

Inflation Reduction Act

<https://www.cms.gov/inflation-reduction-act-and-medicare>

ACIP recommended vaccinations and Medicare

[https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/08/16/first-anniversary-inflation-reduction-act-millions-medicare-enrollees-savings-health-care-costs.html#:~:text=As%20of%20January%201%2C%202023,zoster%20\(shingles\)%3B%20tetanus%20and](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/08/16/first-anniversary-inflation-reduction-act-millions-medicare-enrollees-savings-health-care-costs.html#:~:text=As%20of%20January%201%2C%202023,zoster%20(shingles)%3B%20tetanus%20and)

Recommended Vaccines Covered in Medicare without Cost-sharing:

- As of January 1, 2023, the Inflation Reduction Act eliminated out-of-pocket costs for vaccines covered under Medicare Part D that are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and are not covered under Medicare Part B, including vaccines to prevent herpes zoster (shingles); tetanus and diphtheria (Td); tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap); hepatitis A; and hepatitis B.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/08/29/hhs-selects-the-first-drugs-for-medicare-drug-price-negotiation.html>

First Drugs for Medicare Drug Price Negotiation

The selected drug list for the first round of negotiation is:

- Eliquis
- Jardiance
- Xarelto
- Januvia
- Farxiga
- Entresto
- Enbrel
- Imbruvica
- Stelara
- Fiasp; Fiasp FlexTouch; Fiasp PenFill; NovoLog; NovoLog FlexPen; NovoLog PenFill

Medicare Part D Enrollee Savings from Elimination of Vaccine Cost-Sharing

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/407d41b6534e7af6702eb280b3945d00/aspe-ira-vaccine-part-d.pdf>

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare is Here to Help with Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment began on October 15, 2023, and ends December 7, 2023, with coverage changes taking effect January 1, 2024. During this time, people with Medicare can compare coverage options, like Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage, and choose health and drug plans for 2024. Medicare Advantage and Part D plan costs and covered benefits can change from year to year, so people with Medicare should look at their coverage choices and decide on the options that best meet their health needs.

Since 2021, CMS has introduced a number of enhancements to [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to optimize customer experience and create a more welcoming and user-friendly experience. Improvements include a redesigned Medicare.gov home page, the addition of pricing details to the Medigap policy comparison, streamlined information on the Medicare Plan Finder, and a redesigned “Talk to Someone” section to find additional help and contacts.

Here are four ways people with Medicare can compare plans and look at savings options:

1. Go to [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to learn the difference between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage, and do side-by-side comparisons of costs and coverage for Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plans.
2. Call 1-800-MEDICARE. Help is available 24 hours a day, including weekends.
3. Access personalized health insurance counseling at no cost, available from State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP). Visit shiphelp.org or call 1-800-MEDICARE for each SHIP’s phone number. Many SHIPs also offer virtual counseling.
4. Check eligibility for the Medicare Savings Programs and the Part D Low-Income Subsidy Program. If you have limited income and resources, you could qualify for Medicare Savings Programs, run by your state Medicaid program, or for the Part D Low-Income Subsidy Program. These programs could help save you money on health and prescription drug costs and could reduce your Part B premium and/or Part D premium to \$0. For more information, contact your [state Medicaid program](#) or call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask about Medicare Savings Programs. To learn more about the Part D Low-Income Subsidy Program, visit: [Medicare.gov/extrahelp](https://www.medicare.gov/extrahelp) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Medicare Open Enrollment Period Outreach & Media Materials

The following resources can help you educate people about Medicare Open Enrollment. CMS developed the following outreach and media materials for [English-speaking](#), [Spanish-speaking](#), and [other audiences](#) that you can share with beneficiaries.

Select General Market Outreach Materials, Additional Materials Can be Found [Here](#).

- [Save on your Medicare drug costs with Extra Help](#)
- [Have you done your yearly Medicare Plan review?](#)
- [Choosing Medicare drug coverage](#)
- [Fact Sheets: MA Part D Landscape - State-by-State \(PDF\)](#)
- [Medicare Open Enrollment fact sheet](#)

Videos to Share with Beneficiaries

- [Medicare & You – Medicare Open Enrollment](#)
- [Medicare & You – Understanding Your Medicare Choices](#)
- [Medicare & You - Deciding to Sign Up for Medicare Part B](#)
- [Medicare & You - Different Parts of Medicare](#)
- [Look Out for Enrollment Fraud](#)

Television & Radio Ads

- [See the Difference TV ad](#) (:15 Seconds)
- [See the Difference TV ad](#) (:30 Seconds)
- [Book Club TV ad](#) (:15 Seconds)

Social Media Toolkit

- [Medicare Open Enrollment partner social media toolkit \(PDF\)](#)
- [Medicare Open Enrollment images for social media \(ZIP\)](#)

Medicaid Renewals -- Unwinding from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: A Communications Tool Kit to Keep New Yorkers Covered

<https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/PHE-tool-kit>

Programs that Assist People with Medicare Costs

Extra Help

<https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>

Medicare Savings Programs

<https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/

Billing Medicare

National Government Service (NGS) – Medicare Administrative Contractor

https://www.ngsmedicare.com/NGS_LandingPage/

Mapping Medicare Disparities

<https://data.cms.gov/tools/mapping-medicare-disparities-by-population>

Medicare Learning Network

<https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/resources-training>

Medicare Part D Vaccines (fact sheet)

<https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/downloads/vaccines-part-d-factsheet-icn908764.pdf>