

Medicare & Medicare Advantage FAQs



1. How do I compare Medicare Advantage plans?

A: At [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov), the *Medicare Plan Finder* can help you compare pricing and benefits between Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage and other types of plans. It also can help you check if your doctors, dialysis facility and current or potential transplant center are in-network with Medicare Advantage plans you are considering. Plans for the next calendar year will be available to view in the fall of the year before. Learn more about how the Medicare Plan Finder works by watching this [video](#).

1. Can I change my insurance plan?

A: You don't have to change your insurance. The decision to enroll in a different health insurance plan is always yours and you should enroll in the plan you feel is best for you. It's important to understand all of your coverage options before making any changes. For a list of things to consider when reviewing your options, [click here](#). If you'd like help understanding your insurance options, contact a DaVita patient advocate or insurance educator.

1. What are the different types of Medicare Advantage plans?

A: Yes, there are five types of Medicare Advantage plans, but three main types most people enroll in. The main difference is how you pay and receive health care services. Below are the most common types of Medicare Advantage plans:

- Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Plans
- Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plans
- Special Needs Plans (SNPs)

Less common types of Medicare Advantage Plans that may be available include Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) and Medicare Medical Savings Accounts (MSA). Depending on where you live, all, some or none of these types of plans may be available. To learn more about the specific plans you're eligible for, visit [Medicare.gov/Plan-Compare](https://www.Medicare.gov/Plan-Compare) or work with a [patient advocate](#).

Talk to an educator

Call the Patient Advocate Helpline: 1-888-405-8915

(for chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients not yet on dialysis.)

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