



Medicare.gov Plan Finder Instructions

Step 1: Find Part D and/or Medicare Advantage Plans

- Allow 30-45 minutes to answer the questions and enter information.
- Have your prescription bottles or a list of your medications, including strength and daily dosage.
- Go to the www.medicare.gov website.
- Click on the green rectangle titled **Find Health & Drug Plans**
- On the **Medicare Plan Finder** page, enter your zip code or scroll down to “Personalized Search” and enter your information. **You will need your red, white and blue Medicare card!** Then click **Find Plans**.
- If asked, enter information about your current Medicare coverage.
- Click **Continue to Plan Results**.

Helpful tip #1

On the right-hand side of the **Medicare Plan Finder** page, note the **Plan Finder Multi-Media** information. You can view short videos with step-by-step instructions.

Helpful tip #2

Whenever you see a [?], you can click on it to get more information.

Step 2: Enter your Drugs

- If you don't take any drugs, click on **I don't take any drugs**, and skip to **Step 4**.
- Click on **I don't want to add drugs now** if you don't want to add drugs and skip to **Step 4**.
- If you do take drugs, add your prescription drugs by entering each drug:
 - Type the name of your drug in the box, or browse and choose the drug name using the A-Z buttons. Then click **Find My Drug**.

Helpful tip #3

Do a “Personalized Search,” as this will allow you to return to your list of drugs in the future without having to re-enter them.

- If you get **Search Results** with more than one drug listed, select the one you take. [*Note: Medicare does not cover over-the-counter (OTC) drugs.*]
- Enter your **Dosage, Quantity, and Frequency**. Click **Add Drug & Dosage**.
- A pop-up box may appear if a lower-cost generic version is available, you can choose the generic version if that is what you are prescribed.
- Enter all your prescription medications and click **My Drug List is Complete**.

Step 3: Select Pharmacies

- To find a specific pharmacy, search the list of “**Available Pharmacies**” (pharmacies listed here are within a short distance of your zip code, you can expand this search by increasing the distance, searching a new location, or sorting by pharmacy name).
- Click **Add Pharmacy** to add it to the search (**Note:** you can add up to two pharmacies to the search).
- Click **Continue to Plan Results**.

Step 4: Refine your Plan Results

- Under **Summary of your Search Results**, click in the box to the left, choosing only one option at a time:
 - Prescription Drug Plans (with Original Medicare)
 - Medicare Health (Advantage) Plans with drug coverage
 - Medicare Health (Advantage) Plans without drug coverage
- Click on **Continue to Plan Results**.
- Select up to **three plans** based on your needs and/or personal preferences.
 - Click in the box to the left to select the plan.
- Click **Compare Plans** and **Your Plan Comparison** will appear.
- Click on the tabs at the top of page for **Overview, Health Plan Benefits, Drug Costs & Coverage, Star Ratings, and Manage Drugs**.
- Click on each company name for more details, a breakdown of costs, restrictions, and a graph showing monthly spending.
- Explore other ways to save money, such as **Lower Your Drug Costs**, and adding or removing any pharmacies.
- Click on **Return to Previous Page**.
- Repeat the **Refine your Plan** results steps above for all types of plans you want to compare.

Helpful Tip #4

To determine if a plan is a good fit make sure:

- All prescriptions are on the plan's formulary.
- You understand the drug restrictions and their impact, if they exist.
- To find the least expensive plan for you this year note the annual estimated drug cost which combines the monthly premium, annual deductible (if any), and prescription co-payment at the pharmacy.

Step 5: Enroll in a Plan

- Call or contact the plan(s) you're interested in to ask any questions and confirm information.
- Enroll in a plan by clicking on the **Enroll** button from the Plan Finder and follow the instructions.
 - Print the confirmation number page once you enroll for future reference.
- You can also join by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or by calling the plan's toll-free number directly.



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