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# Finding the Right Coverage Plan Is Vitaly Important for Beneficiaries

Now more than ever, it's crucial to ensure your Medicare coverage fits your needs and provides access to high-value care. Access to prescription drugs is an important piece of proper health coverage and many beneficiaries rely on Medicare Part D plans for their medications.

Each year Medicare Today conducts a nationwide survey to find out how seniors feel about their Part D coverage. This year's Senior Satisfaction Survey found that:



Beneficiaries can ensure they have a Part D plan that works for them during Open Enrollment - the annual period when you can enroll, review or make changes to your Medicare, including your prescription drug plan. **Open enrollment takes place every year from October 15 to December 7.**

## WHEN CHOOSING A PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN, YOU SHOULD:



**Make a list:** Talk to your doctor about your current prescriptions and any expected changes. Make a list of all your expected medicines for next year.



**Check coverage:** Use Medicare's **Plan Finder** to make sure the medicines you need are covered by the plan you select.



**Location, location, location:** Make sure your preferred pharmacy is in your plan's network.



**Know your costs:** Review the premiums, copays and deductibles of each plan to help keep your out-of-pocket costs low. The **Plan Finder** can help you find the best plan for you.



**What are others saying?** Review plan ratings to see how your fellow seniors rate them on customer service, patient safety and other areas.



**Determine eligibility for Extra Help:** Extra Help is a program within Medicare that assists individuals with the cost of their Part D prescription drug plan. To find out if you qualify or to apply for Extra Help, you must complete Social Security's Application online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp) or **1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)**

**TO SIGN-UP OR CHANGE YOUR PLAN,  
CALL 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) OR VISIT WWW.MEDICARE.GOV.  
FOR LOCAL ASSISTANCE, FIND YOUR STATE SHIP AT WWW.SHIPHELP.ORG.**

For more information on Medicare, Medicare Part D enrollment and how to choose a Part D plan, visit [www.medicaretoday.org](http://www.medicaretoday.org) and [www.seniorsspeakout.org](http://www.seniorsspeakout.org)



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