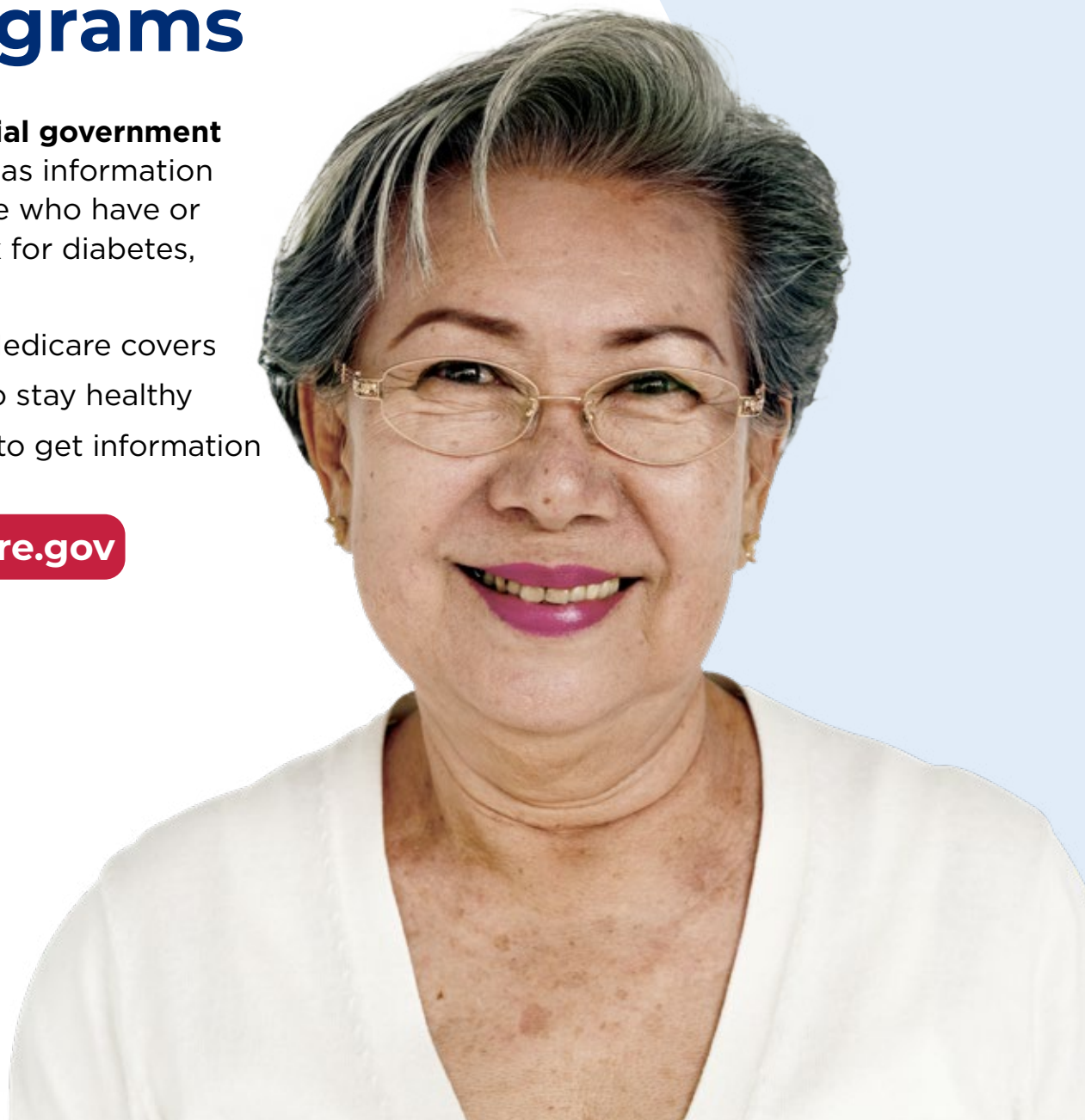


Medicare Coverage of Diabetes Supplies, Services & Prevention Programs

This **official government booklet** has information for people who have or are at risk for diabetes, including:

- What Medicare covers
- Ways to stay healthy
- Where to get information

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Section 1:

The basics

This booklet describes the diabetes supplies, services, and prevention programs that Original Medicare and Medicare drug coverage (Part D) cover.

Original Medicare includes Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). If you have Original Medicare, you can join a separate Medicare drug plan to get Part D. You can also buy Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) to help pay out-of-pocket costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover like **copayments**, **coinsurance**, and **deductibles**.

If you have Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C), you have Part A, Part B, and usually Part D coverage. Contact your plan to find out more about your coverage of diabetes supplies and services.

Your coverage at a glance

The chart on the following pages gives you basic information about some of the diabetes supplies and services that Part B and Part D cover.

Note: Go to page 19 for definitions of **blue** words

Supply or service	What Medicare covers	Your costs
Diabetes drugs Go to page 10.	Part D covers most diabetes drugs to maintain blood glucose (sugar). In some cases, Part B may cover insulin.	You pay a coinsurance or copayment . Part D deductible may also apply.
Diabetes screenings Go to page 12.	Part B covers these screenings if your doctor determines you're at risk for diabetes. You may be able to get up to 2 diabetes screenings each year if you qualify.	You pay nothing if your health care provider accepts assignment .
Diabetes self-management training Go to pages 13–14.	Part B covers this training if you've been diagnosed with diabetes and want to learn how to manage your disease. To get this training, you must have a written order from your health care provider.	After you meet the Part B deductible, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount .
Foot care Go to page 15.	Part B covers foot exams or treatment every 6 months if you have diabetes-related lower leg damage that can increase the risk of limb loss, as long as you haven't seen a foot care professional for another reason between visits.	After you meet the Part B deductible, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount.
Glaucoma screenings Go to page 15.	Part B covers these screenings to check your vision and optic nerve health to look for signs of the eye disease glaucoma. You can get one every 12 months if you're at high risk for glaucoma. An eye doctor who's legally allowed to do glaucoma tests in your state must do or supervise the screening.	After you meet the Part B deductible, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount.
Glucose meters & supplies Go to page 6.	Part B covers home glucose meters and related supplies (like test strips and lancets), and continuous glucose monitors and related supplies (like sensors). There may be limits on how much or how often you can get these supplies.	After you meet the Part B deductible, you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount.

Supply or service	What Medicare covers	Your costs
Hemoglobin A1C tests Go to page 15.	These lab tests measure how well your blood glucose (sugar) has been controlled over the past 3 months. If you have diabetes, Part B covers this test if your doctor orders it.	You pay nothing for Medicare-covered clinical diagnostic laboratory tests.
Insulin Go to page 10.	Part B covers insulin used with an insulin pump that's covered as Durable Medical Equipment (DME) under Part B. Part D plans may cover: • Injectable insulin (insulin you inject with a pen or a needle). • Insulin you use with pumps that aren't DME, such as certain disposable pumps. • Insulin that's inhaled.	You pay no more than \$35 for a one-month supply of insulin covered under Part B or Part D. The deductible doesn't apply. If your Part D plan covers pumps that aren't DME (like patch pumps), the pump itself might cost more than \$35.
Insulin-related supplies Go to page 10.	Part D plans cover certain medical supplies used for insulin injections (like syringes, needles, alcohol swabs, and gauze).	You pay a coinsurance or copayment . Part D deductible may also apply.
Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Go to pages 12–13.	Part B covers this health behavior change program to help you prevent type 2 diabetes.	You pay nothing if you qualify.
Medical nutrition therapy services Go to pages 14–15.	Part B may cover these services if you have diabetes or kidney disease. A doctor must refer you for these services. Only a registered dietitian or nutrition professional who meets certain requirements can give these services.	You pay nothing if you qualify.

Supply or service	What Medicare covers	Your costs
Therapeutic shoes or inserts Go to page 8.	Part B covers therapeutic shoes or inserts if you have diabetes and severe diabetes-related foot disease.	After you meet the Part B deductible , you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount .
Vaccines Go to page 15.	If you have diabetes, you have a higher risk of complications from certain diseases. To reduce your risk for infections: • Part B covers flu, pneumococcal, Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines. • Part D covers all adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) that aren't covered under Part B, including zoster (shingles), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and other vaccines.	You pay nothing for Part B vaccines if your doctor or health care provider accepts assignment . You pay nothing for Part D vaccines recommended by the ACIP.
“Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit Go to page 16.	Part B covers a one-time “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit within the first 12 months that you have Part B. This visit isn't a physical exam—it's a visit to review your health, give you education and counseling about preventive services (including certain vaccines), and get referrals for other care, if needed.	You pay nothing if your health care provider accepts assignment. The Part B deductible doesn't apply. You may have to pay a coinsurance , and the Part B deductible may apply if your provider does tests or services during your visit that Medicare doesn't cover under this preventive visit.
Yearly “Wellness” visit Go to page 16.	Part B covers a yearly “Wellness” visit after you've had Part B longer than 12 months. This visit isn't a physical exam—it's a visit to develop or update your personalized plan to help prevent disease and disability, based on your current health and risk factors.	You pay nothing if your provider accepts assignment. The Part B deductible doesn't apply. You may have to pay a coinsurance, and the Part B deductible may apply if your provider does tests or services during your visit that Medicare doesn't cover under this preventive visit.



Section 2:

Diabetes supplies & equipment

This section gives you information about which supplies and equipment Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers.

Note: Go to page 19 for definitions of **blue** words

Blood glucose meters & supplies

Blood glucose meters help you check your blood glucose (sugar) level at home using a small sample of blood, usually taken from your fingertip. Part B covers blood glucose meters and related supplies as **durable medical equipment**, including:

- Test strips
- Lancets and lancet holders
- Control solutions (for checking test strip and glucose meter accuracy)

The amount of supplies Part B covers varies. Every 3 months, you may be able to:

- Get up to 300 test strips and 300 lancets, if you use insulin.
- Get 100 test strips and 100 lancets, if you don't use insulin.

Note: If your doctor says it's medically necessary, and you meet other requirements, **Medicare will allow you to get more test strips and lancets**. You may need to keep a record that shows how often you're actually testing yourself.

Continuous glucose monitors

Continuous glucose monitors track your blood sugar levels through a device that's attached to your body. If you have diabetes, Part B may cover a continuous glucose monitor and related supplies (like sensors). Before your doctor or other health care provider orders a continuous glucose monitor, they must evaluate you and make sure that you meet the following conditions:

- You take insulin or have a history of problems with low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).
- You or your caregiver have had enough training to use a continuous glucose monitor.

If you use a continuous glucose monitor, you must make routine in-person or Medicare-approved telehealth visits with your doctor.

Insulin pumps

If you use an insulin pump worn outside the body (external) that isn't disposable, Part B may cover insulin used with the pump and the pump itself as durable medical equipment. If you have a Part D plan, it may cover certain disposable pumps. Go to "Insulin" on page 10 for more information.

What do I need from my doctor to get these supplies covered?

Medicare will only cover equipment and supplies if you get a prescription from your doctor. The prescription should include information, like:

- Whether you have diabetes.
- What kind of glucose meter equipment you need and why you need it. (If you need a special monitor because of vision problems, your doctor must explain that.)
- Whether you use insulin.
- How often you should test your blood sugar.
- How many test strips and lancets you need for one month.

Note: You need a new prescription from your doctor for your lancets and test strips every 12 months. You also must ask for refills for your supplies.

Where can I get these supplies?

You can order your supplies from your pharmacy or through a medical equipment supplier (any company, person, or agency that gives you a medical item or service, except when you're an inpatient in a hospital or skilled nursing facility) after your doctor gives you or sends the prescription(s). If you use a mail-order pharmacy or medical equipment supplier, you'll need to call them to place your order.

What pharmacy or supplier should I use?

Make sure you get your supplies from a pharmacy or supplier that participates in Medicare and accepts **assignment**. This means:

- Your out-of-pocket costs may be less.
- They agree to charge you only the Medicare **deductible** and **coinsurance** amount and usually wait for Medicare to pay its share before asking you to pay your share.
- They have to submit your claim directly to Medicare and can't charge you for submitting the claim.

If your pharmacy or supplier **doesn't** accept assignment, you'll pay the entire charge at the time of service. Before you get any supplies, ask the pharmacy or supplier:

- Do you participate in Medicare?
- Do you accept assignment?

Visit [Medicare.gov/medical-equipment-suppliers](https://www.medicare.gov/medical-equipment-suppliers) to find a supplier that participates in Medicare. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Note: Medicare won't pay for any supplies you didn't ask for, or supplies that were sent to you automatically from suppliers, including glucose meters, test strips, and lancets. If you're getting misleading advertisements, supplies sent automatically, or suspect fraud related to your supplies, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

How do I replace lost or damaged durable medical equipment or supplies in a disaster or emergency?

If Original Medicare already paid for **durable medical equipment** (like a traditional insulin pump) or supplies (like diabetes-related supplies) and they're damaged or lost due to an emergency or disaster:

- In certain cases, Medicare will cover the cost to repair or replace your equipment or supplies.
- Generally, Medicare will also cover the cost of rentals for items (like wheelchairs) while your equipment is being repaired.

For more information, visit [Medicare.gov/providers-services/disaster-emergency](https://www.medicare.gov/providers-services/disaster-emergency), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Therapeutic shoes or inserts

If you have diabetes and severe diabetes-related foot disease, Part B will cover **one** of these each year:

- One pair of depth-inlay shoes and 3 pairs of inserts
- One pair of custom-molded shoes (including inserts) if you can't wear depth-inlay shoes because of a foot deformity, and 2 more pairs of inserts

Medicare may also cover separate inserts or shoe modifications instead of inserts, in certain cases.

How do I get therapeutic shoes or inserts?

For Medicare to pay for your therapeutic shoes or inserts, the doctor treating your diabetes must certify that you meet these 3 conditions:

- You have diabetes.
- You have at least one of these conditions in one or both feet:
 - A deformed foot
 - Calluses that could lead to foot ulcers
 - Nerve damage because of diabetes with signs of problems with calluses
 - Partial or complete foot amputation
 - Past foot ulcers
 - Poor circulation
- You're being treated under a comprehensive diabetes care plan and need therapeutic shoes and/or inserts because of diabetes.

Medicare also requires that:

- A podiatrist (foot doctor) or other qualified health care provider prescribes the shoes or inserts.
- A doctor or other qualified individual (like a pedorthist, orthotist, or prosthetist) fits and provides your shoes or inserts.



Section 3:

Diabetes drugs

This section gives you information about which diabetes drugs are covered by Medicare drug coverage (Part D) or Medicare Advantage Plans with drug coverage.

Negotiating drug prices: Medicare is negotiating with participating drug companies over the price of certain expensive brand-name Medicare Part B and Part D drugs that don't have competition, including drugs to treat diabetes. Prices for the first 10 Part D drugs that Medicare negotiated became available on January 1, 2026, and prices for the next 15 drugs that Medicare negotiated under Part D take effect on January 1, 2027. Contact your plan for details on how these negotiated prices might affect you. To learn more, visit [Medicare.gov/how-drug-plans-work](https://www.Medicare.gov/how-drug-plans-work).

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Diabetes drugs

Part D plans cover a variety of diabetes drugs. Check with your plan to find out which drugs they cover.

Insulin

Part B covers insulin used with an insulin pump that's covered as **durable medical equipment** under Part B.

If you have a Part D plan, it may cover:

- Injectable insulin (insulin you inject with a pen or a needle)
- Insulin you use with pumps that aren't covered as durable medical equipment under Part B, including:
 - Disposable pumps that are changed after 2-3 days (also called patch pumps)
 - Certain reusable pumps that use disposable insulin cartridges
 - Insulin that's inhaled

The cost of a one-month supply of each Part B- and Part D-covered insulin is no more than \$35, and you don't have to pay a **deductible** for your insulin. If you get Extra Help (a Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare Part D premiums, deductibles, **coinsurance**, and other costs) you'll pay less than \$35.

If you get a two-month or three-month supply of insulin, your costs can't be more than \$35 for each month's supply of each covered insulin product. For example, you'll generally pay no more than \$70 for a two-month supply of covered insulin. Similar limits on costs apply for insulin used in traditional insulin pumps covered under Part B.

Note: If you live in certain areas of the country, you may have to use specific insulin pump suppliers for Medicare to pay for a durable insulin pump.

Insulin-related supplies

If you have a Part D plan, it may cover certain supplies that you use to inject insulin, like:

- Alcohol swabs
- Gauze
- Needles
- Syringes

Part B doesn't cover insulin pens or insulin-related supplies, like syringes, needles, alcohol swabs, or gauze.



Section 4:

Diabetes services & prevention programs

This section gives you information about services and prevention programs Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers, including trainings to help you prevent, find, and treat diabetes. This section also gives you information about vaccines that Part B and Medicare drug coverage (Part D) cover.

ACCESS (Advancing Chronic Care with Effective, Scalable Solutions)

Starting July 5, 2026, Medicare is offering a new model to help people improve their health and prevent and manage chronic diseases (like diabetes). This is a voluntary model for people in Original Medicare. It connects your doctor with participating providers to help manage your chronic conditions. It may also help improve access to new technology-supported care options (like wearable blood pressure monitors and insulin detectors, and other convenient tools you can use at home) and might make your health care more affordable. Visit [Medicare.gov/ACCESS](https://www.medicare.gov/ACCESS) to learn more.

Diabetes screenings

Part B covers blood glucose (sugar) laboratory test screenings if your doctor or other health care provider determines you're at risk for developing diabetes. You may be at risk for diabetes if you have:

- High blood pressure
- History of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels
- Obesity (defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher)
- Impaired glucose (sugar) tolerance
- History of high blood sugar

Part B also covers these screenings if you have 2 or more of these risk factors:

- You're overweight (defined as having a BMI between 25 and 29.9)
- You have a family history of diabetes (parents or siblings)
- You have a history of gestational diabetes (having diabetes during pregnancy) or gave birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- You're 65 or older

If you qualify to get diabetes screenings, you can get up to 2 screenings every year (within 12 months of your most recent screening). After your initial diabetes screening test, your doctor will determine if you need a second test. Medicare covers these diabetes screenings:

- Fasting glucose (sugar) blood tests
- Hemoglobin A1C tests
- Other Medicare-approved glucose (sugar) blood tests as appropriate

If you think you may be at risk for diabetes, talk with your doctor to find out if you should get these tests.

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program

Part B covers the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program, a health behavior change program to help you prevent type 2 diabetes. The program begins with 16 weekly group sessions led by coaches in a group setting over a six-month period. In these sessions, you'll get:

- Training to make realistic, lasting behavior changes around diet and exercise
- Tips on how to get more exercise
- Strategies to control your weight
- A specially trained coach to help keep you motivated
- Support from people with similar goals and challenges

Once you complete the core sessions, you'll get 6 monthly follow-up sessions to help you maintain healthy habits.

To qualify, you must be at risk for developing type 2 diabetes and have:

- Part B (or a Medicare Advantage Plan)
- Test results (within 12 months of your first session) that show you have prediabetes:
 - Hemoglobin A1C test result between 5.7% and 6.4%
 - Fasting plasma glucose of 110–125 mg/dL
 - 2-hour plasma glucose of 140–199 mg/dL (oral glucose tolerant test)
- A body mass index (BMI) of 25 or more (BMI of 23 or more if you're Asian)
- No history of type 1 or type 2 diabetes or End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

How can I participate?

Through December 31, 2029, you can choose to participate in-person or virtually, or through a combination of both. If you attend virtually, you can choose either live or self-paced sessions. You can get these services from an approved Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program supplier. These suppliers may be traditional health care providers or organizations like community centers or faith-based organizations.

Visit [Medicare.gov/coverage/medicare-diabetes-prevention-program](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/medicare-diabetes-prevention-program) to find a program near you or online.

Diabetes self-management training

If you've been diagnosed with diabetes, Part B covers diabetes self-management training to help you learn how to manage your diabetes. Your doctor or other qualified health care provider must give you a written order for you to get this training.

How much training is covered?

Medicare will cover up to 10 hours of initial training—1 hour of individual training and 9 hours of group training. You must complete the initial training within 12 months from the time you start it. You may also get 2 hours of follow-up training each year, after the year you get the initial training. The follow-up training can be one-on-one training or group sessions.

Important: Your provider may prescribe up to 10 hours of individual training, rather than group sessions. You may get individual training if you have low-vision, a hearing impairment, a language or other communication difficulty, cognitive limitations, or group sessions aren't available within 2 months of the date of the order.

Where can I get this training?

You must get this training from an approved individual or program as part of a plan of care your provider prepares. Your provider will usually give you information about where to get this training.

Diabetes self-management training is available in many Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs give health care services to medically underserved people and groups who don't have adequate access to health care. You don't have to pay a Part B **deductible**. Visit findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov to find a health center near you.

What will I learn in this training?

The first diabetes self-management training session is an individual (one-on-one) meeting to help the instructors better understand your needs. Classroom training will cover topics, like:

- General information about diabetes, including:
 - Benefits of blood sugar control
 - Risks of poor blood sugar control
 - Blood sugar testing and how to improve your diabetes control
 - How diet, exercise, and medication affect blood sugar
 - How to manage and improve blood sugar control
- Behavior changes, goal setting, and problem solving, including:
 - How to prevent, recognize, and treat complications from your diabetes
 - Nutrition and how to manage your diet
 - Why exercising is important to your health
 - Taking your medications properly
 - Foot, skin, and dental care
 - How to adjust emotionally to having diabetes
 - Family involvement and support
 - Using the health care system and resources in your community

Medical nutrition therapy services

In addition to diabetes self-management training, Part B covers medical nutrition therapy services if you have diabetes or kidney disease, and meet certain criteria. A doctor must refer you for these services. A registered dietitian (or certain other nutrition professionals) can give you these services:

- An initial nutrition and lifestyle assessment
- Nutrition counseling (what foods to eat and how to follow an individualized diabetic meal plan)
- Tips on how to manage lifestyle factors that affect your diabetes
- Follow-up visits to check on your progress

Medical nutrition therapy is available in many Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Visit findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov to find a health center near you.

Foot care

If you have diabetes-related lower leg damage that can increase the risk of limb loss, Part B will cover one foot exam every 6 months by a podiatrist (foot doctor) or other foot care specialist, as long as you haven't seen a foot care professional for another reason between visits. Medicare may cover more frequent visits if you've had a non-traumatic amputation of all or part of your foot and it isn't caused by an injury, or your feet have changed in the way they look, which may signal that you have serious foot disease.

Hemoglobin A1C tests

A hemoglobin A1C test is a lab test that measures how well your blood glucose (sugar) has been controlled over the past 3 months. If you have diabetes, Part B covers this test if your doctor or other health care provider orders it.

Glaucoma screenings

Glaucoma screenings painlessly check your vision and optic nerve health to look for signs of the eye disease glaucoma. Part B will cover this screening once every 12 months if you're at increased risk of developing glaucoma because you have at least one of these conditions:

- Diabetes
- A family history of glaucoma
- Are African-American and 50 or older
- Are Hispanic and 65 or older

An eye doctor who's legally allowed to give this service in your state must give you the screening or supervise it.

Vaccines

If you have diabetes, you have a higher risk of complications from certain diseases. It's important to stay up to date with recommended vaccinations to reduce your risk for infection. Talk with your doctor or other health care provider to find out about which vaccines are right for you.

Part B covers preventive vaccines for:

- Flu
- COVID-19
- Hepatitis B
- Pneumococcal

Part D covers all adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) that aren't covered under Part B, including Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Zoster (shingles), Tdap, and more.

“Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit

During the first 12 months that you have Part B, you can get a “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit. During the visit, you and your doctor or other health care provider will talk about things like your medical and social history related to your health, education and counseling about preventive services (like screenings and vaccines), and referrals for other care you may need. **The “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit isn’t a physical exam.**

Yearly “Wellness” visit

If you’ve had Part B for longer than 12 months, you can get a yearly “Wellness” visit. This visit can help you develop or update your personalized plan based on your current health and risk factors. **The yearly “Wellness” visit isn’t a physical exam.**

Medicare covers this visit once every 12 months. During this visit, your health care provider will:

- Review your medical and family history.
- Review your current prescriptions.
- Take your height, weight, blood pressure, and other routine measurements.
- Give you a written plan (like a checklist) letting you know what screenings, vaccines, and other preventive services you need.
- Evaluate your potential risk factors for substance use disorder and refer you for treatment, if needed.
- Perform a cognitive assessment to look for signs of dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease.

Supplies & services that Medicare doesn’t cover

Original Medicare and Medicare drug coverage (Part D) don’t cover:

- Eyeglasses and exams for glasses, except after cataract surgery
- Orthopedic shoes (shoes for people whose feet are impaired, but intact)
- Cosmetic surgery
- Routine physical exams



Section 5:

More information

This section gives you information about resources available to help you make health care choices and decisions that meet your needs.

To get more information about diabetes supplies, services, and prevention programs:

- Visit [Medicare.gov/coverage](https://www.medicare.gov/coverage).
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Websites & phone numbers

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC has information and resources on prediabetes, type 2 diabetes prevention, and diabetes management.

Visit [CDC.gov/diabetes](https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes)

Call 1-800-232-4636

National Diabetes Prevention Program

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is a lifestyle change program led by the CDC. The program helps people prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

Visit [CDC.gov/diabetes-prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes-prevention)

Find a Health Center

This site helps you search for HRSA-funded health centers, like Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), near you.

Visit findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov

Indian Health Service (IHS)

IHS gives federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This site has information to help you prevent and manage diabetes, success stories, and educational materials.

Visit [IHS.gov/diabetes](https://www.ihs.gov/diabetes)

MyHealthfinder

MyHealthfinder gives you personalized recommendations for preventive health care services based on your age and sex. You can also find health information about diabetes.

Visit healthfinder.gov/health-conditions/diabetes

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

SHIPs give people with Medicare, their families, and caregivers free, personalized health insurance counseling.

Visit shiphelp.org

Call 1-800-860-8747



Section 6:

Definitions

Assignment—An agreement by your doctor, other health care provider, or supplier to be paid directly by Medicare, to accept the payment amount Medicare approves for the service as payment in full, and not to bill you for any more than the Medicare deductible and coinsurance.

Coinsurance—An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for benefits after you pay any deductibles. Coinsurance is usually a percentage (for example, 20%).

Copayment—An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for benefits after you pay any deductibles. A copayment is a fixed amount, like \$30.

Deductible—The amount you must pay for health care or prescriptions before Original Medicare, your Medicare Advantage Plan, your Medicare drug plan, or your other insurance begins to pay.

Durable medical equipment—Certain medical equipment, like a walker, wheelchair, or hospital bed, that's ordered by your doctor for use in the home.

Medicare-approved amount—The payment amount that Original Medicare sets for a covered service or item. Medicare pays its share and you pay your share of that amount.

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1. **Call us:**

For Medicare: 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY: 1-877-486-2048

For Marketplace: 1-800-318-2596 TTY: 1-855-889-4325

2. **Email us:** altformatrequest@cms.hhs.gov

3. **Send us a letter:**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Offices of Hearings and Inquiries (OHI)

7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop DO-01-20

Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

Attn: Customer Accessibility Resource Staff (CARS)

Your request should include your name, phone number, type of information you need (if known), and the mailing address where we should send the materials. We may contact you for additional information.

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1. **Online:**

[HHS.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html](https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html)

2. **By phone:**

Call 1-800-368-1019.

TTY users can call 1-800-537-7697.

3. **In writing:** Send information about your complaint to:

Office for Civil Rights

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW

Room 509F, HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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