

# Use of Medicare Information to Improve Health Care Delivery

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# Agenda

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- **Use of Medicare Data to Improve Health Care Delivery**
- **CMS Initiatives to Make Medicare Information Available**
- **Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data**
- **For More Information...**



# Improving the Delivery of Health Care with Medicare Data

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- **Transparency of quality and price information to foster more informed decision-making**
  - **Providers: support quality assessment and improvement efforts**
  - **Consumers: support decision-making about plans, providers, and treatments**
  - **Purchasers: support alignment of incentives for high value health care**



# Different Consumer Choices

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- **Health Plans**
- **Providers**
- **Treatments**

# Compare Websites

Medicare.gov - The Official U.S. Government Site for People with Medicare - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Centers for

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Address <http://www.medicare.gov/> Go Links

**Ombudsman Center**

**Hurricane Information**

**Glossary**

**Privacy Practices**

**Search Tools ▶**

- ▶ [Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans](#)
- ▶ [Compare Health Plans and Medigap Policies in Your Area](#)
- ▶ [Compare Hospitals in Your Area](#)
- ▶ [Compare Nursing Homes in Your Area](#)
- ▶ [Find a Medicare Publication](#)
- ▶ [Find Out if You Are Eligible for Medicare and When You Can Enroll](#)
- ▶ [Find a Doctor](#)
- ▶ [Find Out What Medicare Covers](#)
- ▶ [Compare Home Health Agencies in Your Area](#)
- ▶ [Find Suppliers of Medical Equipment in Your Area](#)
- ▶ [Find Helpful Phone Numbers and Websites](#)
- ▶ [Compare Dialysis Facilities in Your Area](#)

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# High Consumer Interest

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- **Compare Website Page Views – September 2008**
  - Hospital – 1.2 million
  - Nursing Home – 1.4 million
  - Home Health – 419,000
  - Dialysis Facilities – 111,000
  - Physician Directory – 1.9 million
  - Medicare Operations Compare – 1.6 million
  - Health and Drug Plan Finder – 3 million



# Hospital Compare

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- **Clinical Process Measures**
- **Safety**
- **Mortality rates for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia**
- **Patient Experience of Care**
- **Reimbursement Rates**
- **Volume**
- **Searchable by hospital name, zip code, city, county or state**



# Provider Reimbursement Information

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- **Common and Elective Procedures**
  - Hospital Inpatient - included on Hospital Compare
  - Outpatient
  - Physician Office
  - Ambulatory Surgery Center
- **Available at**  
[www.cms.hhs.gov/healthcareconinit](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/healthcareconinit)
- **Episodes of Care**





# Plan Finder Websites

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- **Medicare Advantage Private Health Plans**
- **Prescription Drug Plans**
- **Quality, Cost, and Coverage information designed to help beneficiaries select the plan that best meets their needs**
- **Available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)**

# Plan Finder Tool

Medicare.gov - MPDPF: Plan Overview - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Address <http://www.medicare.gov/MPDPF/Shared/Include/DataSection/Results/Overview.asp#PlanResults> Go Links

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Plan Name and ID Numbers [ What is this? ]	Company Name (Co-brand) [ What is this? ]	Coverage in the Gap <sup>1</sup> [ What is this? ]	Monthly Drug Premium ▲ [ What is this? ]	Annual Deductible [ What is this? ]	Drug Cost Sharing [ What is this? ]	Summary Rating of Prescription Drug Plan Quality [ What is this? ]	Enroll Now
<a href="#">Aetna Medicare Rx - Costco Plus Plan</a> <a href="#">[S5810-143]</a>  Approved by Medicare Available nationwide*	Aetna Medicare (Costco)	Some Generics	\$53.20	\$0	\$0 - \$90 33%	Coming Soon	Enrollment begins November 15, 2008
<a href="#">AdvantraRx Premier Plus</a> <a href="#">[S5670-042]</a>  Approved by Medicare Available nationwide*	Coventry AdvantraRx (American Continental Insurance Company; Automobile Club of Missouri; Bankers Life and Casualty Company:	Many Generics	\$53.60	\$0	\$4 - \$75 33%	Coming Soon	Enrollment begins November 15, 2008

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# Physician Quality and Price Information

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- **CMS Initiatives**
  - **Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)**
  - **Better Quality Information for Medicare Beneficiaries Project (BQI)**
  - **Generating Medicare Performance Results Project (GEM) and Chartered Value Exchanges**
- **Challenges with physician specific information**
- **Measuring Physician Resource Use – Confidential Feedback**



# Continuing Efforts

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- **Updating and Expanding Quality and Price Transparency Initiatives**
- **Balancing legal requirements to protect beneficiary and individual physician information with need for more information on quality and efficiency**
- **Part D Data Regulation**
- **Chronic Conditions Warehouse**



# Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data

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- **Four Key Laws**

- **Social Security Act – Authorizes release of data for limited set of purposes**
- **HIPPA – Protects patient identifiable health information**
- **Privacy Act of 1974 – Protects individually identifiable information (patients and physicians)**
- **FISMA – Security requirements for use and release of individually identifiable information**



# Protecting Identifiable Medicare Data

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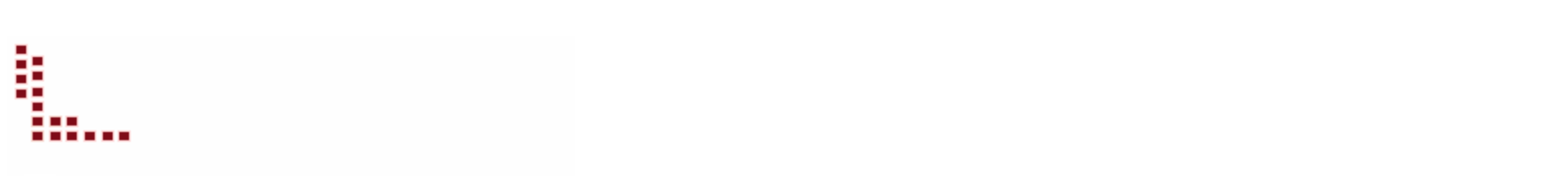
- **Use and Release only for limited statutorily authorized purposes**
  - **Payment-Related**
  - **Research**
  - **Demonstration**
  - **Quality Improvement Organization**
  - **Payment and Care Coordination for Duals Population**
  - **Patient Consent**



# For more information...

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- [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)
- [www.hhs.gov/valuedriven](http://www.hhs.gov/valuedriven)
- [www.resdac.umn.edu](http://www.resdac.umn.edu)



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