

MUST DECIDE ON BOTH (MEDICARE AND DRUG COVERAGE)

Original Medicare

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or
Medicare Advantage?

Medicare Advantage

YES

**PART D
(DRUG COVERAGE)
Private Insurance
Yes or No?**

NO

If you decline PART D at age 65, you will pay a **penalty forever** when you eventually do sign up for PART D in the future. So you may wish to reconsider and sign up for PART D at age 65.

YES

Are you taking
prescription drugs
now?

NO

Choose the least expensive
PART D policy (Currently
\$15.70/mo)

- Search formularies online to find out which Policy covers all or most of your Rx's
- Choose a Part D drug plan (20 plans, costs from \$15.70 - 107.10/mo)

'ORIGINAL' MEDICARE – Administered by Federal Government
which consists of 2 parts:
PART A (hospitalization) – cost typically \$0.
PART B (medical) – cost \$104.90 /mo. - ~\$300 (income dependent)
(PART B covers 80% of medical costs*)

Unlimited choice of doctors and hospitals which accept Medicare.

PART C = MEDICARE ADVANTAGE – Private insurance policy which covers all PART A and PART B benefits.
You still must pay premium for PART B (\$104.90/mo. - ~\$300.)

HMOs,PPOs – limited to choice of doctors and hospitals within plan network, will only cover you outside your geographic area in an emergency, no foreign travel coverage.

Policies cost from \$0 to \$283/mo.

May have copayments.
May have to pay excess fees over what policy covers for doctors and hospitals.
Some policies cover hearing, vision, dental benefits.
Some policies cover PART D (Drug)

Medigap Policy

*Medigap Policy
(aka Supplemental Insur.)
or
Self-pay 20%?

Self-insure

Private supplemental insurance.
Policy covers payment of the 20% that Part B does not cover.
By Federal Law all insurers for a given Plan must provide the exact same coverage levels.
Choose Plan type (see attached Medigap chart) that meets your needs.

Plan F is most common (51% of population)
Plan G is a "sleeper"....similar to F except you pay the annual \$147 Plan B deductible and is often considerably less expensive than F.
Costs vary by Plan and insurer....from \$40 to \$467+/mo.

Great, if you have a lot of \$\$\$\$ to self-insure!
(If not, you may wish to reconsider and purchase a Medigap policy)

BOTTOM LINE---

Original Medicare (Parts A & B) PLUS a Medigap Plan (A- N)

**OR
AND**

an Advantage (Part C) Policy

also choose a Part D (Drug) Policy



Remember to price-shop both your Medigap/Advantage Plan AND Drug Plan every year during Open Enrollment Period (Oct1 - Dec 7) as the savings to you can be in the hundreds of dollars!

This chart shows basic information about the different benefits that Medigap policies cover. If a percentage appears, the Medigap plan covers that percentage of the benefit, and you must pay the rest.

coverage for the 20% of Medicare Part B that you don't cover

Benefits	Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) Plans													
	A	B	C	D	F*	G	K	L	M	N				
Medicare Part A coinsurance and hospital costs (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%				
Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100% ...				
Blood (first 3 pints)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%				
Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%				
Skilled nursing facility care coinsurance			100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%				
Part A deductible		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	50%	100%				
Part B deductible			100%		100%									
Part B excess charges					100%	100%	100%							
Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits)			80%	80%	80%	80%			80%	80%				
											Out-of-pocket limit in 2015**			
											\$4,940	\$2,470		

These can be 15% over what is standardly charged. Allow by specialists - anesthesiologists, dentists, etc. becoming more common.

* Plan F is also offered as a high-deductible plan by some insurance companies in some states. If you choose this option, this means you must pay for Medicare-covered costs (coinsurance, copayments, deductibles) up to the deductible amount of \$2,180 in 2015 before your policy pays anything.

** For Plans K and L, after you meet your out-of-pocket yearly limit and your yearly Part B deductible (\$147 in 2015), the Medigap plan pays 100% of covered services for the rest of the calendar year.

*** Plan N pays 100% of the Part B coinsurance, except for a copayment of up to \$20 for some office visits and up to a \$50 copayment for emergency room visits that don't result in an inpatient admission.