

Choose Your Primary Clinician on Medicare.gov



Why choose your primary clinician on Medicare.gov?

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

Your primary clinician is a healthcare 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 healthcare 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 <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare>

Choose A Provider of Any Specialty



You can choose a healthcare professional in any specialty as your primary clinician, like your primary care doctor, allergist, immunologist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, etc.

Maintain Flexibility



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

Change Anytime



You can choose a different healthcare professional as your primary clinician at any time. Your primary clinician won't change unless you make a change on 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 healthcare 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 <https://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.

