



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS MEDICARE

Medicare is a National Health Insurance Program for:

- People 65 years of age and older
- Certain persons with disabilities under the age of 65
- People with end stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).
- People with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also called Lou Gehrig's disease) will be auto-enrolled the month their disability benefits begin.

You can apply for Medicare online at: [Social Security Administration](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Or by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users 1-800-325-0778)

In-person at your local Social Security office.

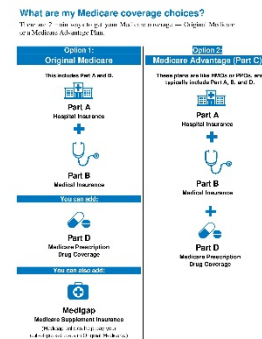
Medicare has four components: Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D

Part A covers inpatient hospital care, hospice care, inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility, and home health care services.

Part B covers medical care and services provided by doctors and other medical practitioners, durable medical equipment, some labs and x-rays, some outpatient care and limited home health care services.

Part C also known as Medicare Advantage Plans are private insurance plans that contract with Medicare to provide healthcare coverage to Medicare beneficiaries in place of Medicare Parts A, B and D.

Part D is the prescription drug benefit through private insurance plans that covers some [prescription drug expenses](#).



[2019 Part A, B, C & D Premiums and Deductibles
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For additional information on Medicare:

- 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.