



High Deductible Medigap Plans

A Medicare Scholar Presentation

Medigap 101

- A Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy is an insurance plan that helps fill the gaps in Original Medicare
- Sold by private insurance companies
- Covers some benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover, like emergency foreign travel expenses
- Works at all providers and facility that accept Medicare beneficiaries

Medigap 101

- Medicare will pay its share of Medicare-approved amounts for covered health care costs, then a Medigap policy will pay its share
- If Medicare doesn't approve the service, the Medigap policy won't pay
- Plans are standardized in most states (plans A-N)
- Each Medigap policy under the same plan letter must offer the same benefits, regardless which carrier sold it

Medigap 101

	Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) Plans									
Benefits	A	B	C	D	F*	G*	K	L	M	N
Medicare Part A coinsurance and hospital costs (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%**
Blood (first 3 pints)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%
Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%
Skilled nursing facility care coinsurance			100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	100%	100%
Part A deductible		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	75%	50%	100%
Part B deductible			100%		100%					
Part B excess charges					100%	100%				
Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits)			80%	80%	80%	80%			80%	80%

*Plans F and G also offer a high-deductible plan in some states

**Plan N pays 100% of the Part B coinsurance, except for a copayment of up to \$20 for some office visits and up to a \$50 copayment for emergency room visits that don't result in an inpatient admission

Out-of-Pocket
Limit in 2022

\$6,620

\$3,310



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High Deductible Plan G

Benefits	High Deductible G
Medicare Part A coinsurance and hospital costs (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used)	100%
Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment	100%
Blood (first 3 pints)	100%
Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment	100%
Skilled nursing facility care coinsurance	100%
Part A deductible	100%
Part B deductible*	
Part B excess charges	100%
Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits)	80%
Deductible in 2022	\$2,490

- Annual deductible of \$2,490
- Medicare still pays first
- You are responsible for the remaining amount, up to the deductible
- After deductible is met, Medigap plan pays as scheduled

*The amount you pay for the Part B Deductible applies towards the High Deductible Plan G deductible

High Deductible Plan F

Benefits	High Deductible F
Medicare Part A coinsurance and hospital costs (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used)	100%
Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment	100%
Blood (first 3 pints)	100%
Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment	100%
Skilled nursing facility care coinsurance	100%
Part A deductible	100%
Part B deductible	100%
Part B excess charges	100%
Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits)	80%
Deductible in 2022	\$2,490

- Annual deductible of \$2,490
- Medicare still pays first
- You are responsible for the remaining amount, up to the deductible
- After deductible is met, Medigap plan pays as scheduled
- Only available to beneficiaries who qualified for Medicare prior to January 1st, 2020

How the Deductible Works

Example: John spent 3 days at the hospital as an inpatient, then had 15 days in a skilled nursing facility for recovery

John's costs:

- Hospital Stay for 3 days: Part A Deductible \$1,556
- Skilled Nursing Stay for 15 days: \$0
- Total: \$1,556 out of pocket

\$1,556 applied toward the \$2,490 deductible- \$934 remains

How the Deductible Works

Example: Alena received a cataract surgery in an outpatient facility. The Medicare-approved amount was \$2,825

Alena's costs:

- Part B Deductible: \$233
- 20% of remaining cost: \$524
- Total: \$757 out of pocket

\$757 applied toward the \$2,490 deductible - \$1,733 remains

Why a High-Deductible Plan?

- Plans F and G generally have the highest premiums amongst all Medicare Supplement options (A through N)
- Compared to plans F and G, High Deductible plan premiums can be reduced by up to 73%*
- No restrictions on Medicare providers or facilities
- Opportunity to save premium dollars for future medical expenses

*Based on Medicare Supplement premium comparison between Plan G and High Deductible Plan G for a 65 year old female, non-tobacco as of June 30, 2021 in 33912 zip code



Questions?



Thank You for
Attending!



Sources

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