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### **Medicare in Alabama, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,020,549 beneficiaries in Alabama continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Alabama in 2019:**

- 59 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 35 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2018, to December 7, 2018. People with Medicare should take the opportunity to review their healthcare needs for the upcoming year and determine if changes to their current coverage are necessary. Plan costs change each year, so everyone with a Medicare health or drug plan should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries

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#### **In Alaska in 2019:**

- 22 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 51 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

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#### **In Arizona in 2019:**

- 87 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$12.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Arkansas in 2019:**

- 57 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 36 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$16.90 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In California in 2019:**

- 316 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 98 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 34 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$12.90 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 878,937 beneficiaries in Colorado continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Colorado in 2019:**

- 51 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 95 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$16.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 666,138 beneficiaries in Connecticut continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Connecticut in 2019:**

- 39 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 35 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 199,438 beneficiaries in Delaware continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Delaware in 2019:**

- 17 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 92,223 beneficiaries in the District of Columbia continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In the District of Columbia in 2019:**

- 11 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$18.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 23 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 63 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
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#### **In Florida in 2019:**

- 391 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
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#### **In Georgia in 2019:**

- 89 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
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### **Medicare in Hawaii, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 265,863 beneficiaries in Hawaii continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Hawaii in 2019:**

- 26 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 97 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 24 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.90 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2019.

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- Health and drug plans begin notifying enrollees about changes to their plans in 2019.

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- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2018.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2019.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2019 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 10, 2018.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2018**.

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#### **In Idaho in 2019:**

- 50 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 92 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 24 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Illinois, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,188,272 beneficiaries in Illinois continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Illinois in 2019:**

- 113 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,226,413 beneficiaries in Indiana continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Indiana in 2019:**

- 98 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2018.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2019.
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#### **In Iowa in 2019:**

- 32 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 97 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Kansas in 2019:**

- 58 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 22 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$16.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 908,113 beneficiaries in Kentucky continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Kentucky in 2019:**

- 66 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 33 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 845,583 beneficiaries in Louisiana continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Louisiana in 2019:**

- 71 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 39 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$16.90 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Maine in 2019:**

- 48 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 38 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Maryland in 2019:**

- 32 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 29 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Massachusetts in 2019:**

- 104 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 33 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
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### **Medicare in Michigan, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,018,043 beneficiaries in Michigan continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Michigan in 2019:**

- 137 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 24 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2019.

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- The “2019 Medicare & You” Handbooks are mailed to Medicare beneficiaries. The handbook can be accessed online at: <https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/medicare-you-handbook/download-medicare-you-in-different-formats>.
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#### **In Minnesota in 2019:**

- 74 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 21 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Mississippi in 2019:**

- 33 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 24 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 43 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$11.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Missouri, 2019**

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#### **In Missouri in 2019:**

- 82 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Montana, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 222,568 beneficiaries in Montana continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Montana in 2019:**

- 15 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 95 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 336,390 beneficiaries in Nebraska continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Nebraska in 2019:**

- 20 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 89 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 98 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 507,804 beneficiaries in Nevada continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Nevada in 2019:**

- 43 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 97 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$16.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In New Hampshire in 2019:**

- 32 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In New Jersey in 2019:**

- 60 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$11.90 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In New Mexico in 2019:**

- 33 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 38 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In New York in 2019:**

- 251 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 36 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2018, to December 7, 2018. People with Medicare should take the opportunity to review their healthcare needs for the upcoming year and determine if changes to their current coverage are necessary. Plan costs change each year, so everyone with a Medicare health or drug plan should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries

may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2019.

*September 2018*

- The “2019 Medicare & You” Handbooks are mailed to Medicare beneficiaries. The handbook can be accessed online at: <https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/medicare-you-handbook/download-medicare-you-in-different-formats>.
- Health and drug plans begin notifying enrollees about changes to their plans in 2019.

*October 2018*

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2018.
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### **Medicare in North Carolina, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,918,771 beneficiaries in North Carolina continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In North Carolina in 2019:**

- 96 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 29 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
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#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in North Dakota, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 127,319 beneficiaries in North Dakota continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In North Dakota in 2019:**

- 10 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 19 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### Medicare in Ohio, 2019

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,285,374 beneficiaries in Ohio continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Ohio in 2019:**

- 156 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Oklahoma, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 717,881 beneficiaries in Oklahoma continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Oklahoma in 2019:**

- 39 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 30 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### Medicare in Oregon, 2019

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 832,099 beneficiaries in Oregon continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Oregon in 2019:**

- 100 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Pennsylvania, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,671,441 beneficiaries in Pennsylvania continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Pennsylvania in 2019:**

- 252 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Rhode Island, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 215,781 beneficiaries in Rhode Island continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Rhode Island in 2019:**

- 19 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 29 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in South Carolina, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,031,961 beneficiaries in South Carolina continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In South Carolina in 2019:**

- 75 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 170,220 beneficiaries in South Dakota continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In South Dakota in 2019:**

- 14 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Tennessee, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,317,781 beneficiaries in Tennessee continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Tennessee in 2019:**

- 74 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 32 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Texas, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 3,997,520 beneficiaries in Texas continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Texas in 2019:**

- 211 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 31 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$10.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2018, to December 7, 2018. People with Medicare should take the opportunity to review their healthcare needs for the upcoming year and determine if changes to their current coverage are necessary. Plan costs change each year, so everyone with a Medicare health or drug plan should check to make sure their plan still meets their health needs and budget. By shopping available plans and comparing costs, beneficiaries

may be able to find a Medicare health or drug plan with better coverage or a lower premium in 2019.

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- The “2019 Medicare & You” Handbooks are mailed to Medicare beneficiaries. The handbook can be accessed online at: <https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/medicare-you-handbook/download-medicare-you-in-different-formats>.
- Health and drug plans begin notifying enrollees about changes to their plans in 2019.

*October 2018*

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2018.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2019.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2019 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 10, 2018.
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### Medicare in Utah, 2019

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#### **In Utah in 2019:**

- 33 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 18 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Vermont, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 143,131 beneficiaries in Vermont continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Vermont in 2019:**

- 9 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 30 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,464,341 beneficiaries in Virginia continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Virginia in 2019:**

- 97 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Washington, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,316,273 beneficiaries in Washington continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Washington in 2019:**

- 115 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 95 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 99 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 27 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in West Virginia, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 431,904 beneficiaries in West Virginia continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In West Virginia in 2019:**

- 37 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 34 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.50 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Wisconsin, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 1,137,525 beneficiaries in Wisconsin continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Wisconsin in 2019:**

- 101 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 100 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$14.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### Medicare in Wyoming, 2019

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 105,806 beneficiaries in Wyoming continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Wyoming in 2019:**

- 5 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$34.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 91 percent of people with a Medicare Advantage plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 100 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$15.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in American Samoa, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 4,086 beneficiaries in American Samoa continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In American Samoa in 2019:**

- 1 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans is available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 50 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$34.70 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in Guam, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 16,691 beneficiaries in Guam continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In Guam in 2019:**

- 2 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 3 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$39.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

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### **Medicare in the Northern Mariana Islands, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 2,358 beneficiaries in the Northern Mariana Islands continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In the Northern Mariana Islands in 2019:**

- 1 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans is available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- \$37.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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#### **In Puerto Rico in 2019:**

- 52 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 6 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 84 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan have access to a plan with a lower premium than what they paid in 2018.
- 2 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$23.00 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

#### **2019 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates**

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### **Medicare in the U.S. Virgin Islands, 2019**

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. Whether through Original Medicare (Parts A and B), Medicare Advantage, or the prescription drug benefit (Part D), 19,713 beneficiaries in the U.S. Virgin Islands continue to have access to the benefits that Medicare offers.

#### **In the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2019:**

- 1 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans is available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
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