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This steps can be used to purchase Medicare drug coverage either through a Prescription Drug plan or a Medicare Advantage plan.

1. Go to [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) - click "Find Health and Drug Plans" on left side.
2. **If you have a Medicare account or want to create one:**
  - Press "Log in or Create Account". Either sign in or create a new account.
  - Click on the type of plan you want and your zip code. Press "Next".
  - You will see your most recent drug list. If needed update this list and press "Done Adding Drugs".
  - Proceed to step 5.
3. **If you do not have (or want) a Medicare account:**
  - Click "Continue without logging in".
  - Click on the type of plan you want, your zip code and if you receive financial assistance for your Medicare costs. Press "Next".
  - Answer "Yes" to see your drug costs and the type of pharmacy (retail or mail order).
4. Type in the name of your individual drugs and press "Add my Drug."
  - You will then be prompted to enter Dosage and Quantity. Press Add to my Drug List
  - If you chose a brand name drug with a generic alternative, you will be given the choice of switching to the generic drug.
  - When all drugs are entered, press "Done Adding Drugs".
5. You can choose up to 5 pharmacies for price comparison. Press "Done" when finished.
6. The next screen shows the plans with their estimated annual cost (premiums, deductibles and co-pays) listed in order of cost. If you already have a plan it is listed first.
7. You can switch between Prescription Drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans. You can also edit your drugs & pharmacies.
8. To further review a plan, click on the "Plan Details" button of that plan.
9. It is usually better to choose a "Preferred in-network pharmacy".
10. If purchasing drug coverage through a Medicare Advantage plan, remember this is only 1 part in determining the best MA plan. Compare benefits offered, copays and premiums. Also, be sure your health care providers accept your plan choice.
11. You can enroll in the plan of your choice by clicking on the "Enroll" button or enroll by phone (phone numbers are in Plan Details).

**Questions: Call State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) 260/373-7952**

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