



# 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>





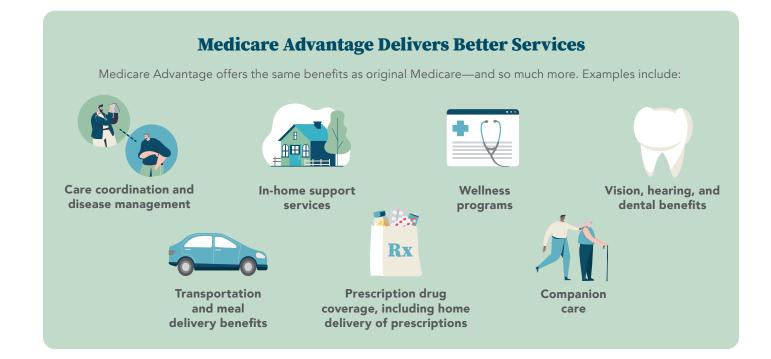


### **Promoting Health & Peace of Mind**

**Medicare Advantage plans have taken action to ensure members have access to necessary services,** including expanding telehealth services, capping outof-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>







# 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>

### 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
- 2 Johnson, Garret, Figueroa, José F., Zhou, Xiner, et al. Recent growth in Medicare Advantage enrollment associated with decreased fee-for-service spending in certain US counties. Health Affairs 35(9): 1707-1715. September 2016
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#### 5 Medicare Advantage Provides Higher Quality of Care And Better

- 6 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicare Advantage/Part D Contract and Enrollment Data. December 2021.
- 7 https://www.medpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/import\_data/scrape\_files/docs/default-source/reports/mar21\_medpac\_report\_to\_the\_congress\_sec.pdf
- 8 https://medicarechoices.org/americans-like-ma-2024/



