

2023 Original Medicare

You pay for services as you get them. When you get a covered service, Medicare pays part of the cost and you pay your share.

You can see any doctor or hospital that takes Medicare, anywhere in the U.S.

Includes:



Part A Monthly (if 40 Qtrs.) \$00.00



Part B Monthly premium \$164.90

You can add:



Drug coverage (Part D) costs vary by plan & drugs taken:

Monthly premium _____

Monthly copays _____

You can also add:



Supplemental coverage (to help pay your share of costs): Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) OR , coverage from a former employer or union, or Medicaid

Medigap Monthly Costs: _____

Medicare Advantage (Part C)

You join a Medicare-approved plan from a private company that offers an alternative to Original Medicare for your health and drug coverage.

In many cases, you'll need to use doctors who are in the plan's network

Includes: Under 1 Health Plan



Part A Monthly (if 40 Qtrs.) \$00.00



Part B Monthly premium \$164.90

Most plans include:



Drug coverage (Part D) costs vary by plan & drugs taken:

Monthly premium _____

Monthly copays _____

Can also include:

Can have some extra benefits (that Original Medicare doesn't cover – like vision, hearing, and dental services)

Note: You must have both Part A and Part B to join a Medicare Advantage Plan.

Part A (Hospital Insurance): Helps cover inpatient care in hospitals, skilled nursing facility care, hospice care, and home health care.

Part B (Medical Insurance): Helps cover physician visits, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment (like wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, and other equipment) and many preventive services (like screenings, shots or vaccines, and yearly "Wellness" visits)

Part D (Drug coverage): Helps cover the cost of prescription drugs (including many recommended shots or vaccines). You join a Medicare drug plan in addition to Original Medicare

Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap): Insurance you can buy from a private company that helps pay your specific shares of costs in Original Medicare. Policies are standardized, and in most states named by letters, like Plan G or Plan K. The benefits in each lettered plan are the same, no matter which insurance company sells it.

Note: Individuals may have other secondary insurance (retire plan, Medicaid, etc.) and therefore may not need a Medigap

Part C (Medicare Advantage Plan): Wraps your Part A & Part B together under one Medicare contracted health plan (HMO, PPO, etc.) that follows rules set by Medicare. Most plans include drug coverage and may provide extra benefits (vision, dental, hearing, etc.).

Medicare Eligibility & Enrollment



ELIGIBILITY

Generally, a person is eligible for Medicare if they:

- Are age 65 years or older; and
- Are a U.S. Citizen; or
- A lawfully admitted non-citizen with 5 years' continuous residence at time of filing.

Work History (under their own work history or their spouse's work history)

- Affects Medicare premiums, but not eligibility.
- For monthly premium-free Part A, have 10 years (40 quarters/units) of Medicare-covered employment.
- Otherwise, you will pay a monthly premium for Part A.

Other people may qualify for Medicare if they are:

- Under age 65 and receiving disability benefits from SSA or Railroad Retirement System for 24 months; or
- A person of any age who has End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (is receiving regular dialysis or has received a kidney transplant due to kidney failure).
- An individual of any age who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

NOTE: A divorced spouse can apply for Medicare benefits on the work record of their former spouse.

ENROLLMENT

Automatic:

Many individuals will automatically be enrolled into Part A and/or Part B of Medicare.

- Individuals who are already receiving federal retirement benefits (SSA retirement check) will not have to file an application for Medicare with their Social Security office or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). Their coverage will automatically begin the first day of their 65th birthday month.
- If the individual is under age 65 and disabled, Part A and/or Part B should automatically begin on the 25th month after they have been receiving disability benefits from SSA or RRB.
- A Medicare card will be mailed out as early as 3 months prior to their 65th birthday or 25th month of disability award.
- If a person does not want to be enrolled into Medicare Part B, they should follow the instructions that come with the card and send back the form to delay enrollment. Should they keep the card, Medicare Part B will begin on their eligibility month and premiums will be charged.

If a person has ALS, they will automatically qualify for both Part A and Part B the month their disability benefits begin.

Not Automatic:

- There are many people who do not receive benefits from Social Security or RRB, such as people who have not reached their full SSA retirement age, are still working and have employer group health coverage or certain retired municipal employees.
- These individuals will need to contact SSA or RRB to sign up for Part A and/or Part B to enroll during one of the enrollment periods.
- When they sign up for Part A and/or Part B will depend on if they have other insurance coverage and the type of coverage.

Individuals with ESRD should visit their local SSA office or RRB to sign-up for Part A and Part B of Medicare or call SSA at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

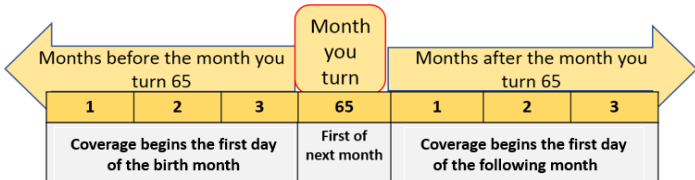
Who to Contact to Get Your Medicare Questions Answered

| If you... | Contact... |
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| <p>Want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll in Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and/or Medicare Part B (Medical insurance) • Check your Medicare eligibility or entitlement • Make changes to your personal information (such as your name or address) • Report a death • Replace your Medicare card • Ask about Medicare premiums • Apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs | <p>Social Security 1-800-772-1213 TTY:1-800-325-0778 socialsecurity.gov</p> |
| <p>Have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO), or a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, and have questions about your plan or policy.</p> | <p>Your plan or policy The phone number and website are on your membership card or in your plan materials.</p> |
| <p>Have railroad retirement benefits and want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Medicare eligibility • Enroll in Medicare • Replace your Medicare card • Change your name or address • Report a death | <p>The Railroad Retirement Board Your local office or 1-877-772- 5772 TTY: (312)751-4701 For questions about your Part B medical services and bills, call 1-800-833-4455.</p> |
| <p>Want to report changes to insurance that pays before Medicare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report that your other insurance is ending (for example, you stop working) • Report that you have new insurance • (for example, you start working) | <p>Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC) 1-855-798-2627 TTY:1-855-797-2627</p> |
| <p>Have Medicaid (Medical Assistance) and have questions.</p> | <p>Your State Medicaid office http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29757 (800) 843-6154</p> |



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Medicare Enrollment Periods Quick Chart

| Part A & B | Part D | Part C | Medigap |
|---|---|---|---|
| Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) 7-month window surrounding month of entitlement to Medicare when eligible individuals can sign up for Medicare | Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) 7-month window surrounding month of entitlement to Medicare when eligible individuals can sign up for Medicare | Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) 7-month window surrounding month of entitlement to Medicare when eligible individuals can sign up for Medicare | Medigap Open Enrollment Period (OEP) for guaranteed issue <i>One-time 6-month window after a person first enrolls in Part B</i> |
| General Enrollment Period (GEP) (If missed IEP) Jan 1- Mar 31 | <u>If use GEP,</u> Can sign up for Part D, April 1 – June 30 | <u>If use GEP,</u> Can sign up for Part C, April 1 – June 30 | A person on Medicare age 65 and above can purchase or change Medigap policies at any time , but it is not guaranteed that the company will issue one. Beneficiaries under 65 & on Medicare due to disability do not have the same right as the Age 65 people above BUT have a Medigap Special Enrollment Period (SEP) (Oct 15-Dec 7) an Illinois guaranteed Issue Company. In Illinois, an additional Medigap guaranteed Special Enrollment Period, for people on Medicare due to disability, is available. This protection exists for those individuals who did not purchase a Medigap during their initial Medigap Open Enrollment Period when they first went on Medicare Part B. |
| | Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period (AOEP) for Parts C & D Oct 15 – Dec 7 | Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period (AOEP) for Parts C & D Oct 15 – Dec 7 | |
| | | Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA-OEP) <u>One-time change</u> between January 1- March 31. Must already be enrolled in a MA plan on Jan 1 st . Can switch to a different MA Plan, with or without drug coverage. Can return to Original Medicare and enroll in Part D. <u>Cannot</u> switch from one PDP to another. | |
| Special Enrollment Period (SEP) Granted by Medicare in certain situations | Special Enrollment Period (SEP) Granted by Medicare in certain situations | Special Enrollment Period (SEP) Granted by Medicare in certain situations | Note: May have Special Rights and Guaranteed Issue Rules |
|  | | | Note: If do not sign up during the IEP, coverage may be delayed, and late penalties may apply |

2023 Basic Medicare Costs (Without Medigap or Secondary Coverage)

| Part A | Beneficiary Cost |
|---|-----------------------|
| Benefit Period Deductible covering the first 60 days of Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care in a benefit period | \$1,600.00 |
| Daily coinsurance for the 61st through 90th day of inpatient hospital care in a benefit period | \$400.00 a day |
| Daily coinsurance for the 91st through 150th (lifetime reserve) days of inpatient hospital care in a benefit period | \$800.00 a day |
| Daily coinsurance for beyond the 150th day of inpatient hospital care in a benefit period | All Costs |
| Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) daily coinsurance for days 1 through 20 in a benefit period | Nothing |
| Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) daily coinsurance for days 21 through 100 in a benefit period | \$200.00 a day |
| Part A Monthly Premium for beneficiaries with 40 quarters of coverage | \$0.00 |
| Part A Monthly Premium for beneficiaries with 30-39 quarters of coverage | \$278.00 |
| Part A Monthly Premium for beneficiaries with less than 30 quarters of coverage | \$506.00 |

| Part B | Beneficiary Cost |
|--|---------------------|
| Part B Monthly Premium | \$164.90 |
| Annual Deductible | \$226.00 |
| Part B Copays or Coinsurance | Normally 20% |
| Part B Monthly Premium for 36-month post kidney transplant immunosuppressive drug eligibility | \$97.10 |



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Reference: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2023-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles-2023-medicare-part-d-income-related-monthly>

2023 Original Medicare (Part A): Inpatient Hospital Insurance

(Without Medigap or Secondary coverage)

| Service | Benefit | Medicare Pays | Beneficiary Pays (Per Benefit Period) |
|---|--|---|--|
| Inpatient Hospitalization Semi-private room and board, general nursing, inpatient drugs and miscellaneous hospital services and supplies <i>(You begin a new Part A benefit period after you have been home for 60 consecutive days.)</i> | First 60 days | All but \$1,600.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| | 61st to 90th day | All but \$400.00 a day | \$400.00 a day |
| | Lifetime Reserve Days | | |
| | 91st to 150th day (these 60 reserve days may be used only once in your lifetime) | All but \$800.00 a day | \$800.00 a day |
| | Beyond 150 days | Nothing | All Costs |
| Skilled Nursing Facility Care (SNF)* (Custodial care not covered) | First 20 days | Full cost of services | Nothing |
| | 21st day through 100th day | All but \$200.00 a day | \$200.00 a day |
| | Beyond 100 days | Nothing | All costs |
| Home Health Care (After a prior inpatient hospital stay; up to 100 visits) | Visits limited to medically necessary part-time skilled care of a homebound individual | Full cost of services (See Durable Medical Equipment) | Nothing |
| Hospice Care Available to terminally ill | Unlimited renewable benefit period | All but limited costs for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care | \$5.00 for each outpatient prescription drug and 5% of Medicare-approved amount for respite care |
| *Beneficiary must be hospitalized under Part A inpatient hospital coverage for at least three consecutive days for the same illness prior to admission to the Medicare-approved SNF. | | | |

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2023 Original Medicare (Part B) Medical

(Without Medigap or Secondary coverage)

| Service | Benefit | Medicare Pays | You Pay |
|--|---|---|--|
| Medical Expenses | Physician's services, some diagnostic tests, physical and speech therapy, ambulance, etc. | 80% of approved amount (after \$226.00 deductible) | \$226.00 annual deductible* plus 20% of approved amount (plus any charge above approved amount)** |
| Home Health Care | Visits limited to medically necessary part-time skilled care of a homebound individual | Full cost of services (See Durable Medical Equipment) | Nothing |
| Outpatient Hospital Services | Medically necessary treatment such as outpatient surgery, diagnostic procedures, emergency room, etc. | A set amount for each specific procedure | Subject to deductible plus copayment or coinsurance for each procedure |
| Durable Medical Equipment (DME) | Medically necessary equipment and supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. | 80% of approved amount (after \$226.00 deductible) | 20% of approved amount plus \$226.00 annual deductible, plus charges above approved amount unless supplier accepts assignment |

*Once you have had \$226.00 of expenses for covered services, the Part B deductible is met for the rest of the calendar year.

** You pay for charges higher than the amount approved by Medicare unless the doctor or supplier agrees to accept Medicare's approved amount as payment in full (accepts assignment). Excess charges for physician services cannot exceed 15% of the Medicare-approved amount.

Medicare Part D pays for outpatient prescription drugs you can take on your own. However, Medicare Part A or B helps pay for certain oral anti-cancer drugs and immunosuppressive drugs taken after a Medicare covered organ transplant.



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For Higher Income Individuals: 2023 Part B IRMAA

(Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount)

| If your 2021 annual income is... | | In 2023 you pay... | |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with income: | Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with income: | Income-related Monthly Adjustment Amount | Total Monthly Premium Amount |
| Less than or equal to \$97,000 | Less than or equal to \$194,000 | \$0.00 | \$164.90 |
| Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000 | Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000 | \$65.90 | \$230.80 |
| Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000 | Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000 | \$164.80 | \$329.70 |
| Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000 | Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000 | \$263.70 | \$428.60 |
| Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000 | Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000 | \$362.60 | \$527.50 |
| Greater than or equal to \$500,000 | Greater than or equal to \$750,000 | \$395.60 | \$560.50 |
| Beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouses at any time during the year, but who file separate tax returns from their spouses: | | Income-related monthly adjustment amount | Total monthly premium amount |
| Less than or equal to \$97,000 | | \$0.00 | \$164.90 |
| Greater than \$97,000 and less than \$403,000 | | \$362.60 | \$527.50 |
| Greater than or equal to \$403,000 | | \$395.60 | \$560.50 |



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For Higher Income Individuals: 2023 Part B IRMAA

(Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount)

Part B Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage Only

| If your 2021 annual income is... | | In 2023 you pay... | |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with income: | Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with income: | Income-related Monthly Adjustment Amount | Total Monthly Premium Amount |
| Less than or equal to \$97,000 | Less than or equal to \$194,000 | \$0.00 | \$97.10 |
| Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000 | Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000 | \$64.70 | \$161.80 |
| Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000 | Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000 | \$161.80 | \$258.90 |
| Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000 | Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000 | \$258.90 | \$356.00 |
| Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000 | Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000 | \$356.00 | \$453.10 |
| Greater than or equal to \$500,000 | Greater than or equal to \$750,000 | \$388.40 | \$485.50 |
| Beneficiaries who are married and lived with their spouses at any time during the year, but who file separate tax returns from their spouses: | | Income-related monthly adjustment amount | Total monthly premium amount |
| Less than or equal to \$97,000 | | \$0.00 | \$97.10 |
| Greater than \$97,000 and less than \$403,000 | | \$356.00 | \$453.10 |
| Greater than or equal to \$403,000 | | \$388.40 | \$485.50 |

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2023 Part D Standard Coverage and Cost of Drug Benefit

| Benefit Stage | Coverage Range | Plan & Manufacturer Pay | Beneficiary Pays |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Annual Deductible | <p style="text-align: center;">\$0 - \$505</p> <p>If choosing a plan with a deductible, the beneficiary pays up to the first \$505 in total drug costs, out of pocket, before the plan begins to pay its share.</p> | 0% \$0 | 100% up to \$505* |
| Initial Coverage | <p style="text-align: center;">\$505 - \$4,660</p> <p>After the deductible is met, the plan and the beneficiary begin paying their share of drug costs (75%/25%)</p> | 75% Average 75% of \$4,660= \$3,495 | Up to 25% Average 25% of \$4660 = \$1,165 |
| Coverage Gap | <p>Note: The Coverage Gap (Donut Hole) closed in 2020, but if a plan is non-standardized and charges <u>less</u> than 25% in the annual deductible and initial coverage phases, the insured may see a price increase to 25% during the coverage gap. Beneficiaries may pay 25% of the drug's cost (at \$4,660) until they get to catastrophic (\$7,400) coverage.</p> | Name brand Rx = 75% Generic Rx = 75% | Name brand Rx = 25% Generic Rx = 25% |
| Catastrophic Coverage | <p style="text-align: center;">Above \$7,400 in out-of-pocket costs</p> <p>When the <u>beneficiary's</u> total out-of-pocket cost, not including the monthly premiums, reaches \$7,400 catastrophic coverage begins and continues for the remainder of the calendar year.</p> | 95% No Maximum | The higher of: \$4.15 Generic \$10.35 Brand or 5% |

Extra Help Copays

| | |
|---|---|
| Extra Help Full Benefit: (Full Dual Eligible Medicare Medicaid) | Copay \$1.45 Generic \$4.30 Brand |
| Extra Help Full Benefit (without Medicaid) Or Extra Help Partial benefit | Copay \$4.15 Generic \$10.35 Brand |

* - In some plans, preferred generics are not subject to the deductible

Note: Out-of-pocket expenses are only the copayments, does not include the premium.

2023 Part D National Base premium is \$32.74

Reference: 2023 Announcement: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2023-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles-2023-medicare-part-d-income-related-monthly>

Reference 2023 National Base Premium: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2023-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles-2023-medicare-part-d-income-related-monthly>

Note about True Out-of-Pocket (TrOOP) costs:

The total amount spent in this period (up to **\$5,856.25**) includes:

- The drug costs paid by the beneficiary, **and**
- The 70% discount on **brand-name** drugs provided by the drug manufacturer.

Payments made by the plan during this period (75% on **generics**, 5% on **brand-name** drugs) do not count toward TrOOP.

Reference: 2023 Announcement: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2023-announcement.pdf>



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Who Pays What Under Part D in 2023



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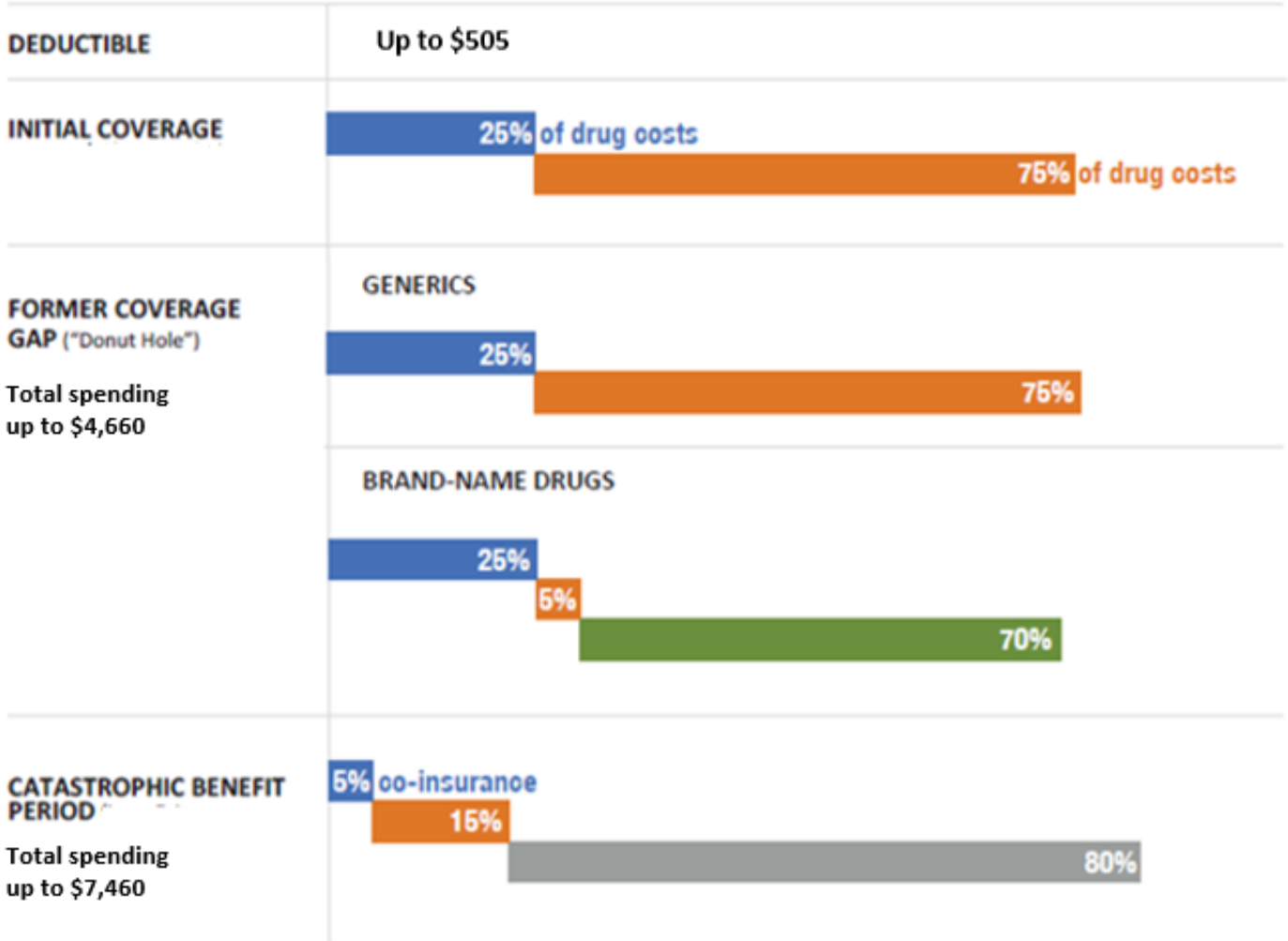
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DRUG MANUFACTURERS



GOVERNMENT



National Council on Aging (NCOA) Graphic

For Higher Income Individuals: 2023 Part D IRMAA

(Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount)

Based on 2021 Income for 2023

| Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with income: | Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with income: | Part D Income- Related Monthly Adjustment Amount |
|---|---|--|
| Less than or equal to \$97,000. | Less than or equal to \$194,000. | \$0.00 |
| Greater than \$97,000 and less than or equal to \$123,000. | Greater than \$194,000 and less than or equal to \$246,000. | 12.20 |
| Greater than \$123,000 and less than or equal to \$153,000. | Greater than \$246,000 and less than or equal to \$306,000. | 31.50 |
| Greater than \$153,000 and less than or equal to \$183,000. | Greater than \$306,000 and less than or equal to \$366,000. | 50.70 |
| Greater than \$183,000 and less than \$500,000. | Greater than \$366,000 and less than \$750,000. | 70.00 |
| Greater than or equal to \$500,000. | Greater than or equal to \$750,000. | 76.40 |



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2022 - 2023 Extra Help with Part D Drug Costs

Medicare beneficiaries can qualify for Extra Help (from Social Security) with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs.

To qualify for the Extra Help, a person must be receiving Medicare, have limited resources and income.

NOTE: 2023 Extra Help income and asset limits have not been released

| | <u>Medicare & Medicaid</u> Full Benefit Dual Institutionalized or receiving Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Includes CCP Services | <u>Medicare & Medicaid</u> Full Benefit Dual 100% FPL \$1,133 Individual \$1,526 Couple | <u>Medicare & MSP</u> Medicare Savings Program (QMB, SLMB, QI) Up to 135% FPL \$1,528 Individual \$2,059 Couple | <u>Medicare Only</u> 150% FPL \$1,699 Individual \$2,289 Couple |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Resource Limit | Medicaid or HCBS | Medicaid Resource Limit \$2,000 Individual \$3,000 Couple | 2022 Resources/Asset Limit \$8,400 (Individual) \$12,600 (Couple) (Does not include \$1,500 burial allowance) * | 2022 Resources/Asset Limit \$14,010 (Individual) \$27,950 (Couple) (Does not include \$1,500 burial allowance) * |
| Monthly Part D Premium | Full Premium Subsidy \$0 | Full Premium Subsidy \$0 | Full Premium Subsidy \$0 | Partial Premium Subsidy Sliding Scale 136-140% = 75% Premium Subsidy 141-145% = 50% Premium Subsidy 146-149% = 25% Premium Subsidy |
| Annual Deductible | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$104 |
| Copay Coinsurance | \$0 | \$1.45 / \$4.30 Copay for 2023 | \$4.15 / \$10.35 Copay for 2023 | 15% Coinsurance Up to \$5,100 out-of-pocket |
| Catastrophic Coverage | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$4.15 / \$10.35 After \$7,400 out-of-pocket cost |

2022 FPL: 100% FPL = \$13,590 for an individual annually & \$18,310 for a couple annually

Reference: HHS.gov Federal 2022 Poverty Level Guidelines <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

Reference: 2023 Final Call Letter, page 65: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/2023-announcement.pdf>

Reference: 2022 Asset/Resource Levels: SSA POMs <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0603001005>

Illinois Medicaid Reference: DHS WAG 25-03-02 <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=21741>

NOTE: Illinois Medicaid limits may differ from national limits.



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2022 Illinois Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLIB, QI-1)

The Medicare Savings Program (MSP) is a State Medicaid program that can help to pay Medicare premiums, and possibly deductibles, and coinsurance for Medicare beneficiaries (elderly or disabled) who qualify.

You can apply at: <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>

NOTE: 2023 MSP income and asset limits have not been released

| Program Name | 2022 Monthly Income Limits | Resource/Asset Limits | Program Pays | Effective Date |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) | 100% FPL \$1,133 Individual \$1,526 Couple | \$8,400 Individual \$12,600 Couple | Part A & B Premiums, Deductibles, & Coinsurance | Premiums are paid effective the month of QMB eligibility which is (the month after the month of the QMB eligibility determination. |
| Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLIB/SLMB) | 120% FPL \$1,358 Individual \$1,830 Couple | \$8,400 Individual \$12,600 Couple | Medicare Part B Premiums | Part B premium paid for application month & may be backdated an additional 3 months. |
| Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) | 135 % FPL \$1,528 Individual \$2,059 Couple | \$8,400 Individual \$12,600 Couple | Medicare Part B Premiums | Part B premium paid for application month & may be backdated an additional 3 months. |



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NOTE: Illinois Medicaid income standards differ from the national amounts

Main Reference: DHS WAG 25-03-02 <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=21741>

Reference: 2022 FPL: 100% FPL = \$13,590 for an individual annually & \$18,310 for a couple annually: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

Estate recovery is eliminated for MSP per MIPPA: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=60004>

Note: Illinois Medicaid limits may differ from national limits

2023 Medicare Supplement Plans

| Benefits | A | B | C | D | F | FHD | G | GHD | K | L | M | N |
|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Medicare Part A coinsurance and inpatient hospital costs (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used). | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ |
| Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | 50% | 75% | √ | √*** |
| Blood (first 3 pints, if charged) | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | 50% | 75% | √ | √ |
| Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | 50% | 75% | √ | √ |
| Skilled nursing facility care coinsurance | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | 50% | 75% | √ | √ |
| Part A deductible | | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | √ | 50% | 75% | 50% | √ |
| Part B deductible | | | √ | | √ | √ | | | | | | |
| Part B excess charges | | | | | √ | √ | √ | √ | | | | |
| Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits) | | | 80% | 80% | 80% | 80% | 80% | 80% | | | 80% | 80% |

Plans C and F are only available to those eligible for Medicare prior to 01/01/20.

2023 Out-of-Pocket Limit
√ = 100%

\$6,940 **\$3,470**

Plans F & G are also offered as a high-deductible plan by some insurance companies. If you choose this option, this means you must pay for Medicare-covered costs (coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles) up to the deductible amount of **\$2,700 in 2023** before your policy pays anything.

****For Plans K and L**, after you meet your **out-of-pocket yearly limit** and your yearly Part B deductible; the Medigap plan pays 100% of covered services for the rest of the calendar year.

*****Plan N** pays 100% of the Part B coinsurance, except for a **copayment** of up to \$20 for some office visits and up to a \$50 copayment for emergency room visits that don't result in an inpatient admission.

Reference for Plan F-HD and G-HD: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/health-plans/medigap/fandj>

Reference for Plan K & L: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/health-plans/medigap/kandl>

NOTE: Your monthly premium will depend on plan selected, company purchased & benefit chosen



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Medicare Supplement Insurance Fact Sheet (MedSup/Medigap)

Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap/MedSup) policies, sold by private insurance companies, help pay some of the health care costs that Medicare doesn't cover. Plans have a monthly premium.

1-Medigap Open Enrollment:

Beneficiaries have a 6-month Medigap Open Enrollment Period which starts the first month they're 65 and enrolled in Part B or under 65 and qualify for Medicare due to disability and enrolled in Part B.

- This period gives them a guaranteed right to buy any Medigap policy sold in their state regardless of their health status.
- The issuing company may impose a pre-existing condition waiting period (6 months maximum) due to medical underwriting unless they have had "creditable" and "continuous" coverage (no break in coverage of more than 63 days).

2 - Purchasing a Medigap Policy "after" the Medigap Open Enrollment Period or without a Guaranteed Issue Right

- A person on Medicare age 65 and above can purchase or change Medigap policies at any time, but it is not guaranteed that the company will issue one.
 - Never cancel an existing Medigap before the replacement Medigap is in place.
- Beneficiaries under 65 & on Medicare due to disability do not have the same right as the Age 65 people above
- BUT have a Medigap Special Enrollment Period (SEP) an Illinois guaranteed Issue Company.
 - In Illinois, an additional Medigap guaranteed Special Enrollment Period, for people on Medicare due to disability, is available. This protection exists for those individuals who did not purchase a Medigap during their initial Medigap Open Enrollment Period when they first went on Medicare Part B.
 - This guarantee gives the beneficiary the right to purchase a policy with a "guaranteed issue company". (see below)

Note: Illinois does not mandate guaranteed issue (GI) law. The companies choose to be a guaranteed issue company. As there is no law or rule about this in Illinois, the companies may choose to administer their GI policies as they wish.

Medicare Supplement "Guaranteed Issue Company" in Illinois

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS www.bcbsil.com (800) 646-3000

BC/BS Medicare Supplement "guarantee issue" annual open enrollment for Medicare disabled individuals under 65 is October 15-December 7 of each year.

Important Notes:

- When a Medicare beneficiary who is on Medicare due to disability, turns age 65, they are eligible for a second Medigap open enrollment period to purchase any Medigap policy, guaranteed issue, at age 65 premium rates.
- There are also a few very specific situations that may allow special rights and/or guaranteed issue.
- Medigap Open Enrollment cannot be repeated or changed (except as noted in first dot point above)



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2022 Illinois Medicaid Monthly Income and Resource Standards

NOTE: 2023 Medicaid income and asset limits have not been released

2022 Medicaid Program Standards and Allowances

Reference: WAG 25-03-02: (2) Medical http://intranet.dhs.illinois.gov/onenet/page.aspx?item=21741#a_toc5

| # in Household | ACA Adult | | AABD | | MSP | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | less than or = 138% FPL | 2022 Asset Limit | 100% FPL | Asset Limit | QMB 100% FPL | SLIB less than or = 120% FPL | QI-1 less than or = 135% FPL | 2022 MSP AssetLimit |
| 1 | 1563 | No Limit | 1133 | \$2,000 | 1133 | 1134-1358 | 1359-1528 | \$8,400 |
| 2 | 2106 | No Limit | 1526 | 3,000 | 1526 | 1527-1830 | 1831-2059 | 12,600 2 or more people |
| 3 | | | 1919 | 3050 | | | | |
| 4 | | | 2313 | 3100 | | | | |
| 5 | | | 2706 | 3150 | | | | |
| 6 | | | 3099 | 3200 | | | | |
| 7 | | | 3493 | 3250 | | | | |
| 8 | | | 3886 | 3300 | | | | |
| 9 | | | 4279 | 3350 | | | | |
| 10 | | | 4672 | 3400 | | | | |
| Each Additional | | | +393 | + 50 | | | | |

Asset Limit Reference: PM 07-02-01 <http://intranet.dhs.illinois.gov/onenet/page.aspx?item=14876>

Full Benefit Dual Eligibility (FBDE) – Medicare and full Medicaid Medical

These individuals have income of 100% FPL or less and resources that are within the Illinois Medicaid standards and are eligible for full Medicaid benefits.

Dual Eligibility – Medicare and any form of Medicaid coverage (i.e., Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) benefit)



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Using Medicaid Spenddown to Get “Extra Help” with Part D

Beneficiaries only need to meet their Medicaid spend down one time during the year to be deemed a dual eligible by Medicaid and SSA.

They will then automatically receive Extra Help for the rest of the year. However, the month they meet their spend-down will determine if they receive Extra Help the following year as well.

- Beneficiaries who meet their spend-down at least once **before** July 1st of the year will automatically qualify for Extra Help for the remainder of the calendaryear.

Individuals who meet their spend-down at least one month **between July - December** will automatically receive Extra Help for the remainder of that year and the entire following calendar year.

Spenddown explained:

“**Income Spenddown**” is another way to qualify for Medicaid, on a month-to-month basis, even if a person’s income is above the state’s eligibility limits. Spenddown works like an **insurance deductible**. That “deductible” is calculated by the **difference** between the Medicaid eligibility standards and one’s income and resources.

That difference, or deductible, must be “spent down” **monthly** by the beneficiary to reach the eligibility standard. One “**meets**”, or receives credit for, that monthly spenddown amount through payments, medical receipts, and/or demonstrated liability for eligible medical bills. If a Medicare beneficiary meets a Medicaid Spenddown, on that met month they are considered **dual eligible** and may also qualify for Extra Help benefits.

Example: NOTE: 2023 Medicaid income and asset limits have not been released

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Gross Income | \$1,300 |
| Minus Medicaid Income Disregard | - \$25 |
| Equals Countable Income | \$1,275 |
| Minus Medicaid Income Limit for a single person (2022) | \$1,133 (2022 limit) |
| Monthly Spenddown Amount | \$142 |
| Note: Payments made by SSA Extra Help or Medicare Savings Program (MSP) are not counted toward the Spenddown limit | |

“**Asset Spenddown**” is when assets/resources are above the state’s asset eligibility limit. To be eligible, a person must “spend” assets on medical costs until resources are at or below the asset eligibility limit. They then become eligible for the year and asset eligibility is redetermined annually.

Example

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Assets Available | \$6000 |
| Resource Limit | - \$2000 |
| Resource Spenddown | \$4000 |



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Who Pays First

| <i>If you...</i> | <i>Condition</i> | <i>Pay First</i> | <i>Pays Second</i> |
|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Are covered by Medicare and Medicaid | Entitled to Medicare and Medicaid | Medicare | Medicaid |
| Are 65 or older and covered by a group health plan because you or your spouse is still working | Entitled to Medicare | Group health plan | Medicare |
| | The employer has 20 or more employees (See page 12 for information about multi-employer and multiple employer group health plans.) | | |
| | The employer has less than 20 employees | Medicare | Group health plan |
| Have an employer group health plan through your former employer after you retire and are 65 or older | Entitled to Medicare | Medicare | Retiree coverage |
| Are disabled and covered by a large group health plan from your work, or from a family member (like spouse, domestic partner, son, daughter, or grandchild) who's working | Entitled to Medicare | Large group Health plan | Medicare |
| | The employer has 100 or more employees | | |
| | The employer has less than 100 employees (See page 12 for information about multi-employer and multiple employer group health plans.) | Medicare | Group health plan |
| *Have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant) and group health plan coverage (including a retirement plan) | First 30 months of eligibility or entitlement to Medicare | Group health plan | Medicare |
| | After 30 months of eligibility or entitlement to Medicare | Medicare | Group health plan |
| Have ESRD and COBRA coverage | First 30 months of eligibility or entitlement to Medicare based on having ESRD | COBRA | Medicare |
| | After 30 months | Medicare | COBRA |

Who Pays First

| <i>If you...</i> | <i>Condition</i> | <i>Medicare</i> | <i>COBRA</i> |
|--|--|--|---|
| Are 65 or over OR disabled (other than by ESRD) and covered by Medicare and COBRA coverage | Entitled to Medicare | Medicare | COBRA |
| Have been in an accident where no-fault or liability insurance is involved | Entitled to Medicare | No-fault or liability insurance for services or items related to accident claim | Medicare |
| Are covered under <u>workers' compensation</u> because of a job-related illness or injury | Entitled to Medicare | Workers' compensation for services or items related to workers' compensation claim | Usually doesn't apply. However, Medicare may make a conditional Payment (a payment that must be repaid to Medicare when a settlement, judgment, award, or other payment is made.) |
| Are a Veteran and have Veterans' benefits | Entitled to Medicare and Veterans' benefits | Medicare pays for Medicare-covered services or items. Veterans' Affairs pays for VA-authorized services or items. Note: Generally, Medicare and VA can't pay for the same service or items. | Usually doesn't apply |
| Are covered under TRICARE | Entitled to Medicare and TRICARE | Medicare pays for Medicare-covered services or items. TRICARE pays for services or items from a military hospital or any other federal provider. | TRICARE may pay second. |
| Have black lung disease and are covered under the Federal Black Lung Benefits Program | Entitled to Medicare and the Federal Black Lung Benefits Program | The Federal Black Lung Benefits Program for services related to black lung. | Medicare |

2023 Original Medicare (A&B) Appeals Process

After utilizing the denied claim appeal process on page 5 of the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)

| Level | Summary of Review process | Who Performs the Review | Deadline to Request an Appeal | When Beneficiary Should Get a Decision | Amount in Controversy (AIC) |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| 1st Level – Redetermination | A document review of the initial claim determination | Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) | Up to 120 days after receiving the initial determination on Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) | 60 days | No |
| 2nd Level – Reconsideration | A document review of the determination (present any evidence not previously submitted) | Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC) | Up to 180 days after receiving Medicare Redetermination Notice (MRN) | 60 days | No |
| 3rd Level – Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Hearing | May be an on-the-record review or an interactive hearing between parties | Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) | Up to 60 days after receiving Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC) notice of decision or after expiration of the QIC reconsideration timeframe if no decision received | 90 days, but may be delayed due to volume | \$180 |
| 4th Level – Medicare Appeals Council Review | A document review of the ALJ’s decision or dismissal (you may request oral arguments) | Medicare Appeals Council | Up to 60 days after receiving ALJ notice of decision or after expiration of the ALJ hearing timeframe if no decision received | 90 days if appealing an ALJ decision or 180 days if ALJ review time expired without a decision | No |
| 5th Level – Judicial Review | Judicial review | U. S. District Court | Up to 60 days after receiving notice of Medicare Appeals Council decision or after expiration of the Medicare Appeals Council hearing timeframe if no decision received | No statutory time limit | \$1850 |

AIC = Amount in Controversy

2023 AIC for ALJ = 180.00

2023 AIC for ALJ Hearing = \$1850

Reference, Federal register: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/30/2022-21284/medicare-program-medicare-appeals-adjustment-to-the-amount-in-controversy-threshold-amounts-for>



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