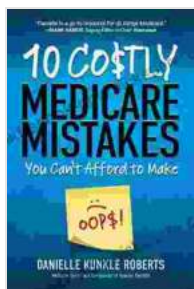


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Medicare is a complex program that can be difficult to understand. As a result, many people make costly mistakes that can impact their coverage and finances. This article will discuss 10 of the most common Medicare mistakes and how to avoid them.

Medicare Part A is free for most people, but you must enroll in it when you first become eligible. If you don't, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Medicare Part A. The late enrollment penalty is 10% of the Part A premium for each year you could have had Part A but did not sign up.

Medicare Part B is the medical insurance part of Medicare. It covers doctor visits, outpatient services, and durable medical equipment. You must pay a monthly premium for Part B. If you don't enroll in Part B when you first become eligible, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty. The late enrollment penalty is 10% of the Part B premium for each year you could have had Part B but did not sign up.



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There are many different Medicare plans available, and it's important to choose the one that best meets your needs. The wrong plan could cost you money if it doesn't cover the services you need. There are three main types of Medicare plans:

- **Original Medicare** is the traditional Medicare program. It consists of Part A and Part B.
- **Medicare Advantage plans** are offered by private insurance companies. They combine Part A, Part B, and usually Part D (prescription drug coverage) into one plan.
- **Medicare supplement plans** help cover the costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover. They are also known as Medigap plans.

Medicare covers a wide range of services, but many people don't use all of them. This can cost you money if you have to pay for services that Medicare would have covered. Some of the most important Medicare benefits include:

- **Hospitalization**
- **Doctor visits**
- **Outpatient services**
- **Durable medical equipment**

- **Prescription drug coverage**

Preventive care is one of the best ways to stay healthy and avoid costly medical problems. Medicare covers a wide range of preventive care services, so there's no reason not to get them. Some of the most important preventive care services include:

- **Annual wellness visits**
- **Cancer screenings**
- **Immunizations**
- **Flu shots**

As a Medicare beneficiary, you have certain rights. It's important to know your rights so that you can get the most out of your coverage. Some of the most important Medicare rights include:

- **The right to choose your health care providers**
- **The right to appeal decisions made by Medicare**
- **The right to file a grievance**

Keeping track of your Medicare expenses can help you budget for your health care costs. It can also help you identify any errors in your Medicare bills. You can keep track of your Medicare expenses by using a spreadsheet or by using the Medicare online account.

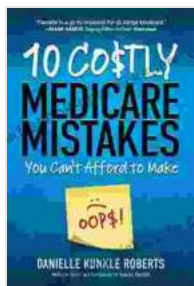
The Medicare website is a great resource for information about Medicare. You can use the website to find out about your coverage, find health care

providers, and file claims. The Medicare website also has a section where you can get help with Medicare issues.

If you need help with Medicare, you can get free help from a Medicare counselor. Medicare counselors can answer your questions about Medicare, help you choose a plan, and file claims. You can find a Medicare counselor by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

As you age, your health care needs will change. It's important to start planning for your future health care needs now. This includes thinking about how you will pay for long-term care and end-of-life care.

By avoiding these 10 costly Medicare mistakes, you can save money and get the most out of your Medicare coverage. If you have any questions about Medicare, you can get free help from a Medicare counselor by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



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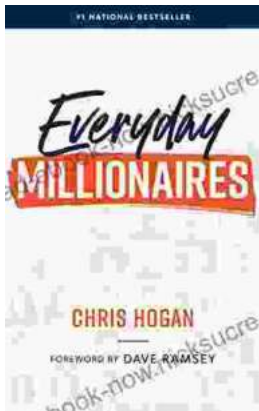
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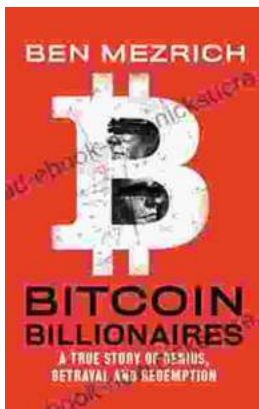
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