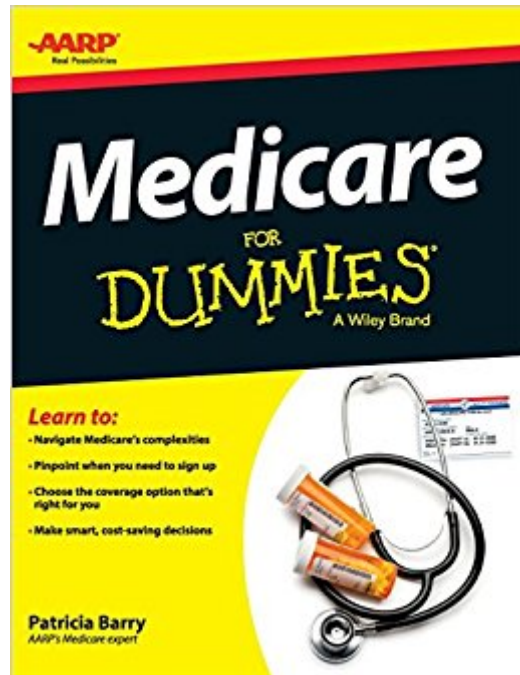




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This is the hardcover format of Medicare For Dummies. Manage the Medicare maze -- from enrollment dates to plan options! To get the most from Medicare, you need accurate information that steers you clear of bad advice and costly pitfalls. Medicare For Dummies is what you need to navigate Medicare successfully and get the best out of the complex system. AARP's Medicare expert, Patricia Barry, gives you plain-language explanations of how Medicare works and what steps you need to take to make it work for you, including: How you qualify for Medicare and when to enroll according to your personal situation What Medicare covers and what it costs Ways to reduce out-of-pocket expenses Tips for dealing with doctors and switching plans You'll even get information about proposed changes to Medicare that you should know about and tips for staying healthy. If you're one of the millions of Americans looking to get the lowdown on Medicare, this hands-on, friendly guide has you covered.

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Expert advice to navigate the Medicare maze Explanations of how and when to enroll Tips to avoid costly mistakes Get up to speed on Medicare It's time for you (or a loved one) to enroll in Medicare, but Medicare is a maze. You must choose among many options to pick the one that's best for you. To do that, you need accurate information that helps you steer clear of bad advice and costly pitfalls. Medicare For Dummies is the practical guide you need to navigate Medicare successfully and get the best of the system. It also explains how Medicare fits in with other health insurance you may have. Inside | When you should sign up A clear explanation of

how Medicare works How you qualify What Medicare covers — and costs The myriad options available How to choose a Part D plan How Medicare works with other healthcare benefits

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Retirement brings with it much clutter, and it's easy for anyone who's accustomed to a daily schedule with all the "extra" business once taken care of by the employer (health, medical and dental bills, disability insurance, Social Security, annuity income), to feel dazed and confused, even perplexed and occasionally overwhelmed by all of the "secondary" concerns that require judicious choices not to mention poring through mountains of mailings, sorting out various plans, and being careful to note deadlines. One of the more daunting programs, even before all the recent notoriety of ObamaCare, is Medicare. Not to worry. Patricia Barry's book explains the program in lucid, organized prose, separating the essentials from the less relevant information, and in a manner that enables the reader to make the choices that will ensure the best care at the most affordable price--including the distressful situations we may have witnessed in our parents without applying them to our own lives--until now. Of most help to me was the explanation of Part D, which prepares anyone who has used, or possibly will be prescribed, expensive medications for, say, a cholesterol problem or an even more serious condition. Here's where the most choices are to be made. Is the cheapest plan necessarily the best bet? Is the most highly rated plan necessarily the one to select? And what about plans that offer two "slightly" different options at "substantially" different prices? How should you go about selecting between the two? And with respect to any of the plans, are they irrevocable or can the individual who is now eligible for Medicare change his or her mind and select a different plan? If so, when can the decision be made? How often? Can I change my mind a 2nd, 3rd, 4th time, possibly returning to the plan I started with? Barry's book enabled me not only to distinguish between the forest and the trees but to toss several stacks of information that I had previously torn out of magazines and/or downloaded from the internet. For the present, it's the only book you'll need about Medicare--at once reducing some of the clutter and setting your mind at rest about all of those saved articles you had "intended" to read (just be careful not to do the same with this book!)

This is a most informative book. It covers everything you need to know about Medicare. Retired military will be interested in the section which explains how Tricare for Life interacts with Medicare. I had very specific questions, such as how and when should I apply for Medicare, how I pay the premiums, and whether I should choose original Medicare or a Medicare advantage plan. This book answered all my questions and explained it all in easy to understand language. I recommend Medicare for Dummies to anyone who will soon be covered by Medicare.

During this past summer, I tried to order this book, but it was not available. I ordered it and began the wait. The book just arrived and it is very well written, thorough and easy to read. I wish I had been able to read it this summer. Instead, I had to order several other books to get all of the info that is contained within this book. I can recommend this book highly.

Fully detailed discussions for consumers with a variety of needsIncludes lots of helpful links, phone numbers, suggestions.Now that I've used it to select a Medicare Advantage Plan with Part D Drug Coverage, I expect to continue to use this book to explore the fine print.Bravo!

Almost every paragraph referred to a different chapter in the book, as in: "..., I cover that in Chapter 8", or "...as discussed in Chapter 4". I believe if all these internal references were removed this would be a 30 page book. I found most of this info online anyway, which might NOT have been the case when this was published. My advice; go online first, and if you still have questions then get the book.

Good starting point and a wonderful book for a go-to place for information. Anything that pertains to government programs always seems so confusing to us laymen. This is a nice book to have on hand when you don't understand something with Medicare. Happy searching. Sincerely, Jeanne

Don't wait til the last minute! Wise up before needing such a vital lifeline. Easy to read and understand.

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