

# MyGuide to: Evaluating your Medicare options

In the third of a three-part series of resources about transitioning to Medicare, we provide tips for using a benefits comparison worksheet and other resources.

## Benefits comparison worksheet

The worksheet on the back of this resource can help you compare coverage and costs of different Medicare plans.

## Questions guide you in calculating a plan's:



Annual premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket (OOP) limits.



Pharmacy benefits, including the drug formulary list, which may tell you whether your immune globulin (Ig) medication is covered.

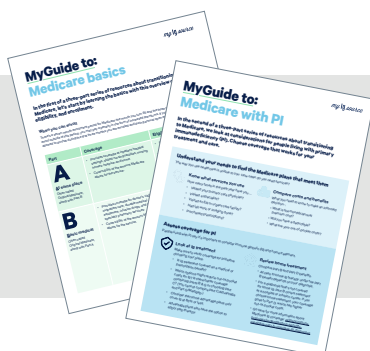


Outpatient, hospital, and emergency care coverage.



## Visit these third-party resources

- **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**—These programs provide counseling services to Medicare beneficiaries. They review plan specifics and assist in making educated, informed Medicare decisions.
- **Hardship assistance program**—This is aid that may be available through your infusion provider.
- **Drug discount companies (GoodRx, NeedyMeds, ScriptSave WellRx)**—The drug discount companies negotiate prices with pharmacies and your cost for a prescription medication may be less than what you'd pay under Part D.
- **Medicare.gov and primaryimmune.org**—These and other sites offer comprehensive worksheets and resources online.



As you navigate the evaluation of Medicare options, education and self-advocacy can help. So can our Patient Advocates. For our complete Medicare resources series, contact a Patient Advocate at 855-250-5111.

## Plan Cost Comparison Worksheet

<b>Plan Name(s)</b>			
Annual premium	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial</b>			
Annual deductible	\$	\$	\$
Coinsurance	\$	\$	\$
<b>Preventive Care</b>			
Annual physical exam copays and/or coinsurance	\$	\$	\$
Annual immunizations copays and/or coinsurance	\$	\$	\$
<b>Outpatient Care (ongoing copays after deductible is met)</b>			
Physician's office visit copays	\$	\$	\$
Specialist's office visit copays	\$	\$	\$
Surgical expense	\$	\$	\$
Laboratory services expense	\$	\$	\$
<b>Hospital Care Charges (inpatient services)</b>			
Physician's and surgeon's services expense	\$	\$	\$
<b>Immune Globulin Therapy</b>			
Copays/coinsurance	\$	\$	\$
Are nursing and ancillary fees covered?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
<b>Total Estimated Cost per Healthcare Plan</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b>Pharmacy Benefit</b>			
Do you have a copy of the plan's drug formulary list?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Yearly deductible (pharmacy)	\$	\$	\$
Copay Tier 1 (generics)	\$	\$	\$
Copay Tier 2 (brand/preferred)	\$	\$	\$
Copay Tier 3 (brand/non-preferred)	\$	\$	\$
Coinsurance Tier 4 (specialty tier)	%	%	%
% of cost share or copay dollar amount	\$	\$	\$
If your plan(s) has a specialty tier with coinsurance, is there a maximum OOP cost for each prescription?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is there a yearly OOP maximum?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Is Ig covered under the pharmacy benefit?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Do you have more than one choice of pharmacy provider?	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
<b>Total Estimated Cost per Pharmacy Plan</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

Follow us on  facebook.com/MyIgSource and  @myigsource

**Takeda Commitment.** Takeda strives toward better health and a brighter future for people worldwide through leading innovation in medicine. We are committed to leading the way in plasma-derived therapies, which are a core part of our business and reflect our consistent, overarching values of integrity, fairness, honesty, and perseverance. As plasma is critical for the treatment of a variety of chronic, rare diseases, Takeda's investment, focus, and commitment to plasma is top priority.