

SHICK counseling is free, unbiased, confidential, and available to anyone with questions about Medicare.

Trained counselors are available statewide to assist with:

- Medicare questions
- Medicare claims and appeals
- Medicare fraud
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)
- Employer Group Plans as supplement insurance
- Medicaid
- Other health insurance options
- Long-Term Care options
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Extra Help with prescription drugs

To find a **SHICK** counselor in your area and to schedule a free, confidential counseling session with a trained, unbiased counselor in your area **call 1-800-860-5260.**



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Basic Medicare Coverage



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1-800-432-3535 (voice); 1-800-766-3777 (TTY).

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Navigating through Medicare

Medicare is a federal health insurance program that covers

- Over 35 million individuals age 65 and older
- Over six million individuals under 65 with disabilities
- Individuals with ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease)

Medicare Part A is hospital insurance that covers

- Inpatient hospital care
- Qualified short term stay in skilled nursing facilities
- Home health care
- Hospice care

(Part A will be premium free for most people.)

Medicare Part B is medical insurance that covers

- Doctor's office visits
- Outpatient hospital care
- Lab tests
- Certain medical equipment and supplies

(Most people will pay a monthly premium for Part B.)

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C)

- Plans that combine Part A & Part B services (i.e. HMO, PPO, PFFS, etc.)
- Many of these plans also offer prescription drug coverage.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

- Insurance that covers both generic and brand name prescriptions
 - Coverage is provided through private insurance companies
 - Many types of plans are available
- (Most people will pay a monthly premium for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage.)*

Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap)

- Private health insurance that pays some expenses not covered by Medicare.

Medicare Savings Program (MSP)

- Helps pay Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-pays for people with limited income and resources.

Additional Resources

Kansas Insurance Department

1-800-432-2484

www.ksinsurance.org

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

Kansas Department of Health & Environment

Division of Healthcare Finance (Medicaid)

785-296-3981

www.kdheks.gov/hcf

Medicare

1-800-MEDICARE

(1-800-633-4227)

www.medicare.gov

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

1-800-432-3535

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http://www.kdads.ks.gov/SHICK/shick_index.html