



Choose Your Primary Clinician on Medicare.gov

Why Choose Your Primary Clinician on Medicare.gov?

Your primary clinician can help you make health care decisions and can improve how you manage your health care.

Your primary clinician is a health care provider—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 who participates in the **Primary Care First Model**, a Medicare model that aims to improve the quality and value of the primary care you receive, they get access to tools and services to better coordinate your care and improve your health.



Things to Think About When Choosing Your Primary Clinician

Choose A Provider



You can choose any health care provider as your primary clinician—for example, your primary care doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

Maintain Flexibility



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

Change Anytime



You can choose a different health care provider as your primary clinician at any time. Your primary clinician will remain the same unless you make a change on Medicare.gov.

To Indicate Your Primary Clinician:

Visit the Medicare Find and Compare Health Care Providers webpage (<https://go.cms.gov/3h2KHWI>) and follow the directions under “Add your favorite providers.”

Your Secure Medicare Account

Visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to login to (or create) your secure Medicare account. Your Medicare account gives you personalized information about your Medicare benefits and services at any time. You can do the following:

- Create a list of your favorite health care providers and choose a primary clinician.
- Find preventative services.
- Check your health and prescription drug plan enrollment.

Need help choosing your primary clinician on Medicare.gov? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048) or your Primary Care Practice. If you do not have internet access, we encourage you to work with family or friends or check in with your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) office, library, place of worship, or community center for help.

