Medicare Advantage: Providing Better Services, Better Access to Care, and Better Value

Medicare Advantage offers additional benefits not covered by original Medicare, including a cap on out-of-pocket costs, integrated vision, dental, and hearing benefits, and wellness programs. For 2022, the average Medicare Advantage monthly premium dropped to $19.00, representing a 47% decrease since 2017.

Medicare Advantage helps overcome social barriers to health. Medicare Advantage plans have flexibility to offer expanded access to telehealth and supplemental benefits that go beyond original Medicare and can address social barriers to health. Supplemental benefits include everything from grocery deliveries to rides to and from doctors appointments.

Over 28 million Americans rely on Medicare Advantage – they deserve to know they can count on the stable benefits and reliable high-quality insurance coverage they need to stay healthy. This includes nearly half of all racial/ethnic minorities eligible for Medicare who choose Medicare Advantage.

Out-of-control drug costs are one of the biggest financial concerns seniors face – more than 96% of Medicare beneficiaries have access to Medicare Advantage plans that include comprehensive prescription drug coverage with zero premium.

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

40% of Medicare Advantage members make less than $25,000 per year. Many of these individuals might not be able to afford the out-of-pocket costs of original Medicare.

93% of seniors with Medicare Advantage say they are satisfied with their coverage – and 96% say they would recommend Medicare Advantage to family and friends. In the House last year, 70 lawmakers from both parties, representing districts where the majority of eligible seniors choose Medicare Advantage, signed a letter to protect and strengthen Medicare Advantage. In the Senate, a bipartisan group of 13 U.S. Senators came together in a letter to voice their support for Medicare Advantage and underscore their commitment to protecting it from harmful cuts.*

*Learn more about lawmakers’ support for Medicare Advantage.