

## **Getting to know Medicare**

A guided tour and introduction for veterans and their families

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## Today we'll cover:

- Medicare eligibility and enrollment options
- Medicare options
- VA healthcare and Medicare
- How Medicare works with your veteran coverage
- Helpful resources

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## Are you eligible for Medicare?

#### You're eligible for Original Medicare (Parts A and B) if:



(even if you still work)

You're at least 65 years of age



You're under 65 and qualify due to a disability or other special circumstance



You're a U.S. citizen or a legal resident who has lived in the U.S. for at least 5 consecutive years

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## Medicare enrollment periods, explained

#### **Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)**

If you're enrolling in Medicare for the first time, you have an IEP that begins 3 months before and ends 3 months after you turn 65. It begins and ends 1 month earlier if your birthday is on the first of the month.

You may enroll in Part A, Part B or both. You may also choose to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) or a prescription drug plan (Part D). Although you are not required to enroll in Part D, there is a penalty of 1% of the average monthly premium for each month you delay enrollment.

#### **Annual Enrollment Period (AEP)**

Oct. 15 - Dec. 7

You can add, drop or switch your Medicare coverage.

#### **Special Election Period (SEP)**

You may be eligible to change your Medicare Advantage (MA) plan due to special circumstances, like being diagnosed with a qualifying chronic health condition, moving to new area, qualifying for Extra Help, or retiring and losing your employer coverage.



**Special Election Period** throughout the year

## Understanding your Medicare options<sup>1</sup>

To help you decide the best fit for you, here is an overview of the Medicare options and what each one covers.1



#### Enroll in Original Medicare—offered by the federal government

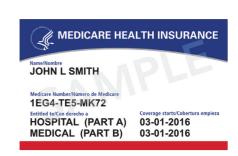


Part A helps pay for hospital stays and inpatient care.



**Part B** helps pay for doctor visits and outpatient care.

- If you don't enroll in Part B when first eligible, you'll pay a penalty if you sign up later. The penalty increases yearly and is for life.
- If you cancel Part B coverage, you won't be able to re-enroll until the next January—and re-enrollment may come with a penalty.





## **Understanding your Medicare options**

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After enrolling in Original Medicare, you can add additional coverage—offered by private companies

**Option 1:** Choose a Medicare Advantage plan



Option 2: Add one or both of the following to Original Medicare



#### Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage)

is made up of Part A, Part B and can include Part D (prescription drug coverage) as well as additional coverage.



#### **Medicare Part D**

is a stand-alone prescription drug plan.



# Medicare Supplement insurance (Medigap) plans help pay for some

of Original Medicare's out-of-pocket costs.



#### MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

## A few advantages of Medicare Part C

- Offers the same coverage as Original Medicare and may feature additional coverage
- Can include medical and prescription drug coverage in one plan, also known as MAPD plans
- May have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare





#### MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

## Types of MA plans

Health maintenance organization (HMO)

Preferred provider organization (PPO)

Private fee-for-service (PFFS)

You have a large network of providers and generally have to stay within the network, which helps keep your out-of-pocket costs in check.

You have a large network of healthcare providers and the flexibility of going out of network for care, although you may pay more.

You may have more freedom to choose providers, but a network arrangement may still apply. Providers must accept Medicare and agree to bill the PFFS plan per its terms and conditions.



#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

### Medicare Part D and VA healthcare

Choosing a Medicare Part D plan helps cover costs for your prescription drugs. Each plan with prescription coverage has a formulary—the list of drugs it covers. You can select a Medicare Advantage prescription drug (MAPD) plan that has both medical and prescription coverage, with one monthly premium. Or purchase a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP). If you have VA healthcare, you already have creditable prescription drug coverage. If you enroll in an MAPD or a stand-alone PDP, the drug coverage will be separate from your VA drug coverage. You will be able to use whichever drug coverage is cheaper or more convenient to you.





#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

## Drug tiers, explained

Prescription drugs are organized into tiers according to cost. Tier 1 is the lowest cost and Tier 5 is the highest cost. So plans may offer their best pricing on Tier 1 and 2 drugs.

Drug tiers	
Tier 1	Preferred generic
Tier 2	Generic
Tier 3	Preferred brand
Tier 4	Nonpreferred
Tier 5	Specialty tier

<sup>\*</sup> Certain plans may include a sixth tier. Please refer to the Summary of Benefits for more information.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

### **Medicare Part D**

#### What is the prescription drug coverage gap?

Most prescription drug plans (PDP) and Medicare Advantage prescription drug (MAPD) plans have a coverage gap, which starts once you and your plan have spent a certain amount on covered drugs. While in the coverage gap, you may have to pay a higher percentage of your prescription costs. The coverage gap ends once your total out-of-pocket costs reach a certain amount.





# How Original Medicare works with your TRICARE for Life or CHAMPVA coverage

#### Original Medicare with TRICARE for Life or CHAMPVA<sup>2,3</sup>

- You must maintain parts A and B of Medicare (Original Medicare) to keep TRICARE or CHAMPVA as secondary coverage.
- Coordination of billing is not required.
- You have the flexibility to see any provider that accepts Original Medicare.
- Creditable drug coverage is included with TRICARE and CHAMPVA—copays may apply.

#### Military retirees with VA healthcare and TRICARE<sup>4</sup>

- If you use TRICARE for a non-service-connected condition at a VA facility, the VA can't bill Medicare.
- TRICARE can pay up to 20% of the TRICARE allowable charge for care from a non-Medicare provider, such as the VA.



### Medicare Advantage and your TRICARE for Life or CHAMPVA coverage

#### Medicare Advantage and TRICARE for Life or CHAMPVA<sup>4</sup>

- If you're only looking for additional coverage, consider a stand-alone dental/vision plan or Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).<sup>5</sup>
- If you decide to enroll in a MA plan, the MA plan will become your primary coverage, and you must see providers in network for that MA plan.
- Accordingly, TRICARE and CHAMPVA beneficiaries should only consider enrolling in a MA or MAPD plan if they can coordinate billing and plan to stay within the MA plan's network for their provider.
- TRICARE and CHAMPVA may help cover copays for in-network providers, but unlike Original Medicare, coordination of billing will need to be coordinated by you and your providers.<sup>2</sup>

**Note:** If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, it will impact the claims process between Medicare and TFL. Please reach out to a TFL or CHAMPVA representative for more information.



## Factors to consider when choosing a Medicare Advantage plan How much will you pay for premiums, deductibles, coinsurance and copayments? Does the plan include prescription drug coverage or other additional coverage? Coverage **Network** How does the plan affect other coverage you may have, such as VA healthcare? Convenience Are you required to submit claim forms and other paperwork? Can you get prescriptions by mail? How often have you needed care in recent years? Do you have a chronic condition requiring **Health history** ongoing care?

Your health may change. Consider what your future medical needs may be.

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**Health future** 

## Applying for VA healthcare

- Go to your nearest VA medical center or clinic with a signed Application for Health Benefits (VA form 10-10EZ).
- Contact your state's Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Mail your 10-10EZ form to:

Health Eligibility Center 2957 Clairmont Rd., Suite 200 Atlanta, GA 30329

For help applying for VA disability benefits, contact Veterans service organizations in all 50 states and Washington D.C., including:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- American Veterans (AMVETS)
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- The National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (not in all 50 states)





**VA Health Care Benefits** 

877-222-8387

**VA Health Care Benefits** 

www.va.gov



## Helpful resources

#### **AMVETS**

www.amvets.org

- Filing VA claims
- VA healthcare advocates
- Career Center for Veterans

#### **CHAMPVA**

800-733-8387

#### **DAV**

www.dav.org

File VA claims by calling 888-604-0234
Monday – Friday,
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.,
Eastern time
(You can also look up local services officers on the website).

- Transportation to the VA
- Disaster financial relief for veterans
- Employment resources

#### **TRICARE**

www.tricare.mil

#### **TRICARE East**

Humana Military 800-444-5445

#### **TRICARE West**

**Health Net** 844-866-9378

#### **VFW**

www.vfw.org

- VA claims and separation
- Financial grants
- Student veteran support

For more information about veteran healthcare and Humana, call 833-585-VETS (833-585-8387). Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., Eastern time.





## Helpful resources

## Humana Medicare resources Humana.com/Medicare

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www.medicare.gov

- The "Medicare & You" handbook from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- "Choosing a Medigap Policy: A guide to health insurance for people with Medicare," from CMS and National Association of Insurance Commissioners

# National Association of County Veteran Service Officers

www.nacvso.org

## State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

www.shiptacenter.org

To see if you qualify, contact your state Medicaid office or the Social Security Administration.

You may be able to get Extra Help to pay for your prescription drug premiums and costs.



Thank you for your time and attention today.

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- 5. www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/SurvivorBenefit



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Complaint forms are available at https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

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