

# Medicare Costs for Patient (2024)

- Part A: covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing care, hospice, inpatient rehabilitation, and some home health
  - Free (>10 yrs employment). But, if you have to purchase it, up to \$505/mo
  - Deductible: \$1,632/Part A care, no co-insurance (60d), then \$408/d for day 61-90. In skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), the first 20d are covered, then on day 21-100, the co-insurance will be \$204/d in 2024.
- Part B: covers physician services, durable medical supplies, outpatient laboratory and other hospital services, some home health, therapy, etc.
  - Standard cost: \$174.70/mo premium (up from \$164.90/mo) (higher depending on income)
  - Annual deductible: \$240 per year (\$14 increase) with 20% of Medicare approved amount as co-insurance per service delivered after deductible met.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection>

# The business of medicine 101... physician

- Even if salaried, recall that we get paid for “work”
  - Poor documentation (undercoding, denials) means we are not good stewards of the revenues needed for our clinical thought work – and ... additionally patient volume matters
- Our job is clinical excellence: quality care for optimal patient outcomes
  - Win with top box outcomes ... be a “Five Star” provider in key clinical areas (DM, HTN, etc.)
  - Quality-linked incentives are part of economic survival – poor quality → no shared savings/bonus
  - Clinical inertia is real. Self-evaluation and measurement is a must. Meet it head-on to have success.
- Win the game at the bedside: patient satisfaction → engagement, volumes
- We need to excel as *doctors who perform/document well* ... not taught in training
  - The most clinically correct diagnosis shows the depth of the disease burden we manage (“risk”)
- Then .... Be willing to add your clinical brain to the admin brain (1+1=8)

# 2024 Stars/ACO Quality Metrics

Measure	Program		Star Category & Weight		Thresholds <small>10/17/2023</small>	
	Stars	ACO	Part C or D?	Weight	4 Star	5 Star
Care for Older Adults - Medication Review	✓		C	1	93%	98%
Care for Older Adults - Pain Assessment	✓		C	1	91%	96%
Medication Adherence for Diabetes	✓		D	3	88%	90%
Medication Adherence for Hypertension (RAS)	✓		D	3	89%	91%
Medication Adherence for Cholesterol (Statins)	✓		D	3	89%	93%
TRC: Medication Reconciliation Post-Discharge	✓	✓	C	0.5	68%	82%
TRC: Patient Engagement After Inpatient Discharge	✓		C	0.5	64%	78%
Follow-Up After ED Visit for MCC	✓		C	1	60%	68%
Plan All-Cause Readmissions	✓		C	3	10%	8%
Osteoporosis Management in Women w/ Fracture	✓		C	1	55%	71%
Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes	✓		C	1	TBD	TBD
Statin Use in Persons with Diabetes	✓		D	1	88%	92%
Diabetes Care - Eye Exam	✓		C	1	73%	81%
Diabetes Care - Blood Sugar Controlled	✓	✓	C	3	80%	87%
Breast Cancer Screening	✓	✓	C	1	71%	79%
Colorectal Cancer Screening	✓	✓	C	1	71%	80%
Controlling Blood Pressure	✓	✓	C	3	74%	82%
Statin Therapy for Cardiovascular Disease	✓	✓	C	1	86%	90%
Reducing the Risk of Falling		✓				
Depression Screening		✓				
Influenza Immunization		✓				
Tobacco Screening and Cessation Intervention		✓				