

# Choose Your Primary Clinician on Medicare.gov



## Why choose your primary clinician on Medicare.gov?

Your primary clinician can best help you make healthcare decisions, which can improve how you manage your healthcare.

Your primary clinician is a healthcare professional—a doctor, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse specialist—who is responsible for coordinating your overall care, no matter where you choose to get healthcare services.

When you choose a primary clinician that participates in an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) or other Medicare alternative payment model, they get access to tools and services to better coordinate your care.

## Things to Think About When Choosing Your Primary Clinician

Find and compare healthcare providers at <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare>

### Choose A Provider of Any Specialty



You can choose a healthcare professional in any specialty as your primary clinician, like your primary care doctor, allergist, immunologist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, etc.

### Maintain Flexibility



You can still go to any healthcare professional who accepts Medicare, even after you choose a primary clinician.




### Change Anytime



You can choose a different healthcare professional as your primary clinician at any time. Your primary clinician won't change unless you make a change on Medicare.gov.

## Your Secure Medicare Account

Your Medicare account gives you personalized information about your Medicare benefits and services at any time.

-  Create a list of your favorite healthcare professionals and choose a primary clinician.
-  Find your eligibility and preventive services information.
-  Check your health and prescription drug plan information.

*Need help choosing your primary clinician on Medicare.gov? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048) or visit <https://go.cms.gov/3h2KHWI>. If you don't have internet access, we encourage you to work with family or friends, or check with your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) office, library, place of worship, or community center for help.*



# Updating your PCP

## A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

**Primary care is important.** Your Primary Care physician (PCP) is essential to help you stay healthy and improve your quality of life by screening you for health-related conditions, preventing disease by identifying risk factors, and coordinating and managing chronic disease care for longevity and a better quality of life.

### Things to Think About When Choosing Your Primary Clinician

#### Choose A Provider



You can choose any health care provider as your primary clinician—for example, your primary care doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

#### Maintain Flexibility



You can still go to any health care provider who accepts Medicare, even after you choose a primary clinician.

#### Change Anytime



You can choose a different health care provider as your primary clinician at any time. Your primary clinician will remain the same unless you make a change on Medicare.gov.

### To Indicate Your Primary Care Physician (PCP):

Visit the Medicare Find and Compare Health Care Providers webpage <https://www.medicare.gov/account/login/>. If you don't have an online Medicare Account or can't remember if you do, you can click "find my account"

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Click on "Find & Compare Providers Near You"

#### Find & compare health care providers

Select the button below to find and compare nursing homes, hospitals, doctors, and other health care providers in your area that accept Medicare. Get information like:

- Quality ratings for local nursing homes and home health agencies
- Estimate of doctors' costs in your area
- Dialysis facilities and hospitals near you
- Contact information for local inpatient rehabilitation centers

Find & Compare Providers Near You

02

Type in the correct provider name & location, and click search.

MY LOCATION	PROVIDER TYPE	NAME & KEYWORD (optional)	Search
Palo Alto, CA	Doctors & clinicians	Paden Angelo	
<a href="#">Show search history</a>			
DOCTORS & GROUP PRACTICES			
Paden D. Angelo			
Internal medicine - 09 m			

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Add your provider to your favorites.

Select Any Cornerstone Primary Healthcare Provider

GROUP AFFILIATION
SEARCHED (SEARCHED) DATE
PROVIDER INFORMATION
LOCATION
300 WATSON CT
BRAYTON, CA 94350-2200
PHONE NUMBER
(415) 728-4000
Add to Favorites

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Select your provider as your "primary clinician."

Make this my primary clinician in my favorites

Your primary clinician is the health care professional you believe is responsible for coordinating your overall care, regardless of where you choose to get services. Your primary clinician may be best able to help you make health care decisions, which can improve how you manage your health care and lead to better results.

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### Forgot your Username?

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Click on "Forgot Username"



#### Log in

No account? Get a more personalized experience - [create an account now](#)

USERNAME  
  
[Forgot username?](#)

PASSWORD  
 [Show](#)  
[Forgot password?](#)

Log in



#### Get username

All fields required

MEDICARE NUMBER

LAST NAME  SUFFIX

DATE OF BIRTH  
 /  /

Month Day Year

02

Enter your Medicare Number from your red, white, blue Medicare card.



03

Enter Medicare Number, Last Name, and Date of Birthday and click "Get Username"



### Forgot your Password?

01

Click on "Forgot Password"



#### Log in

No account? Get a more personalized experience - [create an account now](#)

USERNAME  
  
[Forgot username?](#)

PASSWORD  
 [Show](#)  
[Forgot password?](#)

Log in

#### STEP 2 OF 3 Answer secret question

All fields required.

SECRET QUESTION  
What was the name of your first pet?

SECRET ANSWER

02

Answer secret question



03

Create a New Password



#### Reset password

#### STEP 3 OF 3 Create new password

All fields required.

ENTER NEW PASSWORD  
 [Show](#)

CONFIRM NEW PASSWORD  
 [Show](#)

Back

Reset Password

If you forgot both your username and password, you can click on "Forgot username and password" or "Find my account"