

Health Law Fundamentals: Medicare Coverage and Reimbursement

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Agenda

- What is Medicare?
 - Parts A, B, C & D
- Medicare Claims Processing & Payment
- How Are Medicare Providers and Suppliers Paid?

What is Medicare?

Federal health insurance for:

- People (U.S. Citizens and legal residents) age 65 or older
- People under age 65 with certain disabilities – must be disabled for at least 24 months before receive Medicare
- People of any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant)

What Agencies are Responsible for Medicare?

Handle Beneficiary Enrollment and Premiums



Social Security Administration (SSA) enrolls most people in Medicare



Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) enrolls railroad retirees in Medicare

CMS Handles the Rest



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) administers the Medicare Program

What is Medicaid?

Federal/ State entitlement program

Pays for medical assistance for certain people & families with low income and resources

Funded by both federal government and states with broad national guidelines

Each state establishes eligibility, benefit scope, duration of services

State sets payment rates to providers and administers program

What Is SCHIP?

State Children's Health Insurance Program

Established in Balanced Budget Act of 1997

Provides more federal funds for states to expand medical assistance to more kids without insurance



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