

SILA: Medicare

Course Description

This course enables agents to gain a complete understanding of Medicare, presenting a comprehensive view of medicare. Topics discussed include:

- Medicare Basics
- Medicare Parts A through D
- Choosing a Medicare Supplement Policy

Chapter 1 Medicare Basics – Definitions, Coverage Choices, Eligibility, and Enrollment

What is Medicare?; Parts A, B, C, and D Overview; Coordinating with Other Coverage; Eligibility; Part A and Part B Enrollment; Where to Get Medicare Questions Answered

Chapter 2 Medicare Original Plan – Part A

Part A: Hospital Insurance - Inpatient

Chapter 3 Medicare Part B – Medical Insurance

Part B and COBRA Coverage; Part B and Group Health Plan Coverage; Part B Monthly Premiums; Part B Coverage of “Medically Necessary” Services; Other Items Covered by Part B; Part B—Covered Preventive Services; Other Services and Items Covered by Part B; What is Not Covered by Part A or Part B; How Medicare Decides What is Covered; Bill Pay if Subscriber has other Health Insurance; Assignment – Keeping Costs in Check; Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS); Private Contracts with Physicians/Practitioners; Complaints, Grievances, and Appeals; How Medicare Uses Personal Information; Protecting Yourself from Medical Identity Theft

Chapter 4 Medicare Advantage Plans – Part C and Other Health Plans

Medicare Advantage Plan Choices; How Do Medicare Advantage Plans Work?; Important Facts about Medicare Advantage Plans; Joining and Leaving a Medicare Advantage Plan; Other Medicare Health Plans

Chapter 5 Medicare Prescription Drug Plans – Part D

Enrollment; Prescription Drug Plan Coverage; Medicare Part D and Other Coverages; Costs Incurred with Part D Plans; Part D Late Enrollment Penalty; Medicare Drug Plan Appeals

Chapter 6 Choosing a Medicare Supplement Policy

What is a Medicare Supplement Policy?; Standardized Medicare Supplement Plans; Medicare Supplement Policy Requirements; The Best Time to Buy a Medicare Supplement Policy; Comparing Medicare Supplement Costs; How Medigap Helps Pay Medicare Part B Claims; Consumer Protection Tips