

# Your Guide to AARP Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans

To help you choose the AARP Medicare Supplement Plan, insured by UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company (UnitedHealthcare), to best meet your needs and budget, be sure to look at the information shown in this Guide and the other documents that show the expenses that Medicare pays, the benefits each Plan pays and the costs you will have to pay yourself. Also, be sure to review the Monthly Premium information. **Benefits and cost vary depending upon the Plan selected.**

## Eligibility to Apply

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To be eligible to apply, you must be an AARP member or spouse of a member, age 50 or older, enrolled in both Part A and Part B of Medicare, and not duplicating any Medicare supplement coverage. (If you are age 50-64 and eligible for Medicare by reason of disability or End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), you must apply within 6 months after enrolling in Medicare Part B or receiving notification of retroactive eligibility for Medicare Part B, unless you are entitled to guaranteed issue of a Medicare supplement plan as shown under the following “Guaranteed Acceptance” section. You may only enroll in Plan A.)

## Guaranteed Acceptance

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- Your acceptance in any plan for which you’re eligible to enroll is guaranteed during your **Medicare Supplement Open Enrollment Period**, which lasts for 6 months beginning with the first day of the month in which you are both age 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare Part B.
- Also, you may have a guaranteed issue right to enroll in a Medicare supplement plan in certain situations. Some examples:
  - you have a specific type of health insurance coverage that changes in some way, such as a loss of the coverage, or
  - you enrolled with a “trial right” to try a Medicare Advantage Plan but change your mind and want to switch back to a Medicare supplement plan during the trial period.
- **There is also an annual 31-day Birthday Enrollment period** that begins on your birthday and you are replacing a Medicare supplement plan (including Medicare Select) and your Application Form is received during the 30 days prior to and no later than 30 days after your birth date.
  - If you were **eligible for Medicare Part A before 1/1/2020** and the previous Plan you had was an AARP Medicare Supplement Plan, you may apply for Plan A, B, C, F, G, K, L or N that has equal or lesser benefits than your current Plan without having to answer health questions. If the previous Plan you had was with another carrier, you may apply for Plan A, B, C, F, G, K, L or N which has equal or lesser benefits than your prior Medicare supplement plan without having to answer health questions. If you choose to apply for a Plan that has more benefits than your previous Plan, you may have to answer health questions.
  - If were **eligible for Medicare Part A on or after 1/1/2020** and the previous Plan you had was an AARP Medicare Supplement Plan, you may apply for Plan A, B, G, K, L or N that has equal or lesser benefits than your current Plan without having to answer health questions. If the previous Plan you had was with another carrier, you may apply for Plan A, B, G, K, L or N which has equal or lesser benefits than your prior Medicare supplement plan without having to answer health questions. If you choose to apply for a Plan that has more benefits than your previous Plan, you may have to answer health questions.

If you received a notice from your employer or prior insurer saying you are eligible for guaranteed issue of a Medicare supplement plan, you may be guaranteed acceptance into one or more AARP Medicare Supplement Plans. **If you have a guaranteed issue right, you must provide a copy of the notice, disenrollment letter or other documentation you received AND your Application Form must be received no more than 63 days after the termination date of your prior coverage. The documentation should include the type of coverage being lost, the termination reason, the termination date and the name of the person(s) who lost or is losing coverage.**

If you have questions about guaranteed issue rights, please see *The Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare*, which can be found at [www.Medicare.gov/publications](http://www.Medicare.gov/publications). You may also want to contact the administrator of your prior health insurance plan or your local state department on aging.

## Exclusions

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- Benefits provided under Medicare.
- Care not meeting Medicare’s standards.
- Injury or sickness payable by Workers’ Compensation or similar laws.
- Stays or treatment provided by a government-owned or -operated hospital or facility unless payment of charges is required by law.
- Stays, care, or visits for which no charge would be made to you in the absence of insurance.
- Any expenses you incur during the first 3 months after your effective date will not be considered if due to a pre-existing condition. A pre-existing condition is a condition for which medical advice was given or treatment was recommended by or received from a physician within 3 months prior to your plan’s effective date.

The following individuals are entitled to a waiver of this pre-existing condition exclusion:

1. Individuals who are replacing prior creditable coverage within 63 days after termination; or
2. Individuals who are turning age 65 and whose application form is received within six (6) months after they turn 65 AND are enrolled in Medicare Part B; or

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3. Individuals who are entitled to Guaranteed Issue; or
4. Individuals who have been covered under other health insurance coverage within the last 63 days and have enrolled in Medicare Part B within the last 6 months.

Other exclusions may apply; however, in no event will your plan contain coverage limitations or exclusions for the Medicare Eligible Expenses that are more restrictive than those of Medicare. Benefits and exclusions paid by your plan will automatically change when Medicare's requirements change.

## **You Cannot Be Singled Out for Cancellation**

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Your AARP Medicare Supplement Plan cannot be canceled because of your age, your health, or the number of claims you make. Your AARP Medicare Supplement Plan may be canceled due to nonpayment of premium or material misrepresentation. If the group policy terminates and is not replaced by another group policy providing the same type of coverage, you may convert your AARP Medicare Supplement Plan to an individual Medicare supplement policy issued by UnitedHealthcare. Of course, you may cancel your AARP Medicare Supplement Plan any time you wish. All transactions go into effect on the first of the month following receipt of the request.

## **The AARP Insurance Trust**

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AARP established the AARP Insurance Plan, a trust, to hold the master group insurance policies. The AARP Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan is insured by UnitedHealthcare, not by AARP or its affiliates. Please contact UnitedHealthcare if you have questions about your policy, including any limitations and exclusions.

Premiums are collected from you by the Trust. These premiums are paid to the insurance company for your insurance coverage, a percentage is used to pay expenses, benefitting the insureds, and incurred by the Trust in connection with the insurance programs. At the direction of UnitedHealthcare, a portion of the premium is paid as a royalty to AARP and used for the general purposes of AARP. Income earned from the investment of premiums while on deposit with the Trust is paid to AARP and used for the general purposes of AARP.

Participants are issued certificates of insurance by UnitedHealthcare under the master group insurance policy. The benefits of participating in an insurance program carrying the AARP name are solely the right to receive the insurance coverage and ancillary services provided by the program.

## **General Information**

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By enrolling, you are agreeing to the release of Medicare claim information to UnitedHealthcare so your AARP Medicare Supplement Plan claims may be processed automatically.

UnitedHealthcare accepts insurance premium payments made by the insured or a relative or legal guardian on behalf of the insured. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to decline insurance premium payments from third parties other than a relative or legal guardian of the insured.

AARP and its affiliates are not insurers. AARP does not employ or endorse agents, brokers or producers.

You must be an AARP member to enroll in an AARP Medicare Supplement Plan.

The Policy Form No. GRP79171 GPS-1 (G-36000-4) is issued in the District of Columbia to the Trustees of the AARP Insurance Plan.

AARP Medicare Supplement Plans have been developed in line with federal standards. **However, these plans are not connected with, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government or the federal Medicare program.**

**This is a solicitation of insurance. An agent may contact you.**

These materials describe the AARP Medicare Supplement Plans available in your state, but is not a contract, policy, or insurance certificate. Please read your Certificate of Insurance, upon receipt, for plan benefits, definitions, exclusions, and limitations.