



If you don't acquire knowledge in line with your field, you may be missing out on big opportunities.

Knowledge To Acquire

Medicare App - "What's Covered"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUiHOnmun8s&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.medicare.gov/blog/whats-covered-mobile-app>

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/new-app-displays-what-original-medicare-covers>

Just Released! 2019 Medicare Costs Sheet

<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11579-Medicare-Costs.pdf>

2019 Choosing a Medigap Policy booklet

<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02110-Medicare-Medigap-guide.pdf>

2020 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice Part II and Draft Call Letter

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2020-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-advance-notice-part-ii-and-draft-call-letter>

2020 Tele-Health

We have long discussed the way the landscape of Medicare plans will continue to change, and that telehealth will be changing how MA plans look.

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/value-based-insurance-design-model-vbid-fact-sheet-cy-2020>

2019 Opioid Limits

7-day supply limit for opioid naïve patients: Part D plans are expected to implement a hard safety edit to limit initial dispensing to a supply of 7 days or less.

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE18016.pdf>

IRS - Home Office Deduction

"If you use part of your home for business, you may be able to deduct expenses for the business use of your home. The home office deduction is available for homeowners and renters, and applies to all types of homes." Regardless of the method chosen, there are two basic requirements for your home to qualify as a deduction: • Regular and exclusive use. • Principal place of your business.

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/home-office-deduction>

Self-Employed Individuals Tax Center

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/self-employed-individuals-tax-center>

Restoration of the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

Effective for 2019, a new Medicare Advantage open enrollment period (OEP) will take place from January 1st through March 31st annually, replacing the existing MA disenrollment period that currently takes place from January 1st through February 14th of every year.

OEP Allows:

- MA-Only to MA-Only
- MA-Only to MA-PD
- MA-PD to MA-Only
- MA-PD to MA-PD
- MA-Only or MA-PD to Original Medicare without PDP
- MA-Only or MA-PD to Original Medicare with PDP
- Switching between Plan benefit packages (PBP's) of one organization
- Beneficiaries in original Medicare and Cost plans cannot use the new OEP, regardless of Part D coverage. Also, enrollment into a cost plan during OEP is not allowed.

<https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Fact-sheets/2018-Fact-sheets-items/2018-04-02.html>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/04/16/2018-07179/medicare-program-contract-year-2019-policy-and-technical-changes-to-the-medicare-advantage-medicare>

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