

Medicare’s Planfinder for MAPs and stand-alone Part D plans (rev. August 2026)

Go to [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) and click any button that will get you to the plans, such as this one on the right. If doing this in the Fall, make sure to click the correct year if it gives you a choice.



Then log in with an existing account, create an account, or click [Continue without logging in](#). If you do log in, the next screen may tell you “You have an employer plan.” If instead you have a marketplace plan, the next screen has lots of info links about your current arrangements (your Medicare card, providers, update saved pharmacies, pay premium, edit account settings, etc., including details about the plan itself). Even from “Welcome” screen you can make changes to some things (e.g., your pharmacies, drug list).

If you don’t log in, you won’t be able to save your drug list, but that might be the best option on a public computer. Enter your zip code, then choose the type of plan you’re exploring (MAPD or Drug Plan), then [Find Plans](#). Answer any of the questions on providers, whether you get help from other programs, whether you want to see drug costs for comparisons (“Yes” in most cases), and your providers.

Add your prescription drug(s): Start typing drug name; when it appears, click [Add Drug](#). If you asked for a brand name, it will let you know if a generic is available and asks if you’d prefer it. (Add both the brand and the generic separately if you want to compare both; it will price out both, then add them together for a final cost, so be careful of that, since you don’t want both of them at the same time.) Enter dosage, quantity and frequency, then click [Add to My Drug List](#). Look for [Remove drug](#) or [Edit drug](#) to change things you’ve just added. (If logged in, there’s an option to “Add recently filled drugs.”) Click [Add Another Drug](#), then [Done Adding Drugs](#). Warning: if you’re not logged in, add drugs pretty quickly so you don’t get kicked off.

Note: When I created my account, Medicare showed my drug history claims for the last year. If this is still happening, select the ones you want to keep, and add any others. This list will be saved after you log out. If you haven’t included all of them, there’s a link to access to your claim history: put the missing ones in.

Choose up to 5 pharmacies: Click the first box for “Mail-order Pharmacy,” choose distance from the drop-down, then up to 4 others from the list. You’ll see them get added to the banner at the bottom. Click the “Continue” and the next screen lists the plans in your area, defaulting to “Lowest drug + premium cost” in the drop-down menu of options.

Lowest yearly drug deductible

Lowest health plan deductible

Lowest drug + premium cost

Lowest Monthly premium

Other links on this screen include changing your zipcode and plan type, and adding filters: [Plan benefits](#), [Insurance Carrier](#), [Drug Coverage](#), [Star Ratings](#), plus some others at the [View all filters](#) link. Details for each plan listed include: name of plan, star rating, monthly premium, yearly drug & premium cost, deductible, drug deductible, In- & Out-of-pocket maximum, “extras,” and copays/co-insurance.

Click on [View drugs & their costs](#) for pricing comparisons and a lot of detailed information.

Scroll down and use the buttons for many more drugs and benefits details, including preferred pharmacies, tiering, coverage gap, drug restrictions (quantity, frequency, step therapy) and all the “extras.”

+ View more drug coverage

+ View more extra benefits

Back in the previous screen, click the “Add to compare” box for up to 3 plans, then the button at the bottom right corner of the screen to lay these out side-by-side. Major comparison categories are: Overview, Benefits & Costs, Extra Benefits, and Drug coverage & Costs.

Enroll

Plan Details

☐ Add to compare

Print using the inexplicably tiny icon at the top right corner of the screen.



Aetna Medicare Elite (PPO)

Aetna Medicare | Plan ID: H5521-120-0

Star rating: ★★★★★

Monthly Premium

\$0.00

Includes: Health & drug coverage

Doesn't include: the standard Part B premium

What's the standard Part B premium? ⓘ

Plan Benefits

✓ Vision

✓ Dental

✓ Hearing

✗ Transportation

✓ Fitness benefits

See more benefits

Total Drug & Premium Cost (for the rest of 2026)

\$1,077.28

Retail pharmacy: Estimated total drug + premium cost

Doesn't include: Health costs

Other Costs

\$1,000 Annual deductible

\$615.00

Maximum you pay for health services

\$13,900 In and Out-of-network

\$9,250 In-network

Copays/Coinsurance

Primary doctor: \$5 copay

Specialist: \$0-\$45 copay

Drugs

✓ Includes drug coverage

View drugs & their costs

✗ Over-the-counter drug benefits

✓ Worldwide emergency care

✓ Telehealth

✗ In-home support services

✗ Home and bathroom safety devices

✗ Personal emergency response system

✗ Part B premium reduction

Benefits & Costs	
DOCTOR SERVICES View Provider Network Directory	
Primary doctor visit	In-network: \$5 copay Out-of-network: \$50 copay
Specialist visit	In-network: \$0-\$45 copay Out-of-network: \$60 copay
TESTS, LABS, & IMAGING	
Diagnostic tests & procedures ▼	In-network: \$0-\$45 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance
Lab services	In-network: \$0-\$10 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance
Diagnostic radiology services (like MRI)	In-network: \$0-\$300 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance
Outpatient x-rays	In-network: \$45 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance
Emergency care	\$115 copay
Urgent care	\$40 copay

SAMPLE link expansions

PREVENTIVE SERVICES Health care to prevent illness or detect illness at an early stage, when treatment is likely to work best (like Pap tests, flu shots, and screening mammograms). Learn more about your costs for preventive services ⓘ	
Preventive services	In-network: \$0 copay Out-of-network: 0%-40% coinsurance
AMBULANCE	
Ground ambulance	In-network: \$285 copay Out-of-network: \$285 copay
THERAPY SERVICES	
Occupational therapy visit	In-network: \$35 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance
Physical therapy & speech & language therapy visit	In-network: \$35 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance

Learn more about your costs for preventive services

You'll pay nothing for some preventive services, like:

- Flu shots
- Colonoscopies
- Cervical and vaginal cancer screenings (like Pap tests)
- Breast cancer screenings (mammograms)

You'll have to pay a coinsurance for some other preventive services, like:

- Glaucoma tests
- Diabetes self-management training
- Barium enemas
- EKG or ECG screenings as part of your "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit

Costs shown don't include preventive services with copays.
[Contact the plan](#) to find out more about your costs for preventive services.

HOSPITAL SERVICES	
Inpatient hospital coverage	In-network: Tier 1 \$399 per day for days 1-6 \$0 per day for days 7-90 \$0 per stay Out-of-network: \$500 per day for days 1-20 \$0 per day for days 21-90 \$0 per stay
Outpatient hospital coverage	In-network: \$0-\$399 copay Out-of-network: 40% coinsurance
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY	
Skilled nursing facility	In-network: Tier 1 \$0 per day for days 1-20 \$218 per day for days 21-100 Out-of-network: 40% per stay

ESTIMATED DRUG COSTS BY PHARMACY			
Drug costs shown vary based on the plan and pharmacy that you use. Contact the plan if you have specific questions about drug costs. Can my drug costs change by pharmacy?			
	Robbins Pharmacy ✔ In-network	CVS Pharmacy #05058 ✔ Preferred	Mail Order Pharmacy ✔ Preferred
Restasis 0.05% emulsion	\$1,077.32	\$1,077.28	\$1,382.24
Total estimated drug cost for the rest of 2026	\$1,077.32	\$1,077.28	\$1,382.24