



# Making Medicare work for you

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# Choosing a Medicare plan

Many retirees believe they can select the right Medicare plan for their needs, yet the vast majority don't fully understand the rules.

**75%**

of retirees believe they can choose the right Medicare plan for them

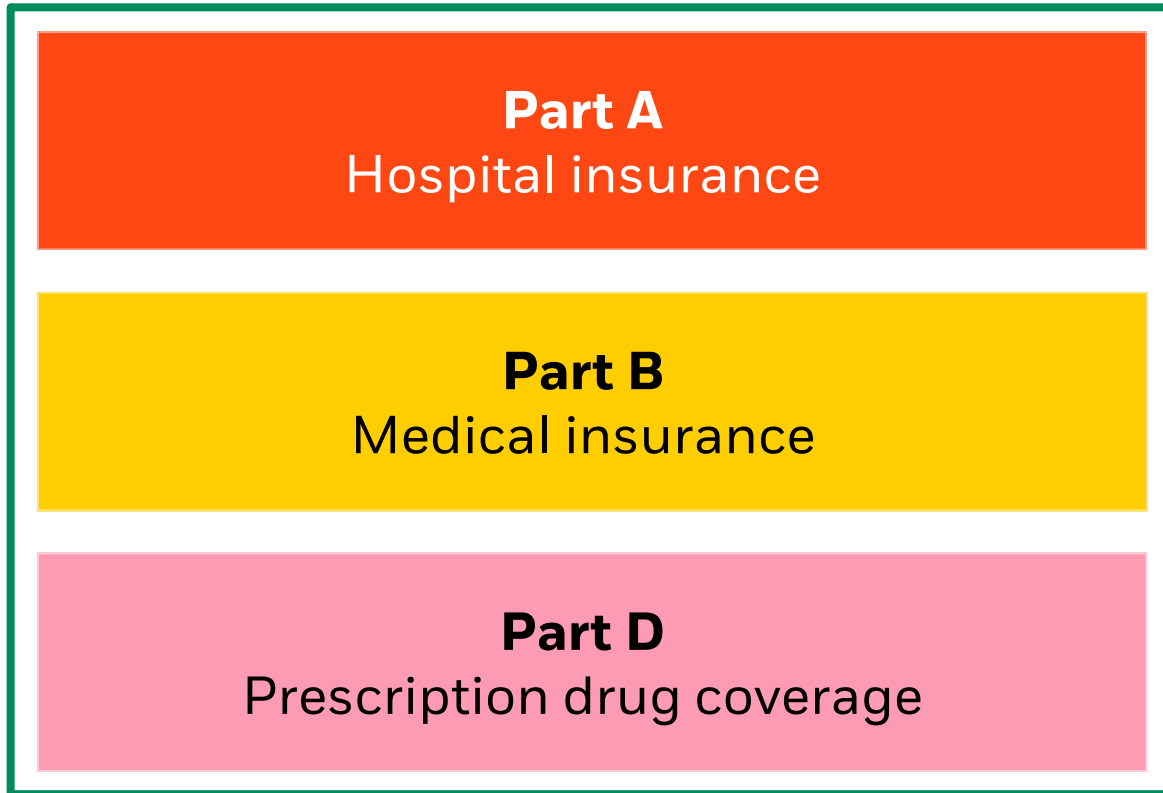
**yet only**

**20%**

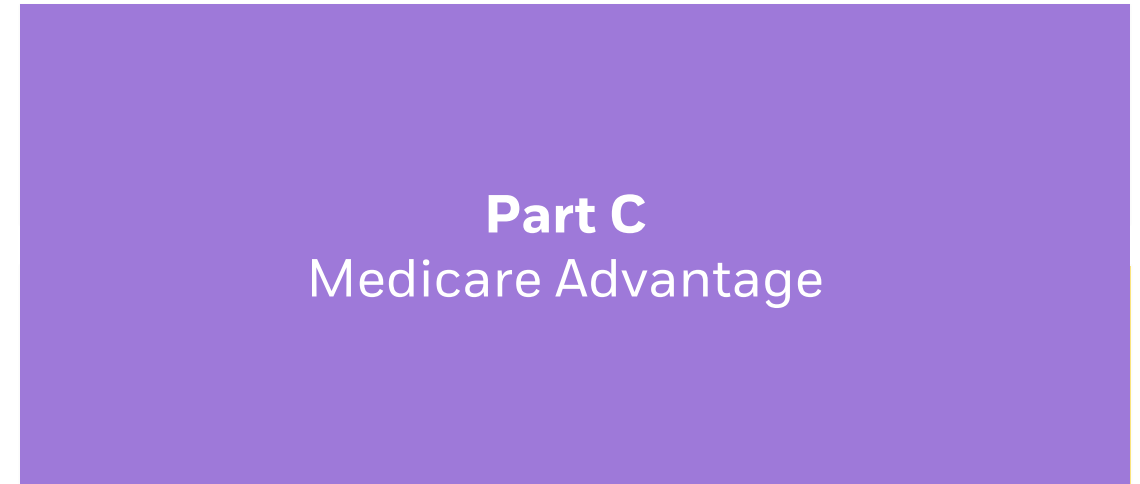
of the same retirees can correctly identify the components of Original Medicare

# What is Medicare?

A federal health insurance program for people 65 and over\*



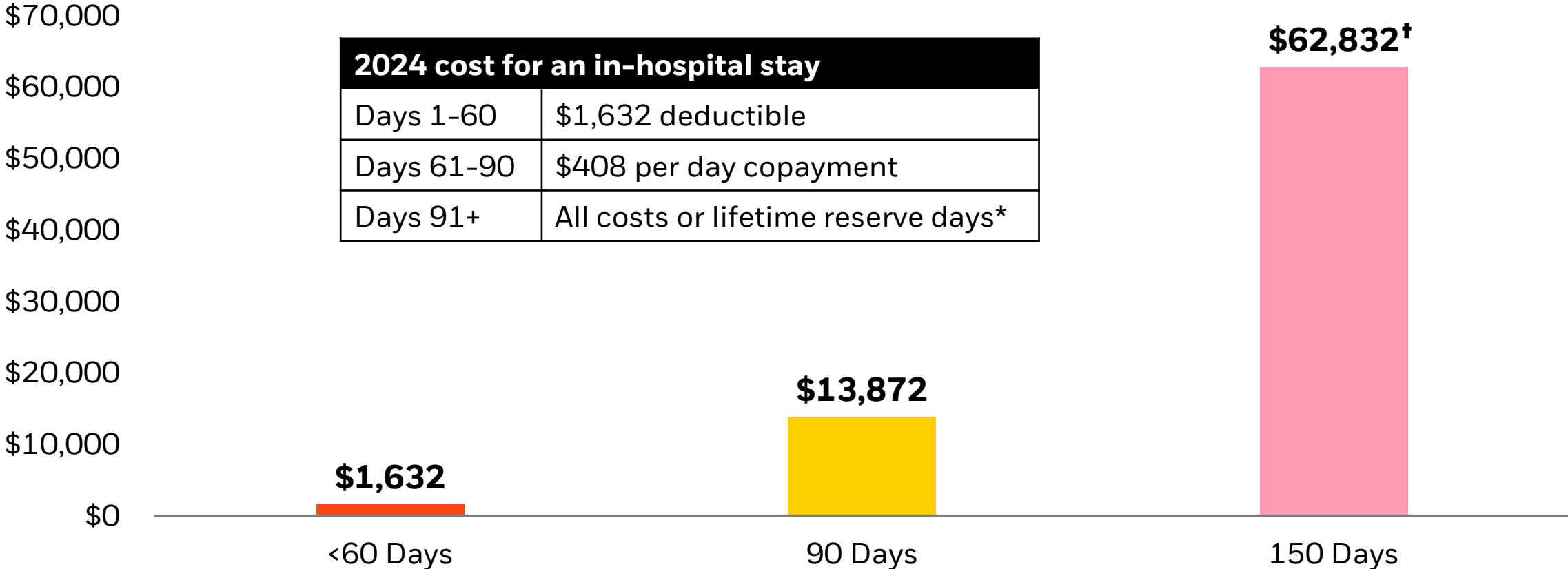
## Medigap



\* And for many disabled people.

# Understanding the costs of Part A

## Out-of-pocket costs for a hospital stay (2024)



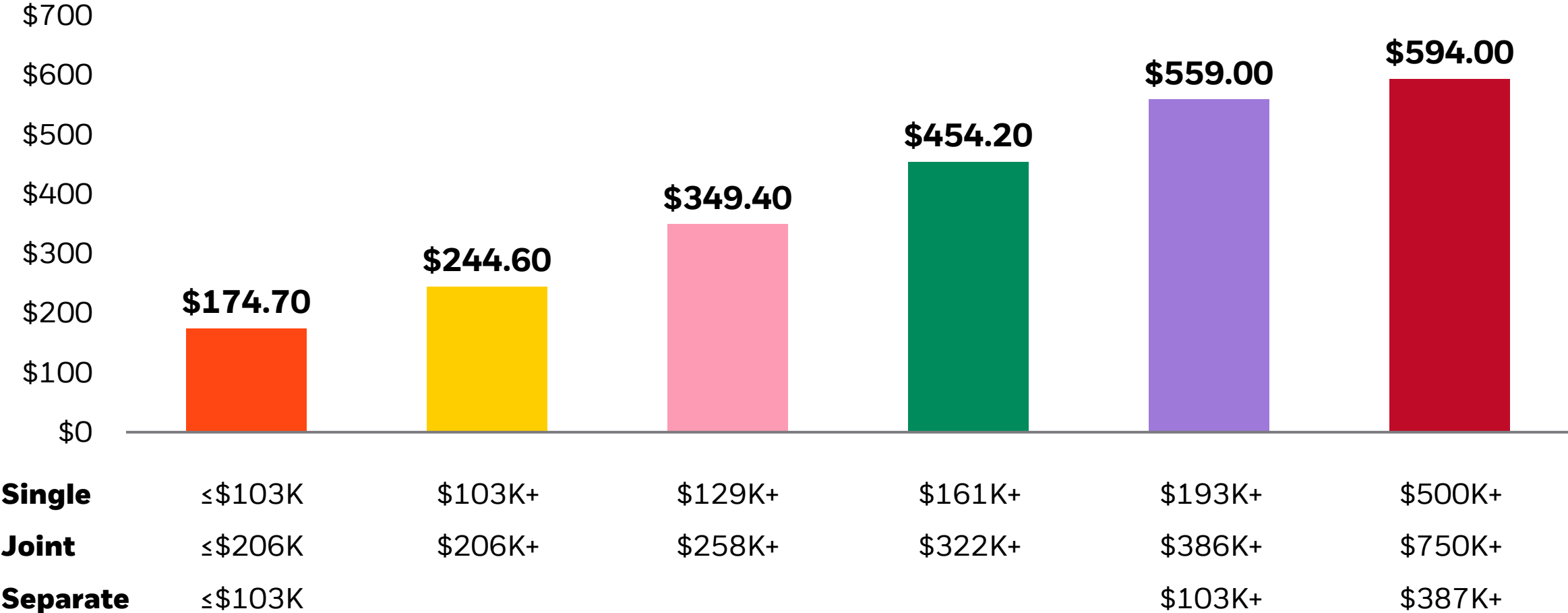
\* 60 non-renewable days with \$816 per day copayment.

<sup>†</sup> Assumes use of 60 lifetime reserve days.

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

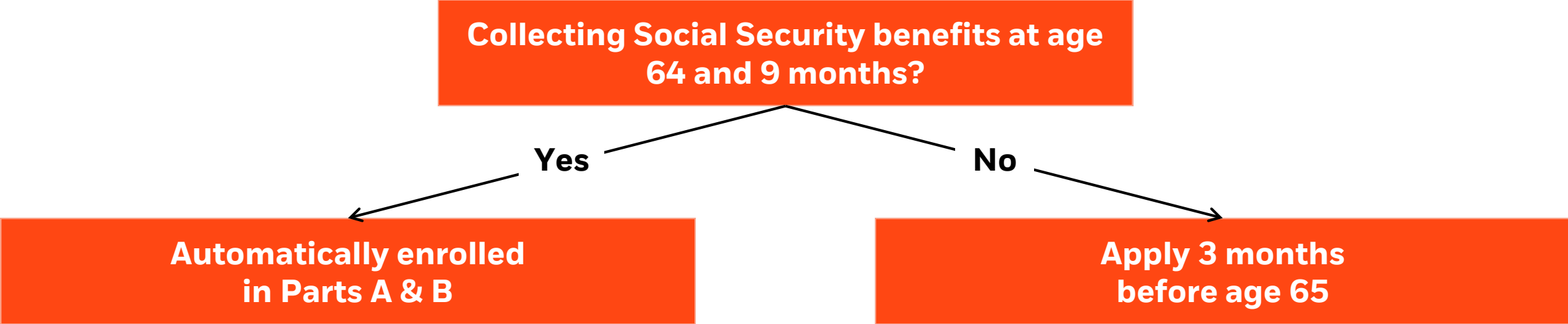
# Understanding the costs of Part B

## Monthly Part B premiums (2024)

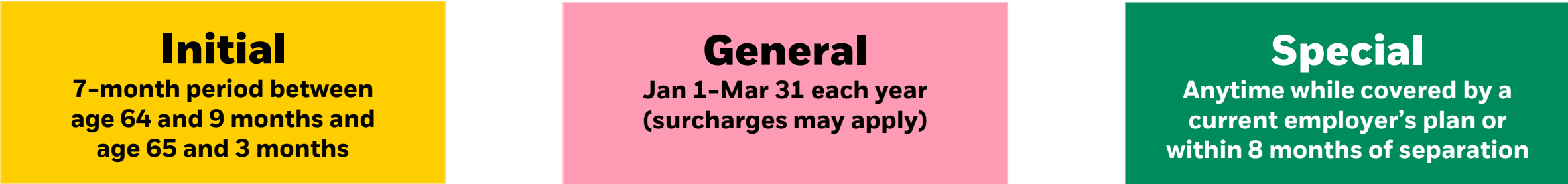


Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

# Enrolling in Parts A & B



## Enrollment periods for Part B



# Medicare is secondary to employer's plan while working\*



## Sign up for Part A

- It may pick up costs not covered by employer's plan



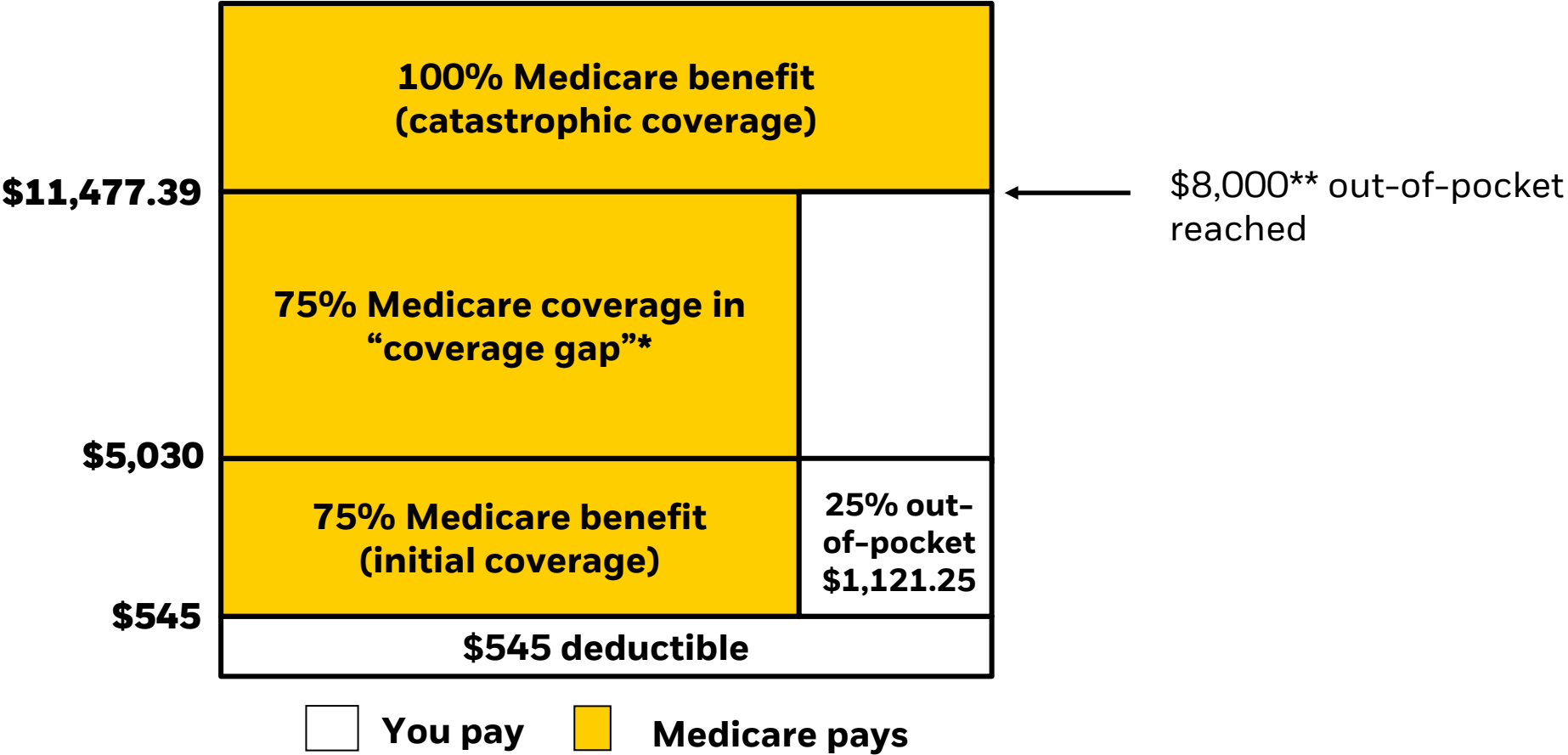
## Delay Part B

- Potentially redundant
- Premium may be higher
- May trigger Medigap choice

**Still working at age 65?**

\* Assumes an employer with 20 or more employees.

# Understanding the costs of Part D



\*For 2024, Plan will pay 75% of Generic & Brand Name costs.  
 \*\*If using Brand Name drugs, 70% of the 75% discount plus your 25% payment will be credited toward your \$8,000 threshold.  
 Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2023

# Choosing the right Part D plan

## What's most important?

### Cost

**Premiums**

**Deductibles**

**Co-pays**

### Coverage

**Which drugs are covered?**

**Are there rules for getting them?**

**Are there restrictions on specific drugs or limits on number of prescriptions?**

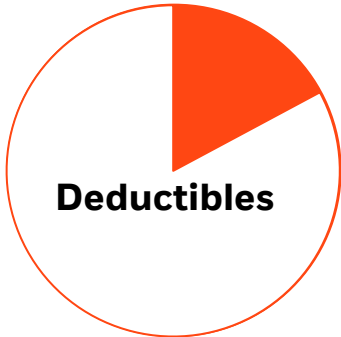
**Do they cover prescriptions in the “donut hole”?**

### Convenience

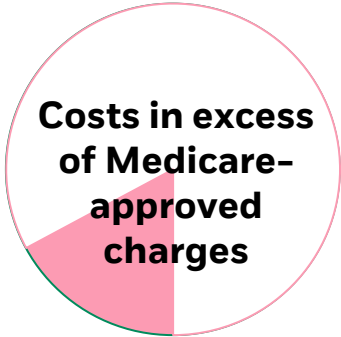
**Participating pharmacies**

**Mail order prescriptions**

# Do you need a Medigap policy?



**Plan B**



**Plan K**



**Plan L**



**Plan G**



**Plan D**

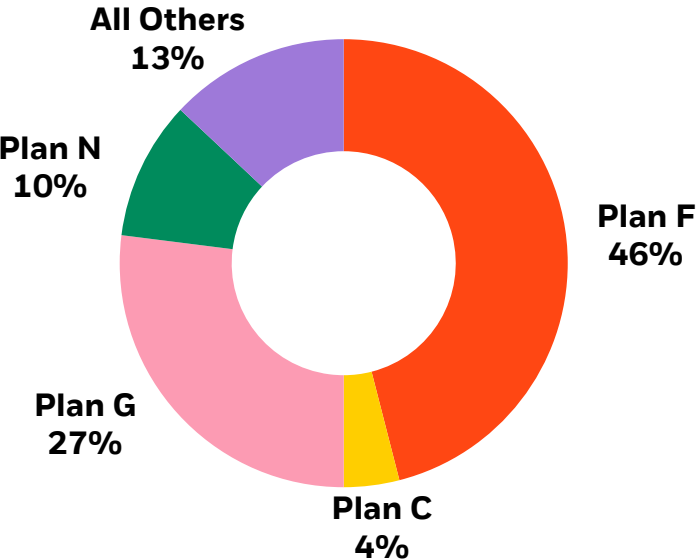


**Plan N**

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

# Getting the most from Medigap

## Most popular plans (by number of people enrolled)



## Plan G covers:

- Deductible for Part A, coinsurance and excess charges for Parts A and B
- Skilled nursing facility care
- Hospice care
- Foreign travel emergency
- First three pints of blood

Shop around!

Medigap Plan G for a 65-year-old female nationwide could cost\*:



Sources: AHIP, "The State of Medicare Supplement Coverage: Trends in Enrollment and Demographics," March 2022; Weiss Ratings (as of April 2018); Medicare.gov  
\*Calculations exclude Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts, which do not follow the standard A-N plan descriptions. Calculations include all pricing methods.

## **Next Steps**

**Leverage your financial professional's Medicare resources to help you understand your options**

**Decide between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage**

**Construct an implementation timetable with your financial professional**

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