

MEDICARE CONSULTATION

Question Checklist

Here are some questions to ask in order to make the best choice for your health care situation. Before starting any conversation about what Medicare plan to choose, remember that no one can make the choice for you, but they can help guide you by providing their opinions, experience, knowledge and insight.

You could start by saying ...

“I’ll be signing up for Medicare soon, can I ask you a few questions that may help make my choices clearer?”

What to ask your doctor or nurse:

- Do you have any recommendations or things for me to think about as I make this decision?
- With my health history, what are some of the things you think you may need to screen for in the future?
Are there specific medications, procedures, or tests that you foresee me needing as a result?
- Is there anything preventative I could be doing now, to lower my risks for higher health costs down the line?
- I'd like to find out if the drugs I'm taking are covered on the plans I'm considering. Can you give me a complete list of my medications as well as the dosage, quantity and frequency?

Other:

What to ask insurance billing staff:

- I'm moving to Medicare. What should I think about?
- How will Medicare impact my billing?
- I'm thinking about moving to [insert specific plan, if you have one]. Do you accept it?
If so, are you preferred provider with the plan?

Other:

Do your best to pick the best plan for you. And if your situation changes, you can change your plan if you want to during the annual enrollment period.

If you have more questions about Medicare or need a more detailed explanation of plans and policies available in your area, you can call: 1-800-MEDICARE. (1-800-633-4227), TTY 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Or visit to: Medicare.gov.