Certain uninsured aged individuals who have less than 30 quarters of coverage and certain individuals with disabilities who have exhausted other entitlement will pay the full premium, which will be \$471 a month in 2021, a \$13 increase from 2020.

Medicare Part B Premiums/Deductibles

Medicare Part B covers physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical and health services not covered by Medicare Part A.

- The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$148.50 in 2021, an increase of \$3.90 from \$144.60 in 2020.
- Recently announced: that there would be no out-of-pocket costs for seniors for COVID-19 vaccines.
- Also announced: the annual deductible for Medicare Part B is \$203 in 2021, which is an increase of \$5 from \$198 in 2020.

- Compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare prescription drug plans (Medicare Part D), and Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap) policies;
- Compare coverage options on their smartphones and tablets;
- Compare up to three Medicare Part D plans or three Medicare Advantage plans side-by-side;
- Get plan costs and benefits, including which Medicare Advantage plans offer extra benefits;
- Build a personal drug list and Medicare Part D Drug Plan that best meets their needs.

Highlights for 2021 Open Enrollment include:

- Beneficiaries in some states, including Alabama, Nevada, Michigan, and Kentucky, will see decreases of over 50 percent in average Medicare Advantage premiums.
- More than 4,800 Medicare Advantage plans are offered for 2021, compared to about 2,700 in 2017. Similarly, more Medicare Part D plans are available, and the average basic Part D premium has dropped 12 percent since 2017.
- Medicare beneficiaries can join a prescription drug plan that will offer many types of insulin at a maximum copayment of \$35 for a 30-day supply. More than 1,600 Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans are participating in the Part D Senior Savings Model for 2021. People who enroll in a participating plan could save up to an estimated \$446 a year in out-of-pocket costs on insulin.

Medicare Part B High Income Adjustments

Since 2007, a beneficiary's Part B monthly premium is based on his or her income. These income-related monthly adjustment amounts affect roughly 7 percent of people with Medicare Part B. The 2021 Part B total premiums for high-income beneficiaries are shown in the following table:

Beneficiaries file individual tax returns with income:	Beneficiaries file joint tax returns with income:	Income-related monthly adjustment amount	Total monthly premium amount
Less than or equal to \$88,000	Less than or equal to \$176,000	\$0.00	\$148.50
Greater than \$88,000 and less than or equal to \$111,000	Greater than \$176,000 and less than or equal to \$222,000	59.40	207.90
Greater than \$111,000 and less than or equal to \$138,000	Greater than \$222,000 and less than or equal to \$276,000	148.50	297.00
Greater than \$138,000 and less than or equal to \$165,000	Greater than \$276,000 and less than or equal to \$330,000	237.60	386.10
Greater than \$165,000 and less than \$500,000	Greater than \$330,000 and less than \$750,000	326.70	475.20
Greater than or equal to \$500,000	Greater than or equal to \$750,000	356.40	504.90

- Premiums for high-income beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouse at any time during the taxable year, but file a separate return, are as follows:

Beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouses at any time during the year, but who file separate tax returns from their spouses:	Income-related monthly adjustment amount	Total monthly premium amount
Less than or equal to \$88,000	\$0.00	\$148.50
Greater than \$88,000 and less than \$412,000	326.70	475.20
Greater than or equal to \$412,000	356.40	504.90