

Medicare

Are You or Your Loved Ones on Medicare? You Could Save Hundreds – And Even Thousands – of Dollars/Year on Your Prescription Drugs by Taking This Step

Every year, Medicare's open enrollment period is October 15 to December 7. Open enrollment is your opportunity to select a new Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Part D (prescription drug). If you are already on a Medicare Advantage Plan you also have the option of changing your plan January 1 through March 31 for this year. You, or your loved ones on Medicare, can avoid overpaying for your prescription drugs by using the **free online Medicare Plan Finder** at www.medicare.gov (Under "Find health & drug plans"). Simply enter the following information about you, or on behalf of your relative/loved one on Medicare:

ZIP Code Medications Pharmacies

You will get a report comparing your estimated out-of-pocket costs for each available Medicare Part D Plan and Medicare Advantage Plan available in your area. A 2012 study revealed average annual savings of \$368 when the right Medicare Part D Plan was selected. Some people can save thousands of dollars.



Visit www.MedicareDrugSavings.Org for a free video on how to use the Medicare Plan Finder.

The Medicare Plan Finder has helped thousands of people to lower their prescription costs:

Cost Savings:



Leukemia Drug

A patient with leukemia, who was one of the 8 million people who had not enrolled in a Medicare Part D Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan, **lowered the cost of his new life-saving medication by more than \$100,000/year** when his physician used the Medicare Plan Finder to find a plan that made the medication affordable.



Blood Pressure Cholesterol Drugs

A person taking several different medications – for high blood pressure and cholesterol – **saved more than \$8,000/year** by switching to a different Medicare Advantage Plan that covered his drugs at a reduced cost. And he stayed with the same insurance company – he just switched to a plan that was a better match for the drugs he takes.



Lung Cancer Drug

By using the Medicare Plan Finder, a doctor whose mother had lung cancer learned that the **out-of-pocket cost for his mother's medication ranged from \$6,000 to \$79,000 per year**, depending on the plan – that's a difference of \$73,000!

Need More Help? Each state has a federally funded State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free one-on-one counseling on Medicare. If you need more help selecting the right health and drug plan, reach out to your state SHIP. You can look up contact information for each SHIP at <https://shiptacenter.org>. In Georgia, call 1-866-552-4464 (Option 4) or visit www.mygeorgiacares.org.



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Your Guide to Saving on Medicare Plans

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