
Look for this box. It will take you to a screen that allows you to log in, create an account, or continue without logging in. If you don’t log in, you won’t be able to save your drug list. But that might be the best option on a public computer.

Further instructions at Medicare Interactive:  

If you do log in, the first screen you see tells you when you first enrolled into Medicare and proceeds similarly to without logging in except for a few extra screens that include some general info about Original Medicare and Advantage plans and how the drug list is handled (see below).

What type of 2020 Medicare coverage do you want? Pick one of the first two (MAPD or Drug Plan) 

Enter your ZIP code, then click your county

Do you get help with costs from one of these programs? (select)

Do you want to see drug costs ... Click Yes, then select Retail, Mail order, or Both.

Add your prescription drugs: For each drug you add, it asks for the Dosage, Quantity and Frequency. Click Add to my Drug List. If you’ve added a brand name, a pop-up screen gives you the option of adding the generic instead. Look for Remove or Edit drug to change something in the one you’ve just added, or click Add Another Drug or Done Adding Drugs at the bottom. Warning: they’ll throw you off if you dally, so you’ll lose any drug list you’ve created if you’re not logged in. 

Note: When you log in to the planfinder for the first time, Medicare shows you your drug history claims for the last year. Select the ones you want to keep, and add any others. This list will be saved after you log out. If you haven’t included all of them, there will always be a link to give you access to your claim history.

Pharmacy selection: If you’ve selected “Both” (pharmacies and mail order), click the box(es) in one or two of the pharmacies listed in your area. You can also add a second pharmacy from the banner at the bottom, or remove the mail-order option or either of your selected pharmacies. Click Done.

The next screen shows how many plans are available in your area and starts listing them, defaulting to “Lowest drug + premium cost.” A drop-down menu gives other options.

Other options on this screen include: changing the location from the zip code you’ve entered, Edit your drugs & pharmacies, Print, Filter plans (incl. certain benefits or prefs), Star rating, Preferred carrier, or Add Special needs plans.

Details for each plan listed include: name of plan, various costs, out-of-pocket max, “extras,” copays/co-insurance, drug coverage (or not; if the plan has drug coverage, you have a chance to add the drugs at the link).

Below are buttons for enrolling and seeing plan details.

The Add to compare button allows you to compare up to 3 plans. The software will lay these out side-by-side.