



# 7 Things You Need to Know About Medicare Advantage

**More than 32 million seniors and people with disabilities choose Medicare Advantage because it – as studies have proven – delivers better services, better access to care, and better value than original Medicare. That’s why 9 in 10 seniors are satisfied with their coverage.**

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## Providing Better Financial Security

**Medicare Advantage protects members’ health and financial security.** For 2024, the average Medicare Advantage premium is \$18.50. By keeping costs low, Medicare Advantage ensures those living on fixed incomes - like the 38% of Medicare Advantage members<sup>1</sup> who make less than \$25,000 a year - have access to stable, affordable health care.

## Reducing Costs for Taxpayers

**Medicare Advantage helps drive down costs for taxpayers:** the more people who enroll in Medicare Advantage, the slower costs grow for original Medicare.<sup>2</sup> Average payments to MA plans are 9% less than original Medicare spending – saving Americans billions of dollars every year.<sup>3</sup>

**The Medicare Part A Trust Fund could be extended by as much as 17 years** if Part A services in the original Medicare program were used at the same level as Medicare Advantage.<sup>4</sup>



## Promoting Health & Peace of Mind

**Medicare Advantage plans have taken action to ensure members have access to necessary services,** including expanding telehealth services, capping out-of-pocket costs, and more. According to a recent study, Medicare Advantage outperformed original Medicare in 10-of-11 preventive measures for the seniors and people with disabilities who rely on it.<sup>5</sup>



## Popular and Growing

**Medicare Advantage plans cover more than 32 million Americans - 52% of those eligible to enroll in the program.** People are choosing Medicare Advantage plans because they deliver better services, better care, and better value.<sup>6</sup>

## Medicare Advantage Delivers Better Services

Medicare Advantage offers the same benefits as original 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



Prescription drug coverage, including home delivery of prescriptions



Companion care



## Payments Equivalent to Original Medicare

Today, the average payment to Medicare Advantage is on par with costs for original Medicare. But because **Medicare Advantage plans deliver more benefits and better value than original Medicare,** Americans are getting more for less.<sup>7</sup>

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## Overwhelming Support for Medicare Advantage

**Nine in ten senior voters are satisfied with their Medicare Advantage, including almost 7 in 10 who are very satisfied with their Medicare Advantage.**<sup>8</sup> Seven in ten voters think it is important that the federal government protect funding for Medicare Advantage.

1 Based on AHIP analysis of 2018 Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey Public Use File  
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 3 <https://www.ahip.org/resources/value-of-medicare-advantage-compared-with-fee-for-service-medicare>  
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