



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Alabama, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,041,506 beneficiaries in Alabama are enrolled in Medicare.

In Alabama in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$15.20 in 2019 to \$13.24 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 34 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Alaska, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 100,199 beneficiaries in Alaska are enrolled in Medicare.

In Alaska in 2020:

- 24 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.
- 32 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Arizona, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,305,051 beneficiaries in Arizona are enrolled in Medicare.

In Arizona in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$13.82 in 2019 to \$12.75 in 2020.
- 105 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 31 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 97 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 2019.

- 26 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.10 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Arkansas, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 634,835 beneficiaries in Arkansas are enrolled in Medicare.

In Arkansas in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$18.36 in 2019 to \$16.19 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 35 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in California, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 6,256,554 beneficiaries in California are enrolled in Medicare.

In California in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$24.49 in 2019 to \$22.16 in 2020.
- 372 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.
- 83 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 32 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 33 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$12.80 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Colorado, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 909,007 beneficiaries in Colorado are enrolled in Medicare.

In Colorado in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$19.37 in 2019 to \$17.99 in 2020.
- 73 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.
- 95 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 22 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Connecticut, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 678,760 beneficiaries in Connecticut are enrolled in Medicare.

In Connecticut in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$26.33 in 2019 to \$23.31 in 2020.
- 41 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 34 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Delaware, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 206,655 beneficiaries in Delaware are enrolled in Medicare.

In Delaware in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$26.61 in 2019 to \$21.64 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in the District of Columbia, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 93,739 beneficiaries in the District of Columbia are enrolled in Medicare.

In the District of Columbia in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium is \$38.99 in 2020.
- 12 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 97 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 2019.
- 63 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).

- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Florida, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 4,512,448 beneficiaries in Florida are enrolled in Medicare.

In Florida in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$8.45 in 2019 to \$8.38 in 2020.
- 474 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 28 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Georgia, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,717,744 beneficiaries in Georgia are enrolled in Medicare.

In Georgia in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$17.10 in 2019 to \$16.18 in 2020.
- 127 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 32 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Hawaii, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 272,806 beneficiaries in Hawaii are enrolled in Medicare.

In Hawaii in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$69.42 in 2019 to \$64.20 in 2020.
- 25 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Idaho, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 331,104 beneficiaries in Idaho are enrolled in Medicare.

In Idaho in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$49.25 in 2019 to \$44.02 in 2020.
- 68 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 94 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 89 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 92 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 2019.

- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Illinois, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 2,232,296 beneficiaries in Illinois are enrolled in Medicare.

In Illinois in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$20.17 in 2019 to \$18.49 in 2020.
- 126 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 27 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Indiana, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,254,652 beneficiaries in Indiana are enrolled in Medicare.

In Indiana in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$22.12 in 2019 to \$18.76 in 2020.
- 94 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Iowa, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 623,951 beneficiaries in Iowa are enrolled in Medicare.

In Iowa in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$10.28 in 2019 to \$9.71 in 2020.
- 39 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.
- 97 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 88 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 2019.

- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Kansas, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 533,235 beneficiaries in Kansas are enrolled in Medicare.

In Kansas in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$14.02 in 2019 to \$12.31 in 2020.
- 69 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 89 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 2019.

- 21 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Kentucky, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 925,083 beneficiaries in Kentucky are enrolled in Medicare.

In Kentucky in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$27.37 in 2019 to \$25.29 in 2020.
- 81 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 32 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Louisiana, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 866,230 beneficiaries in Louisiana are enrolled in Medicare.

In Louisiana in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$14.79 in 2019 to \$14.75 in 2020.
- 83 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 38 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Maine, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 338,387 beneficiaries in Maine are enrolled in Medicare.

In Maine in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$22.29 in 2019 to \$21.88 in 2020.
- 53 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 36 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Maryland, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,032,497 beneficiaries in Maryland are enrolled in Medicare.

In Maryland in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium is \$53.12 in 2020.
- 31 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.
- 29 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).

- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Massachusetts, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,328,290 beneficiaries in Massachusetts are enrolled in Medicare.

In Massachusetts in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$71.80 in 2019 to \$66.26 in 2020.
- 108 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 32 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Michigan, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 2,061,804 beneficiaries in Michigan are enrolled in Medicare.

In Michigan in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$56.07 in 2019 to \$49.35 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 24 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Minnesota, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,019,551 beneficiaries in Minnesota are enrolled in Medicare.

In Minnesota in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage is \$91.26 in 2020.
- 85 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.
- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).

- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Mississippi, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 599,613 beneficiaries in Mississippi are enrolled in Medicare.

In Mississippi in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$28.47 in 2019 to \$24.89 in 2020.
- 40 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 93 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 2019.

- 42 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Missouri, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,222,915 beneficiaries in Missouri are enrolled in Medicare.

In Missouri in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$12.28 in 2019 to \$10.35 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 91 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 2019.

- 24 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Montana, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 229,422 beneficiaries in Montana are enrolled in Medicare.

In Montana in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$53.13 in 2019 to \$51.84 in 2020.
- 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.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 92 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 2019.

- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Nebraska, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 344,935 beneficiaries in Nebraska are enrolled in Medicare.

In Nebraska in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$13.75 in 2019 to \$13.27 in 2020.
- 27 Medicare Advantage plans are available.
- 93 percent of people with Medicare have access to a Medicare Advantage plan.
- \$0 is the lowest monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan.
- 82 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 85 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 2019.

- 19 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Nevada, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 526,822 beneficiaries in Nevada are enrolled in Medicare.

In Nevada in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$6.32 in 2019 to \$4.58 in 2020.
- 50 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in New Hampshire, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 297,714 beneficiaries in New Hampshire are enrolled in Medicare.

In New Hampshire in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$41.88 in 2019 to \$40.23 in 2020.
- 40 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 21 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in New Jersey, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,611,414 beneficiaries in New Jersey are enrolled in Medicare.

In New Jersey in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$27.82 in 2019 to \$26.73 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 23 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in New Mexico, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 420,135 beneficiaries in New Mexico are enrolled in Medicare.

In New Mexico in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$19.42 in 2019 to \$16.96 in 2020.
- 38 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 26 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 97 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 2019.

- 37 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in New York, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 3,624,940 beneficiaries in New York are enrolled in Medicare.

In New York in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$35.84 in 2019 to \$33.50 in 2020.
- 261 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 27 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 97 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 2019.

- 36 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in North Carolina, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,972,205 beneficiaries in North Carolina are enrolled in Medicare.

In North Carolina in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$23.22 in 2019 to \$19.30 in 2020.
- 117 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 28 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in North Dakota, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 130,825 beneficiaries in North Dakota are enrolled in Medicare.

In North Dakota in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium is \$70.28 in 2020.
- 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.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 83 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 2019.
- 19 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).

- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Ohio, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 2,331,727 beneficiaries in Ohio are enrolled in Medicare.

In Ohio in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$25.54 in 2019 to \$22.84 in 2020.
- 178 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 96 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 2019.

- 24 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Oklahoma, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 734,715 beneficiaries in Oklahoma are enrolled in Medicare.

In Oklahoma in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$21.79 in 2019 to \$16.48 in 2020.
- 44 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 29 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Oregon, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 859,388 beneficiaries in Oregon are enrolled in Medicare.

In Oregon in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$54.03 in 2019 to \$47.94 in 2020.
- 121 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.
- 94 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 98 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 2019.

- 24 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Pennsylvania, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 2,725,101 beneficiaries in Pennsylvania are enrolled in Medicare.

In Pennsylvania in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$52.61 in 2019 to \$44.58 in 2020.
- 241 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 31 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 25 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Rhode Island, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 220,190 beneficiaries in Rhode Island are enrolled in Medicare.

In Rhode Island in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$35.83 in 2019 to \$24.76 in 2020.
- 21 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 30 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in South Carolina, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,066,321 beneficiaries in South Carolina are enrolled in Medicare.

In South Carolina in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$18.15 in 2019 to \$15.50 in 2020.
- 92 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 27 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in South Dakota, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 175,229 beneficiaries in South Dakota are enrolled in Medicare.

In South Dakota in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium is \$54.22 in 2020.
- 16 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 89 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 2019.
- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).

- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Tennessee, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,348,314 beneficiaries in Tennessee are enrolled in Medicare.

In Tennessee in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$25.11 in 2019 to \$22.62 in 2020.
- 99 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 31 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Texas, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 4,130,528 beneficiaries in Texas are enrolled in Medicare.

In Texas in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$14.05 in 2019 to \$13.03 in 2020.
- 231 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 30 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Utah, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 397,692 beneficiaries in Utah are enrolled in Medicare.

In Utah in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$23.99 in 2019 to \$23.45 in 2020.
- 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 18 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Vermont, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 146,971 beneficiaries in Vermont are enrolled in Medicare.

In Vermont in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$36.23 in 2019 to \$33.85 in 2020.
- 13 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 25 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 29 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Virginia, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,503,631 beneficiaries in Virginia are enrolled in Medicare.

In Virginia in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$25.57 in 2019 to \$23.80 in 2020.
- 115 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 26 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Washington, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,356,448 beneficiaries in Washington are enrolled in Medicare.

In Washington in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$48.56 in 2019 to \$42.48 in 2020.
- 140 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.
- 91 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 28 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 97 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 2019.

- 26 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in West Virginia, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 437,597 beneficiaries in West Virginia are enrolled in Medicare.

In West Virginia in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$43.42 in 2019 to \$40.76 in 2020.
- 42 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.
- 100 percent of people with Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 31 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 95 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 2019.

- 34 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Wisconsin, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 1,169,573 beneficiaries in Wisconsin are enrolled in Medicare.

In Wisconsin in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$36.28 in 2019 to \$35.12 in 2020.
- 105 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 30 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 92 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 2019.

- 22 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.10 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Wyoming, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 109,648 beneficiaries in Wyoming are enrolled in Medicare.

In Wyoming in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$57.64 in 2019 to \$56.25 in 2020.
- 5 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 29 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 94 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 2019.

- 20 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$13.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in American Samoa, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 4,157 beneficiaries in American Samoa are enrolled in Medicare.

In American Samoa in 2020:

- 1 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 51 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$43.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Guam, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 17,249 beneficiaries in Guam are enrolled in Medicare.

In Guam in 2020:

- 2 stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plans are available. All Medicare beneficiaries have access to a Medicare prescription drug plan.
- 4 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$45.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in the Northern Mariana Islands, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 2,522 beneficiaries in the Northern Mariana Islands are enrolled in Medicare.

In the Northern Mariana Islands in 2020:

- 1 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 2019.
- \$30.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in Puerto Rico, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump's leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 747,721 beneficiaries in Puerto Rico are enrolled in Medicare.

In Puerto Rico in 2020:

- The average monthly Medicare Advantage premium changed from \$1.48 in 2019 to \$1.07 in 2020.
- 47 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 Medicare will have access to a Medicare Advantage plan with a \$0 monthly premium.
- 6 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 2019.

- 3 percent of people with a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan get Extra Help (also called the low-income subsidy, or LIS).
- \$20.20 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.



FACT SHEET

September 24, 2019

Contact: CMS Media Relations
(202) 690-6145 | [CMS Media Inquiries](#)

Medicare in the U.S. Virgin Islands, 2020

Medicare continues to offer seniors and people with disabilities with flexibility and choices while providing high quality healthcare services. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), under President Trump’s leadership, has taken several actions to improve the Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug programs that have resulted, overall, in an increase in plan choices and lower costs in these popular programs. Leveraging new authorities in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, CMS has expanded opportunities for people with Medicare to choose Medicare Advantage plans that are providing new supplemental benefits tailored to their specific needs to help them maintain their health or to address their social determinants of health, if they are chronically ill.

CMS is empowering people with Medicare with price and quality information to make informed choices that best meet their healthcare needs. 19,851 beneficiaries in the U.S. Virgin Islands are enrolled in Medicare.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2020:

- 1 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).
- \$47.40 is the lowest monthly premium for a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan.

2020 Medicare Open Enrollment Important Dates

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15, 2019, to December 7, 2019. 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. 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 2020. The new Medicare Plan Finder allows users to compare pricing between Original Medicare, Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies.

September 2019

- The “2020 Medicare & You” Handbook is sent to every person with Medicare. 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 2020.

October 2019

- Beneficiaries can begin shopping and comparing plans on Medicare.gov starting October 1, 2019.
- Beneficiaries should watch their mail for notices from Medicare with information about changes in 2020.
- Medicare health and drug plan 2020 Star Ratings will be available on Medicare.gov on or around October 9, 2019.
- Medicare Open Enrollment **begins October 15, 2019**.

December 2019

- Medicare Open Enrollment **ends December 7, 2019**.

January 2020

- Medicare health and drug plan coverage for 2020 **begins January 1, 2020**.