



Publications for Your Medicare Beneficiaries

We know that your Medicare patients routinely ask you questions regarding Medicare and their medical insurance. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed this fact sheet listing a variety of beneficiary-related publications available to assist you with answering your patients' questions. These publications can be printed and provided to your patients.

To view the publications using the links below, you will need Adobe® Reader®. To download Adobe Reader, please visit <http://get.adobe.com/reader> on the Internet. Many of the publications are also available in Spanish and other languages at <http://www.medicare.gov/Publications> on the Internet.



General Medicare Publications for People with Medicare

1. A Quick Look at Medicare – Publication 11514

Basic information about how Medicare works.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11514.pdf>

2. Do You Help Someone with Medicare? – Publication 11458

Publications for caregivers of Medicare beneficiaries.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11458.pdf>

3. Get Help With Your Medicare Costs: Getting Started – Publication 10126

Explains how beneficiaries can get help paying for Medicare Part A and/or Part B premiums (through Medicare Savings Programs).

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10126.pdf>

4. Get Your Medicare Questions Answered – Publication 11386

Information on when to call 1-800-MEDICARE or use other publications for answers to Medicare questions.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11386.pdf>



5. Getting Medicare before you get your Full Social Security Retirement Benefits – Publication 11038

Information about the eligibility age (full retirement age) to get full Social Security retirement benefits.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11038.pdf>

6. Have you done your Yearly Medicare Plan Review? – Publication 11220

Information to help beneficiaries review their health and prescription drug coverage during open enrollment.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11220.pdf>

7. Information Partners Can Use on: www.MyMedicare.gov Web Tool – Publication 11301-P

Web tool available to help beneficiaries with Medicare access their personal Medicare-related information.

<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11301-P.pdf>

8. Looking for a Doctor? – Publication 11383

Questions for beneficiaries to consider when looking for a doctor.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11383.pdf>

9. Medicare & You Handbook – Publication 10050

Annual summary of Medicare benefits, coverage options, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10050.pdf>

10. Medicare and Your Mental Health Benefits – Publication 10184

Information about mental health benefits for people with Original Medicare.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10184.pdf>

11. Medicare Basics: A Guide for Families and Friends of People with Medicare – Publication 11034

A guide for families and friends of beneficiaries which highlights topics related to the health and care of a beneficiary.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11034.pdf>

12. Medicare Helps Cover Diabetes Services and Supplies – Publication 11410

Listing of Medicare-covered diabetes services and supplies and includes questions diabetics should ask their doctor.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11410.pdf>

13. Medicare's New Requirements for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers – Publication 11437

Information about Medicare's new rules for DMEPOS suppliers.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11437.pdf>

14. MyMedicare.gov – Publication 11297

Instructions for Medicare's secure online service for accessing a beneficiary's personal Medicare information.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11297.pdf>

15. The New Health Care Law and You – Publication 11467

Information about the services and benefits of Medicare and the Affordable Care Act.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11467.pdf>

16. Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods – Publication 11219

Information to help partners and consumers navigate enrollment in different parts of Medicare, including who can sign up, when to sign up, and how the timing can affect costs.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11219.pdf>

17. Welcome to Medicare – Publication 11095

A basic overview of Medicare including key decisions that people who are new to Medicare need to make.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11095.pdf>

18. What Are Long-Term Care Hospitals? – Publication 11347

Overview of Long-Term Care Hospitals, their purpose, and how beneficiaries are covered for services in this setting.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11347.pdf>

19. What Is Medicare/Medicaid? – Publication 11306

Provides a brief overview of Medicare and Medicaid.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11306.pdf>

20. Your Medicare Benefits – Publication 10116

Explains health care services and supplies covered under Medicare Part A and Part B.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10116.pdf>

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Publications for People with Medicare

1. Important Information about Medicare Drug Cost Changes – Publication 11267

Information on Medicare drug plan premium costs for 2011.

<http://www.cms.gov/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11267.pdf>

2. Information Partners Can Use on: Drug Plan Cost Information on www.MyMedicare.gov – Publication 11245-P

How to use the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder to compare Medicare drug plans.

<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11245-P.pdf>

3. Information Partners Can Use on: Medicare Drug Coverage under Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D – Publication 11315-P

Overview of drug coverage under Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D.

<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11315-P.pdf>

4. Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: How to File a Grievance, Request a Coverage Determination, or File an Appeal – Publication 11112

Explains to beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare drug plan how to request a coverage determination, file an appeal, or file a complaint.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11112.pdf>

5. Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: How to Join a Medicare Drug Plan – Publication 11111

Instructions on how to join a Medicare drug plan after a plan is chosen.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11111.pdf>

6. Quick Facts about Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage for People Who Have Drug Coverage from an Employer or Union – Publication 11107

Explains how Medicare prescription drug coverage works for people who also have drug coverage through a current or former employer or union.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11107.pdf>

7. Quick Tips for People with Medicare: Using Your New Medicare Drug Coverage – Publication 11343

Helpful tips on what a beneficiary should bring to the pharmacy when he or she has a new prescription drug plan.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11343.pdf>

8. Things to Think about when You Compare Medicare Drug Coverage – Publication 11163

Things for beneficiaries to consider when comparing Medicare drug plans.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11163.pdf>

9. Your Guide to Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage – Publication 11109

Explains how Medicare prescription drug coverage works, how to get extra help paying for prescription drug coverage, and how it may affect any current coverage.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11109.pdf>

Health Care Choices Publications for People with Medicare

1. Choosing a Medigap Policy: A Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare – Publication 02110

Information on Medigap policies and choosing a policy to supplement Original Medicare.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02110.pdf>

2. Dialysis Facility Compare Tool at www.medicare.gov – Publication 10208

Explains how to use Dialysis Facility Compare to get quality and facility information for Medicare-certified dialysis facilities.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10208.pdf>

3. Guide to Choosing a Hospital – Publication 10181

Explains the steps in choosing a hospital, why hospital quality is important, and information on Medicare and hospital stays.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10181.pdf>

4. Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home – Publication 02174

Information to help find and compare nursing homes and make informed decisions about nursing home care.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02174.pdf>

5. Introduction to the CMS Part C Non-renewal Notice – Publication 11433

Notice reminding people whose Medicare Advantage Plan is leaving the Medicare Program that they need to choose and join a new Medicare plan.
<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11433.pdf>

6. Introduction to the CMS Part D Non-renewal Notice – Publication 11438

Notice reminding people whose Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is leaving the Medicare Program that they need to choose and join a new Medicare plan.
<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11438.pdf>

7. Introduction to the MA Reassignment Notice – Publication 11443

Notice informing people who qualify for Extra Help and whose Medicare Advantage Plan is leaving the Medicare Program that they will be enrolled in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan if they don't join a new plan on their own.
<http://www.cms.gov/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11443.pdf>

8. Introduction to the Reassignment Notice: Plan Premium Increase Version – Publication 11209

Notice informing people who qualify for Full Extra Help and whose Medicare Prescription Drug Plan premiums are increasing that they will be reassigned to a new plan if they don't tell their current plan they want to stay or join a new plan on their own.
<http://www.cms.gov/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11209.pdf>

9. Introduction to the Reassignment Notice: Plan Termination Version – Publication 11208

Notice informing people who qualify for Extra Help and whose Medicare Prescription Drug Plan is leaving the Medicare Program that they will be reassigned to a new plan if they don't join a plan on their own.
<http://www.cms.gov/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11208.pdf>

10. Information Partners Can Use on: Reassignment – Publication 11221-P
Information to help counsel beneficiaries who qualify for Extra Help and are reassigned into a new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11221-P.pdf>

11. Medicare’s Nursing Home Compare – Publication 11385
Describes how people can find and compare the quality of nursing homes.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11385.pdf>

12. Medicare’s Hospital Compare – Publication 11342
Explains what beneficiaries will find on Medicare’s Hospital Compare web tool.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11342.pdf>

13. Your Guide to Private Fee-for-Service Plans – Publication 10144
Information about Medicare Private Fee-For-Service (FFS) Plans.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10144.pdf>

14. Your Guide to Medicare Special Needs Plans (SNPs) – Publication 11302
Overview of Medicare SNPs including how SNPs work, how to join and switch an SNP, and how to decide if SNPs are right for beneficiaries.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11302.pdf>

15. Your Guide to Medicare’s Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plans – Publication 11152
Detailed information about Medicare PPO plans for beneficiaries.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11152.pdf>

16. Your Right to Get Information About Returning to the Community – Publication 11477
Learn about options for beneficiaries leaving the nursing home and returning to the community.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11477.pdf>

Coverage and Payment Publications for People with Medicare

1. Getting a Second Opinion Before Surgery – Publication 02173
Describes what a patient needs to know about getting a second opinion before surgery.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02173.pdf>

2. Medicare and Clinical Research Studies – Publication 02226
Information on clinical research studies and how Medicare can help pay health care costs for beneficiaries who join a clinical research study.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02226.pdf>

- 3. Medicare and Home Health Care – Publication 10969**
Overview of Medicare home health care benefits for people with Original Medicare.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10969.pdf>
- 4. Medicare and Hospice Benefits: Getting Started – Publication 11361**
Describes the basics of Medicare’s hospice benefits.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11361.pdf>
- 5. Medicare and Kidney Disease Education – Publication 11454**
Information about education services for people with Stage IV chronic kidney disease.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11454.pdf>
- 6. Medicare and Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First – Publication 02179**
Explains how Medicare pays with other types of insurance.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02179.pdf>
- 7. Medicare and Skilled Nursing Facility Benefits: Getting Started – Publication 11359**
Explains the basics of Medicare’s skilled nursing facility (SNF) benefits.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11359.pdf>
- 8. Medicare and Your Hospital Benefits: Getting Started – Publication 11408**
Overview of how Medicare covers inpatient and outpatient hospital services.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11408.pdf>
- 9. Medicare and Your Mental Health Benefits: Getting Started – Publication 11358**
Overview of how Medicare covers inpatient and outpatient mental health services.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11358.pdf>
- 10. Medicare Coverage of Ambulance Services – Publication 11021**
Explains how Medicare covers ambulance services, including information on coverage, payment, and rights and protection issues.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11021.pdf>
- 11. Medicare Coverage of Diabetes & Supplies – Publication 11022**
Information on Medicare’s coverage of diabetes supplies and services.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11022.pdf>
- 12. Medicare Coverage of Durable Medical Equipment and Other Devices – Publication 11045**
Overview of Medicare’s coverage of durable medical equipment (DME) and other devices, including covered and non-covered items.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11045.pdf>
- 13. Medicare Coverage of Skilled Nursing Facility Care – Publication 10153**
Explains Medicare-covered skilled care, beneficiary rights and protections, and where beneficiaries can get help with their questions.
<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10153.pdf>

14. Medicare Coverage Outside the United States – Publication 11037

Information about Medicare’s coverage of health care services and supplies when beneficiaries travel outside the U.S.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11037.pdf>

15. Medicare Limits on Therapy Services – Publication 10988

Explains the therapy cap limits for outpatient physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10988.pdf>

16. Medicare’s Wheelchair and Scooter Benefit – Publication 11046

Information on Medicare’s coverage of power wheelchairs and scooters.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11046.pdf>

17. Quick Facts About Paying for Outpatient Services for People with Medicare Part B – Publication 02118

Information about how outpatient services are paid by Medicare for Part B beneficiaries.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02118.pdf>

18. Staying Healthy – Publication 11100

Overview of Medicare-covered preventive services for beneficiaries.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11100.pdf>

Rights and Protections Publications for People with Medicare

1. How to File a Medicare Part A or Part B Appeal in Original Medicare

– Publication 11316

Information for beneficiaries about filing appeals in the Original Medicare Program.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11316.pdf>

2. Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Cost Plans: How to File a Complaint (Grievance or Appeal) – Publication 11312

Information for beneficiaries about filing complaints in Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Cost Plans.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11312.pdf>

3. Protecting Medicare and You from Fraud – Publication 10111

Information on how to detect and protect against fraud and identity theft.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10111.pdf>

4. Your Medicare Rights and Protections – Publication 10112

Listing of rights and protections for Medicare beneficiaries.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10112.pdf>

Staying Healthy Publications for People with Medicare

1. **A Healthier US Starts Here – Publication 11308**

Tips for beneficiaries to talk to their doctors and a checklist to help identify which Medicare preventive benefits are right for them.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11308.pdf>

2. **Are You Up-To-Date on Your Preventive Services? – Publication 11420**

Easy-to-use checklist of Medicare-covered preventive services.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11420.pdf>

3. **Women and Heart Disease – Publication 11294**

Information women need to know about heart disease, and Medicare's coverage to help prevent, treat, or manage heart disease.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11294.pdf>

4. **Women with Medicare – Visiting Your Doctor for a Pap Test, Pelvic Exam, and Clinical Breast Exam – Publication 02248**

Explains how Original Medicare helps pay for three preventive services for women: the Pap test, pelvic exam, and clinical breast exam.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/02248.pdf>

5. **Your Guide to Medicare's Preventive Services – Publication 10110**

Overview of the preventive services covered by Medicare.

<http://www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/10110.pdf>

Publications for Partners

CMS currently works with many national, regional, state, and local partnership communities, such as advocacy organizations and coalitions; caregiver organizations and coalitions; pharmacy organizations and workgroups; and provider organizations and coalitions. Below are publications for partners that may be of interest to you.

1. **Information Partners Can Use on: Calculating the Part D Late Enrollment Penalty – Publication 11222-P**

How to calculate the late enrollment penalty.

<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11222-P.pdf>

2. **Information Partners Can Use on: Helping People Understand Their Explanation of Benefits (EOB) – Publication 11234-P**

Overview of the EOB for beneficiaries covered by a Medicare drug plan.

<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11234-P.pdf>

3. **Information Partners Can Use on: Limited Income NET for People at the Pharmacy Counter – Publication 11328-P**

Information on how Medicare's Limited Income Newly Eligible Transition (NET) Program provides immediate prescription drug coverage for low-income beneficiaries who have no other coverage.

<http://www.cms.gov/partnerships/downloads/11328-P.pdf>



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