

Choices Volunteers



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General Medicare Information:

- [Eligibility Quick Guide 2018](#) (updated 03/14/18)
- [Quick Guide Supplement 2018](#) (updated 01/17/18)
- [Medicare & You 2018](#) (updated 09/27/17)
- [Medicare Electronic Medicare Summary Notices](#) (added 02/28/18)
- [Medicare Publications](#) (added 02/28/18)
- [Bundled Payment for Care Improvement](#) (added 03/03/16)
- [Health Savings Accounts + Medicare](#) (added 03/24/16)
- [Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B \(English\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Application for Enrollment in Medicare Part B \(Spanish\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Inpatient or Outpatient?](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

- [**New CT Law - “Observation Status” 10/1/14**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Self Help Packet for Medicare Observation Status**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Physician Compare**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Hospital Compare**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Nursing Home Compare**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Medicare Costs in 2018**](#) (reviewed 01/31/18)
- [**Understanding Medicare Enrollment Periods**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Key Enrollment Periods for Medicare**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Medicare Premiums: Rules for Higher-Income Beneficiaries**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Agent/Broker Dos+Dont**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Your Discharge Planning Checklist**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Your Guide to Medicare’s Preventive Services**](#) (reviewed 04/12/17)
- [**Guide to Consumer Mailings \(CMS, SS & Plans\)**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

Medicare Part C & D



- [**Re-Determination of Part D Low-Income Subsidy Eligibility for 2017**](#) (added 08/11/16)
- [**2018 Part D Benchmark Plans**](#) (reviewed 10/11/17)
- [**Part D Prescription Form \(PIF\)**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Choices Client Name & Contact Information**](#) (updated 10/25/17)
- [**Choices Reporting Log**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Extra Help and Paying the Right Amount**](#) (reviewed 01/31/18)
- [**Medicare’s Limited Income Net Program**](#) (updated 01/31/18)
- [**LINET-60 Day Maximum Days Supply**](#) (added 01/31/18)
- [**Drug Coverage Part D vs Part B**](#) (reviewed 01/31/18)
- [**Fairfield County Landscape of 2018 Medicare Plans**](#) (updated 11/01/17)

- [Fairfield County 2018 Medicare Advantage Plans](#) (updated 11/01/17)
- [Guide to Choosing a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan](#) (updated 10/26/16)
- [Part D 2018 Standard Plan Cost Sharing](#) (updated 01/31/18)
- [Eligibility & Premium Calculator](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Conversion Equivalents](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Late Enrollment Penalty Guide](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Trouble Shooting Plan Finder Problems - Instructions](#) (updated 11/22/17)
- [Trouble Shooting Plan Finder Problems - Form](#) (updated 11/22/17)
- [SHIP/Plan Finder Complaint Protocol](#) (added 11/22/17)

Medicare Savings Program Information

- [MSP Application \(English\)](#) (updated 12/07/16)
- [MSP Application \(Spanish\)](#) (updated 12/07/16)
- [MSP Brochure \(English\)](#) (updated 04/11/18)
- [MSP Frequently Asked Questions](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [MSP Application/Redetermination Pre-fillable form](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Medicare Savings Program Presentation](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
Available for Counselor's Use

Medigap Information

- [Medigap Fact Sheet](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Medigap Rates\(English\)](#) (updated 04/11/18)
- [Medigap Rates\(Spanish\)](#) (updated 04/11/18)
- [Medigap Rates\(French\)](#) (updated 04/11/18)
- [Approved Medicare Supplement Policies](#) (updated 04/02/18)

DMEPOS and Diabetic Suppliers

- [Requirements for Initial Orders of Home Health Services and Certain DME.](#) (added 08/09/17)
- [DMEPOS Frequently Asked Questions](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Diabetic Mail Order Fact Sheet](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [DMEPOS Supplier Directory](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

Access Health CT

- [Access Health CT](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Turning 65 while on Access Health](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

DSS Information

- [ConneCT Website](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [DSS Health Care Programs](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [DSS Problem Cases Referral Sheet](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [DSS Renewing Your Benefits](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [FastLink Cover Sheet](#) (updated 11/15/16)
- [DSS Forms \(SNAP, Community Medical, Cash Assistance\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [2-1-1's EBT Card Replacement Service](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Title 19 Application Verification Checklist](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Provider Directory for Husky or Charter Oak](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Husky Health Contact List](#) (reviewed 10/26/16)

Long Term Care Information

- [LTC Publications](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [LTC Phone List](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)

- [**SMP Minute 12/2016 - Who Pays First Medicare or Other Insurance**](#) (added 12/07/16)
- [**SMP Minute 11/2016 - Medigap Insurance**](#) (added 11/23/16)
- [**Balance Billing Protections Cover Most Duals**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Scam Alert from State Department on Aging**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Special Committee on Aging Fraud Hotline**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**BBB Joins Fight Against Elderly Abuse**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**How to Protect Seniors from Health Insurance Scams**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

General Information

- [**Federal Poverty Level 2018**](#) (updated 01/31/18)
- [**ShipTalk: Reporting Your Work as a Counselor**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Media Activity Form Pre-fillable form**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Important Telephone Numbers**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Assistive Technology Loan Program**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Guide to Consumer Mailings from CMS and SS**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Programs That Help People**](#) by CAHS and CT Light & Power (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**my Social Security \(Manage your benefits\)**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [**Social Security Information \(PDF & Audio\)**](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

Training Information

- [**Medicare Part D Appeals and the Part D Late Enrollment Penalty Webinar 2-8-18.**](#) (added 02/14/18)
- [**Volunteer Risk and Program Management \(VRPM\) Policy Manual.**](#) (added 01/03/18)
- [**Volunteer Risk and Program Management \(VRPM\) Handbook.**](#) (added 01/03/18)
- [**Understanding the Veterans Home and Community Based**](#)

[Services, May 2016](#) (updated 05/18/16)

- [Medicare Savings Program, June 2015](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Choices Training October 2015](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [CMS National Training Program](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [CHCPE & New Online Referral Process](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)
- [Home & Community Based Services \(HCBS\)](#) (reviewed 01/28/16)

Useful Websites and Resources

- [Center for Medicare Advocacy](#)
- [ConneCT](#)
- [Access Health CT](#)
- [Medicare](#)

- [Social Security](#)



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