

## Medicare.gov

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**Phone:** 1-800-633-4227

**Phone Extension:** N/A

### Area(s) Served:

Nationwide

**Contracted Provider:** Not Applicable

### Description:

[Medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) has all of the information and tools you need for questions or help with Medicare. You can:

- enroll in Medicare online
- [compare and enroll in Medicare health or prescription plans](#)
- [find and compare doctors](#)
- check to see if a test or service is covered by Medicare
- chat with a Medicare representative
- research and compare [nursing homes](#) and [home health agencies](#)
- [get extra help with medical and prescription drug costs](#)
- [get a new Medicare card](#)

## Medicare Nursing Home Compare

Use the [site](#) to obtain a free copy of A Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home. You can search the site to obtain and compare nursing home information from all parts of the country, including their performance at their last Medicare state survey.

## Medicare Plan Finder

Not all Medicare Advantage Plans work the same way, so before you join, take the time to [find and compare Medicare Health Plans](#) in your area.

Use Medicare's Plan Finder to find and compare Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans available in your area. Have the enrollee's zip code ready.

You can [get help](#) from your state paying your Medicare premiums. In some cases, Medicare Savings Programs may also pay Part A and Part B deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments if you meet certain conditions.

## Medicare Savings Programs

There are [four kinds of Medicare Savings Programs](#)

1. **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program**
2. **Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program**
3. **Qualified Individual (QI) Program**
4. **Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWI) Program**

If you have income from working, you may qualify for SLMB benefits even if your income is higher than these limits.

You must apply every year for QI benefits. QI applications are granted on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to people who got QI benefits the previous year. (You can't get QI benefits if you qualify for Medicaid).

The QDWI program helps pay the Part A premium. You may qualify if any of the following apply to you:

Are a working disabled person under 65  
Lost your premium-free Medicare Part A when you went back to work  
Aren't getting medical assistance from your state  
Meet the income and resource limits required by your state

## How to Apply for Medicare Savings Programs

Many people do not know or understand if they qualify for Medicare Savings Programs. Council on Aging can help. Call us at 513-721-1025 for help in determining your eligibility.

If you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program in your state, you automatically qualify to get Extra Help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage.

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