

# BETTER CARE AMERICA

# Medicare Advantage

**27 million Americans choose to get their Medicare benefits through a Medicare Advantage plan. Medicare Advantage is a public-private partnership where health insurance providers cover everything traditional Medicare covers — and more.**

## **Medicare Advantage is growing, serving more than 40% of all those eligible for Medicare today.**

Americans from all backgrounds who are 65+ or living with disabilities — including nearly [half](#) of all racial/ethnic minorities eligible for Medicare — choose Medicare Advantage. [40%](#) of Medicare Advantage members make less than \$25,000 per year and [57%](#) are women.\* Medicare Advantage members also tend to be older than those enrolled in traditional Medicare. In fact, [63%](#) of Medicare Advantage enrollees are 70 or older, compared with 57% of traditional Medicare enrollees.

Americans who are eligible for Medicare can enroll in Medicare Advantage plans during the Open Enrollment Period each year, which usually runs from mid-October through early December.

Medicare Advantage plans deliver high quality, affordable coverage. They cap out-of-pocket costs for seniors and people with disabilities, which regular Medicare doesn't, and they cover services and extra benefits that traditional Medicare does not cover, including **prescription drug coverage, vision, hearing, and dental coverage**, and **health and wellness programs**.

\*Based on AHIP analysis of 2018 Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey Public Use File

## **IN 2021:**

- Enrollment is likely to increase by close to double-digit percentages.
- On average, Medicare Advantage premiums are their [lowest in the last 14 years](#), declining 34% from 2017.
- Medicare Advantage plans will be **available to 99% of Medicare-eligible Americans**.
- The average Medicare beneficiary has access to [33 Medicare Advantage plans](#) in 2021.
- **94% of seniors with Medicare Advantage say they're satisfied with their coverage** and 61% of seniors are very satisfied with their Medicare Advantage.
- **95% of seniors with Medicare Advantage** would recommend their coverage to their family and friends.
- Payments to Medicare Advantage plans are [on par](#) with traditional Medicare spending.
- In the wake of COVID-19, Medicare Advantage plans are taking decisive action to support seniors and people with disabilities, including waiving patient cost-sharing for diagnostic testing, treatment, and vaccination for COVID-19, expanding telehealth services, and more.

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Visit [AHIP.org](#) for more information about how health insurance providers are [improving COVID-19 vaccine access and acceptance](#).

**The average Medicare Advantage monthly plan premium decreased 11% to \$21.00 (estimated) in 2021 from an average of \$23.63 in 2020.**

Medicare Advantage has strong bipartisan support among policymakers. In 2020, a record 403 Members of Congress signed onto bipartisan letters in support of the program. More recently, [dozens of lawmakers](#) from both parties and representing districts where the majority of eligible seniors choose Medicare Advantage came together to support and protect the program. These 70 lawmakers signed a letter to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra to protect and strengthen MA for the tens of millions of seniors and individuals with disabilities who rely on it.

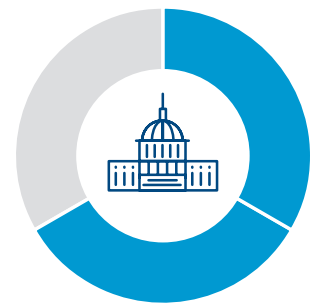
Medicare Advantage also helps [drive down costs](#) for taxpayers: the more people who enroll in Medicare Advantage, the slower costs grow for traditional Medicare.



**3 in 4 seniors** say it is important the federal government preserve funding for Medicare Advantage.



**3 in 4 seniors** say they are more likely to vote for their Member of Congress if they supported additional Medicare Advantage funding.



**2 in 3 seniors** say the federal government should fund Medicare Advantage at a rate that fully covers increasing health care costs.

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