

Personalizing Your Medicare Plan Finder Experience

Using the Medicare website can be a practical and easy way to manage your Medicare experience. You can access new personalized features by creating an account. When you create an account, you can:

- Build a better drug list. You'll receive suggestions based on prescriptions you filled within the last 12 months.
- Modify your drug list and save changes.
- Compare benefits and costs in your current plan to other plans available in your area.
- See prices based on any help you get with drug costs.

Here are step by step instructions for creating an account.

First go to www.mymedicare.gov .

You select the *create an account button* at the bottom of the page. Creating an account takes a few steps. You enter your Medicare number, your last name, and your email address. There is a check box if you don't have an email address, which is not required. Keep scrolling down and enter your date of birth, and then your location. Then add the effective date for Medicare Part A. Then select continue.

Next, pick a username and choose a secret question from the list. The username must be unique so an email address is probably a pretty good option. Pick a secret question from the list of options and add the answer to your question, then choose a password. That is all there is to it. It is not very different from creating an account on an online shopping site, according to Medicare.

You are then taken back to the login page and there is an information banner at the top showing that you have successfully created your account. You will get a confirmation letter in the mail in 10 to 14 days. You can login with the user id and password right away and see your current coverage information. You are now able to use your customized Medicare account.

For additional resources, visit vpas.info/medicare-counseling or call VPAS at 540-615-5341.

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