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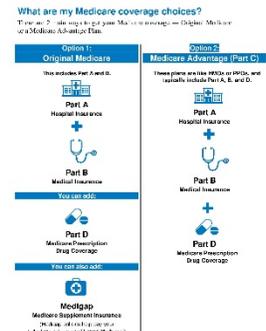
OVERVIEW OF MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

A Medicare Advantage Plan is another way to get your Medicare coverage. Medicare Advantage Plans, sometimes called “Part C” or “MA Plans,” are offered by Medicare-approved private companies that must follow rules set by Medicare. If you join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you’ll still have Medicare but you’ll get your Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) coverage from the Medicare Advantage Plan, not Original Medicare.

[List of Medicare Advantage Plans offered in Fairfield County](#)

Possible Advantages of Medicare Advantage Plans:

- Health and prescription benefits can be obtained all under one plan; one-stop shopping
- Additional benefits may be offered such as vision, hearing and dental (review individual plans for details).



Possible Disadvantages of Medicare Advantage Plans:

- Limited Service Area, regional coverage
- Limitations on procedures for receiving specialized care
- Must use plan providers only (staying in the network)
- May need to get a referral to see a specialist
- Providers can terminate their contracts with plans during the course of the benefit year



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- Plans may change their benefit packages, premiums, payments and service area annually
- Disenrollment issues, lock-in provisions and regulatory authority

[Medicare & You Handbook](#)

[2019 Medicare Advantage Plans](#)

You can enroll for Medicare Advantage online at: [Social Security Administration](#) or contact CHOICES.

For additional information on Medicare Advantage:

- [CHOICES](#) at (800)-994-9422 or (203)333-9288.
- [Center for Medicare Advocacy](#) at (800) 262-4414.
- Visit [Medicare Publications](#) to read, print or order booklets regarding Medicare.