

Choose your primary clinician on Medicare.gov

Why choose your primary clinician on Medicare.gov?

Your primary clinician can best help you make health care decisions, which can improve how you manage your health care.

Your primary clinician is a health care professional — a doctor, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse specialist — who is responsible for coordinating your overall care, no matter where you choose to get health care services.

When you choose a primary clinician that participates in an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) or other Medicare alternative payment model, they get access to tools and services to better coordinate your care.



Things to think about when choosing your primary clinician

Find and compare healthcare providers at [medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare).



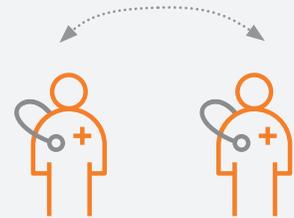
Choose a provider of any specialty

Medicare patients have to stay in a hospital three days in a row before Medicare will pay for their stay at a skilled nursing facility.



Maintain flexibility

You can still go to any health care professional who accepts Medicare, even after you choose a primary clinician.



Change any time

You can choose a different health care professional as your primary clinician at any time. Your primary clinician won't change unless you make a change on [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

Your secure Medicare account

Your Medicare account gives you personalized information about your Medicare benefits and services at any time.



Create a list of your favorite health care professionals and choose a primary clinician.



Find your eligibility and preventive services information.



Check your health and prescription drug plan information.

Need help choosing your primary clinician on Medicare.gov?

Call **1-800-MEDICARE** (TTY users should call **1-877-486-2048**) or visit go.cms.gov/3h2KHWI.

If you don't have internet access, we encourage you to work with family or friends, or check with your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) office, library, place of worship, or community center for help.



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