

MAKING MEDICARE BETTER FOR BENEFICIARIES

NEW MEDICARE ADVANTAGE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Beneficiaries in Medicare Advantage plans may now have new supplemental benefits that will enhance care:



Modifications to **help keep seniors safe in their homes**, like wheelchair ramps, stair rails or grab bars



Transportation to help patients get to doctors' visits or grocery store



Medically-approved **non-opioid pain management** alternatives like therapeutic massages



More **in-home support** services like assistance with meals, bathing, and dressing



Home-based care to help seriously ill people be more comfortable



Support for caregivers

MORE CHOICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

This year, seniors can now access **cutting edge technology** that delivers continuous insulin based on individual settings.



Medicare will now pay for devices that will allow seniors — and their families — to **use their smartphones** to continuously monitor blood sugar levels.

NEW TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Getting to the doctor can be a challenge for seniors, whether they live in rural or urban areas. Utilizing services via communication technology would be more convenient, have the potential to expand access to care, and help beneficiaries **connect with their physicians quickly**.



For the first time all doctors can receive payment when seniors:

- Send a photo or video to their doctor to evaluate instead of driving in person to the office.
- Have their doctor check in on them and receive treatment and guidance through an electronic portal instead of going to the office.
- Connect with their doctor by phone or video chat to see if their condition warrants them going into the office.

LOWERING OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

This year, CMS proposed that Medicare pay the same amount for the same services, no matter where patients receive care. These policies are projected to **save seniors \$150 million in lower copayments** for clinic visits at certain sites.



Medicare gives patients the ability to receive more services at ambulatory surgical centers — giving Medicare beneficiaries **more choice and convenience** when accessing their health care.

And **4 out of 5 people** will pay a premium of **less than \$50** per month in 2019 for a Medicare Advantage Plan.

