



## Information Partners Can Use to Help People with Medicare on: **Enhancements to Plan Finder Tools on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)**

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It's now even easier for users to compare Medicare drug and health plan options. This fact sheet highlights some of the web enhancements to the **Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder** and **Medicare Options Compare** (formerly known as Medicare Personal Plan Finder) at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) on the web.

Online enrollment is now available on **Medicare Options Compare** for all Medicare plans except Medicare Cost Plans, Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and employer/union plans. The **Medicare Prescription Drug Plan** and **Medicare Options Compare** both have a new appearance. The data is the same but presented with a cleaner look. There is more streamlined navigation with reduced page scrolling and simplified text. Other enhancements that make these tools even better for people with Medicare and those who help them compare plans include:

### **View and Compare Plans**

- Compare plans' out-of-pocket costs (available in Medicare Options Compare)
- Compare plans based on price and benefit structure (available in Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder)
- Sort plans based on Estimated Annual Cost or narrow the search based on what is important to the user (for example, monthly premium or drug coverage)
- Narrow plans by state and preference, such as drug plans with no coverage gap or with low premiums (available in the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder, select "Plans in Your Area" section on the website)
- "Plans in Your Area" (available in Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder) enhances the landscape pages by streamlining the information and providing a cleaner display
- Start Medigap comparisons from the Home Page of Medicare Options Compare
- In the Medigap section of Medicare Options Compare, view Medigap policies that are offered to people under age 65
- Find plans in your state that match your required drug list by using the streamlined "Formulary Finder"

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## Monthly Cost Estimator

- Available in the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder
- Displays a personalized chart showing the person's estimated costs month-by-month for the year
- Provides users with information on how to save money on their prescription drugs (select "Lower My Cost Share" section on the website)

## Personal Information

- Enter personal information (such as Medicare number, date of birth) to get plan results more tailored to the person's current enrollment and the options available
- Enter current drugs and get a personalized comparison of plans and benefits
- Save prescription drug information, pharmacy information, and up to 10 plans without having to re-enter that data (available only in the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder)

## For More Information

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), and select "Frequently Asked Questions"
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)
- TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048