

Losing Medicaid?

Medicare coverage could be an option



If you recently lost (or will soon lose) Medicaid, you may be able to sign up for Medicare or change your current Medicare coverage. **Don't wait.** If you qualify, you'll have a limited time to sign up or make changes.

If you're losing Medicaid and now qualify for Medicare, but didn't sign up for Medicare when you first became eligible:

- You can sign up for Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance), Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), or both without paying a late enrollment penalty.
- You have 6 months after your Medicaid coverage ends to sign up. Your Medicare coverage will start the month after you sign up, or the month your Medicaid coverage ends, whichever you choose.
- You can sign up by filling out a **CMS-10797** form and mailing or faxing it to your local **Social Security office**. You can also call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

Note: If you sign up for Part A and/or Part B, you'll also have 2 months to join a Medicare drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (with or without drug coverage). You must have both Part A and Part B to join a Medicare Advantage Plan.

If you have Medicare and Medicaid, and you lose Medicaid, you can:

- Join a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage or a Medicare drug plan.
- Change your current Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare drug plan.
- Join a plan or make changes within 3 months of whichever date is later:
 - The date your state tells you that your Medicaid coverage is ending.
 - The date your Medicaid coverage ends.

Note: If you drop a Medicare Advantage Plan, you have the option to return to Original Medicare.

Want to learn more about Medicare?

Visit Medicare.gov, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free, personalized health insurance counseling. Visit shiphelp.org, or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number for your state's SHIP.