

## Key Facts:

Medicare Advantage provides the same benefits as FFS Medicare, with additional consumer protections:

- Annual out-of-pocket cost protections.
- Quality accountability.
- Supplemental benefits such as vision, hearing, dental and fitness.
- Provider networks to ensure beneficiary access to care.
- More flexible benefit and payment structures to meet patients needs.





**Medicare Advantage is an option that allows Medicare-eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities to choose a private, integrated managed care health plan to receive their Medicare benefits, instead of Traditional Fee-For-Service (FFS). Medicare Advantage offers consumer protections not available in FFS Medicare.**

## Out-of-Pocket Costs in Medicare Advantage

Medicare Advantage covers all Medicare benefits, typically includes prescription drug coverage, and offers extra benefits and lower out-of-pocket costs compared to FFS Medicare. Medicare Advantage offers an integrated system of care delivery which requires providers to ensure access to all necessary care and enables providers to coordinate care for beneficiaries.

Medicare Advantage has an annual limit on out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries. FFS Medicare does not have out-of-pocket cost protections. With a more flexible benefit and payment structure, Medicare Advantage can offer patients tailored services to meet patient's needs in the most appropriate setting, with the most appropriate provider.

## Medicare Advantage Covers All Medicare Benefits and Often Includes Prescription Drug Coverage and Extra Benefits at Lower Out-of-Pocket Costs than FFS Medicare

		COVERAGE	2021 MONTHLY PREMIUM	2021 COST SHARING*
Medicare FFS	Part A 	Hospital Services	Typically \$0, or up to \$471	Deductible: \$1,484/year Copay/Coinsurance: Varies
	Part B 	Physician Services	Typically \$148.50, or more for higher income enrollees	Deductible: \$203/year Coinsurance: Typically 20%
Medicare Advantage	Part C 	Hospital Services, Physician Services, Medications from a Pharmacy, and Other Supplemental Benefits	\$21.00 on average	Total Cost Sharing: Limited to \$7,550/year***
Part D 	Part D	Medications from a Pharmacy	\$30.50 base premium	Deductible: Limited to \$445 Coinsurance: 25% for up to \$4,130 in total drug costs**

Note: A beneficiary enrolled in Part A and/or B through the federal government is covered under FFS.

\*Includes deductibles, copayments/coinsurance \*\*Before the coverage gap \*\*\*CMS recommends no more than \$3,450

## High-Value Provider Networks in Medicare Advantage

Medicare Advantage health plans partner with providers to build networks that coordinate and manage care for enrollees' conditions to achieve better health outcomes. Medicare Advantage is subject to quality accountability through annual reporting on performance. FFS Medicare can often lead to fragmented care.

### Medicare Advantage provider networks must:

- Meet strict adequacy standards to ensure beneficiary access to care based on distance and clinical need.
- Include at least 27 provider specialty types and 13 facility specialty types within a certain distance to beneficiaries' homes to ensure proper access to care