



Dialysis Plan Choice Coverage Comparison Made Easy.

DialysisPlanChoice.org – an online tool to help dialysis patients compare Medicare Advantage plans with their current Medicare coverage

This year, thanks to effective patient advocacy, many dialysis patients will for the first time have a wide array of new choices of Medicare Advantage plans to consider for their insurance coverage. While these new health plan choices offer patients the prospect of saving money, and of having more closely coordinated care, patients will need help choosing a plan with premiums, benefits, and in-network providers that fit their needs.

Choosing health plans is a tough but important job. Not only is health insurance an essential part of getting the care you need, but choosing the wrong plan can also leave you spending thousands of dollars more than you would under a more optimal plan. For most patients, understanding their potential costs under different health insurance options is close to impossible, as it requires understanding which copayments or coinsurance apply to which kinds of care, plus deductibles, out-of-pocket limits, and coverage of needed drugs. Patients need help to make a good choice.

To help dialysis patients take advantage of their new Medicare plan options, Dialysis Patient Citizens, in partnership with Consumers' Checkbook, has developed a plan comparison tool specifically for dialysis patients who are eligible for Medicare coverage. Here are some key features of the tool:

- Shows Medicare Advantage plans available to the user, based on their ZIP code.
- Shows premiums for each plan and allows users to factor in any premium assistance they receive from the American Kidney Fund.
- Gives users an estimate of out-of-pocket costs for a typical dialysis regimen under each available Medicare Advantage plan.
- Provides an all-plan provider lookup function, so patients can check for coverage of their dialysis facility and nephrologist under each plan.
- Uses a simple, effective design to avoid overwhelming users with information.
- Works on desktop/laptop, tablet, and mobile devices.

The tool is available online at DialysisPlanChoice.org to help patients with Plan Year 2021 Open Enrollment, which began on Oct 15, 2020. Visit DialysisPlanChoice.org now to learn more about your options.

Consumers' Checkbook is a national nonprofit with a mission to help consumers' make educated choices of services. For 40 years, Checkbook has produced award-winning plan comparison tools for federal employees, consumers shopping on the health insurance exchanges, and many others. Learn more at checkbook.org.

Dialysis Patient Citizens is a patient-led, national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all dialysis patients by advocating for favorable public policy. Learn more at: DialysisPatients.org.