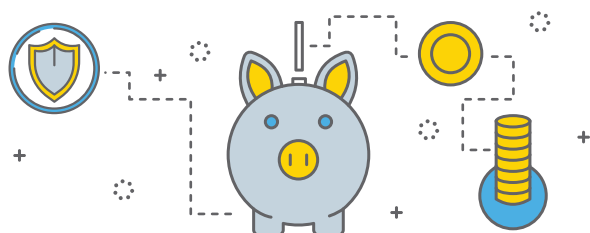


7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT Medicare Advantage

Over 26 million seniors and people with disabilities choose Medicare Advantage. Unlike traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage delivers better services, better access to care, and better value, and continues to receive high rates of satisfaction from members who use it.



Providing Better Financial Security

Medicare Advantage protects members' health and financial security. For 2021, the average Medicare Advantage monthly premium is estimated to be \$21.00, representing a 34% decrease since 2017. By keeping costs low, Medicare Advantage ensures those living on fixed incomes - like the 40% of Medicare Advantage members¹ who make less than \$25,000 a year - have access to stable, affordable health care.



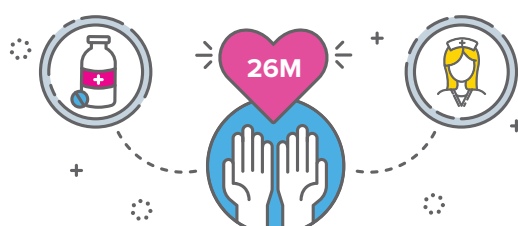
Reducing Costs for Taxpayers

Medicare Advantage also helps drive down costs for taxpayers: the more people who enroll in Medicare Advantage, the slower costs grow for traditional Medicare.²



Promoting Health & Peace of Mind

In the wake of COVID-19, Medicare Advantage plans took action to ensure members had access to necessary services, including eliminating patient cost-sharing for diagnostic testing and treatment for COVID-19, expanding telehealth services, and more. When compared to traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage keeps seniors and people with disabilities healthier, outperforming traditional Medicare on 16 out of 16 clinical quality measures.³



Popular and Growing

Medicare Advantage plans cover over 26 million Americans. **That's about 41% of all Medicare-eligibles in the nation.** People are choosing Medicare Advantage plans because they deliver better services, better care, and better value.⁴

Medicare Advantage Delivers Better Services

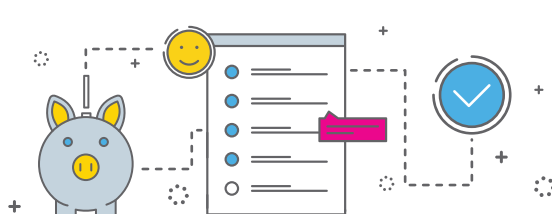
Medicare Advantage provides the same benefits as traditional Medicare—and so much more. Examples include:

- Care coordination and disease management
- In-home support services
- Wellness programs
- Vision, hearing, and dental benefits
- Transportation and meal delivery benefits
- Companion care



Payments Equivalent to Traditional Medicare

Today, the average payment to Medicare Advantage is equivalent to costs for traditional Medicare. But because **Medicare Advantage plans deliver more benefits and better value than traditional Medicare,** Americans are getting more for less.⁵



Overwhelming Support for Medicare Advantage

Not only do those who choose Medicare Advantage report overwhelming satisfaction (94%) with their plans,⁶ but Medicare Advantage has strong bipartisan support among policymakers, too. In 2020 a record 403 Members of Congress signed onto bipartisan letters in support of the program.⁷

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/2018-mcbs-puf.zip>

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⁴ Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data. January 2020.

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⁶ Morning Consult National Poll. December 23-29, 2020.

⁷ <https://medicarechoices.org/medicare-advantage-better-services-better-access-to-care-better-value/>