

Medicare Plan Finder Guide

- A. Go to www.medicare.gov
- B. Click “Compare Drug and Health Plans”, which is under “Finding Plans” in the center of the screen.
- C. For a general search, enter zip code, then click “Find Plans”.
- D. For a personalized search (recommended), enter zip code, Medicare number (no spaces), last name, effective date for Part A, date of birth, and then click “Find Plans”.
- E. “**Step 1 of 4: Enter Information**” (*general search only*). Answer questions and click “Continue to Plan Results”.
- F. “**Step 2 of 4: Enter Your Drugs**”. If a drug list was previously saved, enter the Drug List ID and Password Date, click on “Retrieve My Drug List”, and go to letter “K” on this list. *Note: For personalized searches, if a drug list was saved during a previous personalized search for this beneficiary, the saved drug list will appear automatically.*
- G. To begin drug list, type in drug name (or first few letters and click on drug name when it appears below). If the drug does not pop up, click “Find My Drug”; if a list is shown, click “+ Add Drug” next to the correct drug.
- H. Adjust the dosage, quantity, and frequency in the pop-up box that appears and click “Add drug and dosage”.
- I. If there is a lower cost generic available for a drug entered, another pop-up box will appear with the generic as a default, but it can be changed to the brand name. After choosing, click on “Continue”.
- J. The drug list will automatically be saved with an ID and the current date as the password (which can be changed). *Note: This is a good time to write this information down or print it, in case the session times out too quickly.*
- K. Continue to add/edit drugs. The drugs will appear in a list below in alphabetical order. If another dose of the same drug is taken, click “Add” in the last column and then “Change Dose” if necessary. When list is complete, click on “My Drug List is Complete”. *Note: To edit or add to the drug list at a later point in this search, click “Enter Your Drugs” near the top of all future pages.*
- L. “**Step 3 of 4: Select Your Pharmacies**”. Select up to two pharmacies from the alphabetical list (recommended) or click “I don’t want to add pharmacies now” and then click “Continue to Plan Results”. *Note: The zip code for the pharmacy can be changed by clicking “Search New Location”; this will not change the zip code for the plan list.*
- M. “**Step 4 of 4: Refine Your Results**”. You must select the types of plans (under “Summary of Your Search Results”) to be shown and then click “Continue to Plan Results”.
- N. “Your Plan Results” will be shown. The ten lowest annual drug cost plans (based on retail pharmacy) will be listed for the selected plan types. To sort by a category other than annual drug cost at a retail pharmacy, select the category in the box above the plan list and then click on “Sort”. *Note: The member’s current plan will appear first if a personalized search was done or if the plan was entered in a general search.*
- O. To view more plans, click on the desired number (e.g., “View 20”).
- P. To view “Your Plan Details”, click on a plan name and view the “Drug Costs & Coverage” page.
- Q. To view “Your Plan Comparison”, select up to 3 plans by checking the box in the first column on “Your Plan Results” page, click “Compare Plans”, and view the “Drug Costs & Coverage” page. *Note: Any plan with an “i” in the first column cannot be selected to compare and does not show pricing data for the drugs entered.*
- R. To print or email plan details or plan comparison information, click on “Print” or “Email” (near the top of the page).
- S. To begin an online enrollment, click on “Enroll” on the Plan Results, Details or Comparison page.

Special Notes:

- Always look at the formulary restrictions. To view quickly, click on “Yes” under “Drug Restrictions” column on “Your Plan Results” page. *Note: Actual QL amounts are now shown in a separate table for most drugs.*
- Beginning in October, plan data for the next year is displayed by default; the current year data can also be accessed.

Some Common Medications Not Covered by Part D

(This is NOT a comprehensive list of excluded drugs)

Benzodiazepines (Covered by PA and/or MH*)

Alprazolam = Xanax
 Ativan = Lorazepam
 Chlordiazepoxide = Librium
 Clonazepam = Klonopin
 Dalmane = Flurazepam
 Diazepam = Valium
 Dormonox = Lorazepam
 Flurazepam = Dalmane
 Halcion = Triazolam
 Klonopin = Clonazepam
 Librium = Chlordiazepoxide
 Lorazepam = Ativan
 Lorazepam = Dormonox
 Midazolam = Versed
 Oxazepam = Serax
 Restoril = Temazepam
 Serax = Oxazepam
 Temazepam = Restoril
 Triazolam = Halcion
 Valium = Diazepam
 Versed = Midazolam
 Xanax = Alprazolam

Barbiturates (Covered by MH*)

Amobarbital = Amytal
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 Butalbital = Fiorinal
 Butobarbital = Soneryl
 Fioricet = Butalbital
 Fiorinal = Butalbital
 Nembutal = Pentobarbital
 Pentobarbital = Nembutal
 Secobarbital = Seconal
 Seconal = Secobarbital
 Soneryl = Butobarbital

Over-the-counter drugs (Many covered by MH*)

Most (not all) prescription vitamins & minerals
 (Many covered by MH*)

Erectile or sexual dysfunction drugs

Cialis
 Levitra
 Viagra

Weight loss drugs

Fertility drugs

Cosmetic or hair growth drugs

*See MassHealth Drug List at www.mass.gov/druglist