

# Medicare 2021

## Making the Best Choices



- Overview of Medicare
- Medicare Eligibility & Coverage
- Original Medicare Services
- Medicare Supplement Plans
- Medicare Advantage Options
- Benefits and limitations
- Low-income assistance
- How to choose

Medicare is constantly changing. One of the most confusing changes is the fundamental option that beneficiaries have – whether to receive health care through “Original Medicare” or to choose the “Medicare Advantage” option. How do you know which is best? Whether you are new to Medicare or are a long-time beneficiary, prepare for the 2021 Annual Open Enrollment period October 15 – December 7. Learn about your Medicare options. It pays to know.

**Online Event - - - - No RSVP is necessary.**

<b>October 15, 2020 (Thursday)</b> <b>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Online:</b> <a href="https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/99440102152">https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/99440102152</a> <b>By phone:</b> 253-215-8782 or 888-788-0099 Webinar ID: 994 4010 2152	<b>October 17, 2020 (Saturday)</b> <b>10:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Online:</b> <a href="https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/95782035606">https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/95782035606</a> <b>By phone:</b> 253-215-8782 or 888-788-0099 Webinar ID: 957 8203 5606
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## Medicare Changes Place Responsibilities on Beneficiaries

Medicare is complex. Beneficiaries are faced with a wide range of options, many of which can be quite confusing. Medicare offers beneficiaries two basic options – Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage – and dozens of additional choices within each path. Knowing the differences and how to choose can save people hundreds or thousands of dollars each year.

“Medicare 2021” is an impartial, information-only event for current and future beneficiaries. The workshop will be offered by Pierce County Aging & Disability Resources. The presentation offers a close look at the two basic options beneficiaries have and how to make the best choice given individual needs and circumstances.

Two presentation will be offered online in October:

- **October 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at <https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/99440102152>  
or by phone at 253-215-8782 or 888 788 0099 (Toll Free). Webinar ID: 994 4010 2152
- **October 17 at 10:00 a.m.** at <https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/95782035606>  
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“The Coronavirus pandemic has taught us two important lessons” said Aaron Van Valkenburg, Manager of Pierce County Aging & Disability Resources. “Health care is nothing to take for granted and we all need to prepare for the unexpected. Medicare continues to change to meet the changing healthcare landscape and it continues to change today. People new to Medicare need a solid understanding of how the program works. Long-term beneficiaries need to take a very close look changes to their coverage. What worked last year may well not work this year. It’s important that Medicare beneficiaries keep up to date with changes to Medicare.”

There are over sixty-one million Medicare beneficiaries in the United States. About 8.5 million under 65 are receiving benefits due to a disability. Over 1.3 million Washington state residents – about 1 in 7 – are covered.

“Medicare 2021” will be presented by Matt Santelli, Community Education and Outreach Specialist with the Pierce County Aging and Disability Resource Center. This is event is intended for current and soon-to-be Medicare beneficiaries as well as adult children and other family members attending to another’s health care. The online event is free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. For more information call (253) 798-4600.

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