Losing Medicaid?
Medicare coverage could be an option

If you recently lost (or will soon lose) Medicaid, you may be able to sign up for Medicare or change your current Medicare coverage. **Don't wait.** If you qualify, you'll have a limited time to sign up or make changes.

If you now qualify for Medicare but didn't sign up for it when you first became eligible:

- You can sign up for Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance), Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), or both without paying a late enrollment penalty.

- You have 6 months after your Medicaid coverage ends to sign up. Your Medicare coverage will start the month after you sign up, or the date your Medicaid coverage ends, whichever you choose.

- You can sign up by filling out a CMS-10797 form and mailing or faxing it to your local Social Security office. You can also call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

Note: If you sign up for Part A and/or Part B, you'll also have 2 months to join a Medicare drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (with or without drug coverage). You must have both Part A and Part B to join a Medicare Advantage Plan.

If you have Medicare and Medicaid, and you lose Medicaid, you can:

- Join a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage or Medicare drug plan, if you don't already have one.

- Change your current Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare drug plan.

- Join a plan or make coverage changes for 3 months from the date your state notifies you that your Medicaid coverage is ending, or the date your Medicaid coverage ends, whichever's later.

Note: If you drop a Medicare Advantage Plan, you have the option to return to Original Medicare.

Want to learn more about Medicare coverage?

Visit **Medicare.gov**, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free, personalized, and unbiased health insurance counseling. Visit **shiphelp.org**, or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number.