Understanding Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C)

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Part C is also called Medicare Advantage, and it combines Part A and Part B with other benefits.

Why choose a Medicare Advantage plan?

All your services are combined in one plan, with one ID card — and you get additional services not provided by Original Medicare (Parts A and B).

Medicare Advantage plan coverage:

- Hospital costs (Part A)
- Doctor visits and outpatient care (Part B)
- May include prescription drug coverage (Part D)
- Often includes extra benefits like vision exams, hearing exams and gym memberships

Other important things to know about Medicare Advantage plans:

- To enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you have to be enrolled in Original Medicare and continue to pay your Part B monthly premium
- Medicare Advantage plans are run by private insurance companies and often have an annual deductible, which helps keep monthly premiums down
- You pay copays and coinsurance only for the services you use
- To keep costs down, you may have to pick a doctor in your network. Out-of-network doctors may cost you more money
- Plans vary by state, so check out the options in your area
- You can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan when you turn 65, or every year after that during the Open Enrollment Period (OEP) from October 15 to December 7

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- Call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227),** TTY **1-877-486-2048,** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Call your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to see if you qualify for any financial assistance

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