

Comparing and Choosing Plans

- Things to Consider
- Collecting Information
- Entering Drugs
- Selecting Pharmacies
- Sorting Plans
- Enrolling in a Plan



Things to Consider Before

Joining a Plan

- Important questions to ask
 - Do you have other current health insurance coverage?
 - What about current prescription drug coverage?
 - Is any prescription drug coverage you might have as good as Medicare drug coverage?
 - How does your current coverage work with Medicare?
 - Could joining a plan affect your current coverage?
 - Or affect a family member's coverage?



Step 1: Collect Information

- Collect information
 - Current prescription drug coverage
 - Prescription drugs, dosages, and quantities
 - Preferred pharmacy
 - Medicare card
 - You will need the Effective Dates on the card to process enrollment
 - ZIP code



Step 2: Entering Prescription Drugs

- Enter drugs and dosages to medicare.gov for personalized report
 - Make sure that dosages and frequencies are accurate to assure correct pricing
- Use Retrieve Drug List to retrieve a previous list with an ID number and password date



Selecting Pharmacies

- Select the preferred pharmacy
- If you cannot find your preferred pharmacy, make the radius search larger
- Mail order pharmacy will be selected when sorting plans



Sorting Plans

- Choose Stand Alone Part D Plan
- Medicare Advantage
- Sort
 - Premium amount or deductible
 - Retail or Mail Order Pricing



Comparing and Enrolling

- Compare plans by price, pharmacy selection
 - Estimated Annual Cost
 - Estimated Mail Order Cost
- Look at monthly costs and copays
- Enroll in a plan



Step 3: Decide and Enroll

- Decide which plan is best for you and enroll
 - Online
 - www.medicare.gov
 - Click “Enroll” by the plan name
 - Plan’s website
 - Telephone
 - 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048)
 - The plan
 - Mail or fax enrollment form to plan



Quiz

- Please take the following quiz about how to compare and enroll in a Medicare Part D plan. You will have two changes to complete the quiz.
- If you do not successfully complete the quiz, please call the OSHIIP hotline at 1-800-686-1578 for further instruction. Good luck!



Please fill in the blank

Medicare Part D and Advantage Plans can
be compared at



You will need which of the following to compare Medicare Part D options?

- A) Prescription Drug List
- B) Medicare Card
- C) Pharmacy Choice
- D) All of the Above



What enrollment methods will be accepted by Medicare Part D Plans?

- A) www.medicare.gov
- B) calling 1-800-MEDICARE
- C) Enrollment through the plan
- D) All of the Above



What is the best way to choose a Medicare Drug or health plan?

- A) Ask your neighbor which one he has
- B) Pick the one with the best commercial
- C) Compare at www.medicare.gov
- D) Keep the same plan from last year



The Drug List ID is important to write down and keep, because it will allow you to retrieve a drug list for the same client at a later date.

A) True

B) False



Medicare Drug and Health options should be compared annually

- A) True
- B) False



What should be considered when comparing Medicare Drug and Health options?

- A) Coverage
- B) Convenience
- C) Cost
- D) Customer Service
- E) All of the above

