



Understanding the differences between Traditional Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Advantage

Traditional Medicare	Medigap	Medicare Advantage*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consists of Medicare Part A (hospital) and Medicare Part B (medical coverage). • Part D (drug coverage) must be purchased separately. • Most people pay a monthly, income-based premium for Medicare Part B. • Does not cover vision, hearing or dental benefits. • Does not have an annual limit on out-of-pocket spending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional coverage for Traditional Medicare beneficiaries. • Pay additional premium to cover services not covered under traditional Medicare such as copays, coinsurance and deductibles. • Medigap plans are provided by private companies. • There are 10 different types of Medigap plans that vary by design. • With a Medigap plan, you are still required to pay Part B premiums. • Does not have an annual limit on out-of-pocket spending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers traditional Medicare Parts A (hospital) and B (medical) benefits. • Almost 90% of Medicare Advantage plans also include Part D (prescription drug) coverage. • Over 97% of Medicare Advantage plans offer at least a vision, hearing or dental benefit. • Approximately 50% of Medicare Advantage plans offer all three benefits. • There is an annual cap limit on out-of-pocket spending. This limit changes each year. • Medicare Advantage is provided through private insurance companies. • The government sets quality standards, known as star ratings, for Medicare Advantage plans. • Under Medicare Advantage, you are still required to pay Part B premiums. • Some Medicare Advantage plans do not have an additional premium, whereas other Medicare Advantage plans require an additional premium. • These premiums may differ in cost due to zip code and plan type.

*Reliant does not accept Medicare Advantage plans that consider Reliant to be an “out-of-network” provider

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