


Changes in Medicare for 2019


Due to a change in federal law, many Minnesota seniors with a specific type of Medicare plan, known as a “Cost Plan,” may need to enroll in new coverage for 2019 during the Annual Enrollment Period (**Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2018**).


Understanding Your Cost Plan


The federal law change affects only Minnesota seniors who have Medicare Cost Plans—but it doesn’t affect everyone the same way. Different insurers have different names for their Cost Plans. Seniors can call the phone number on the back of their health plan member card to find out if they have a Cost Plan.

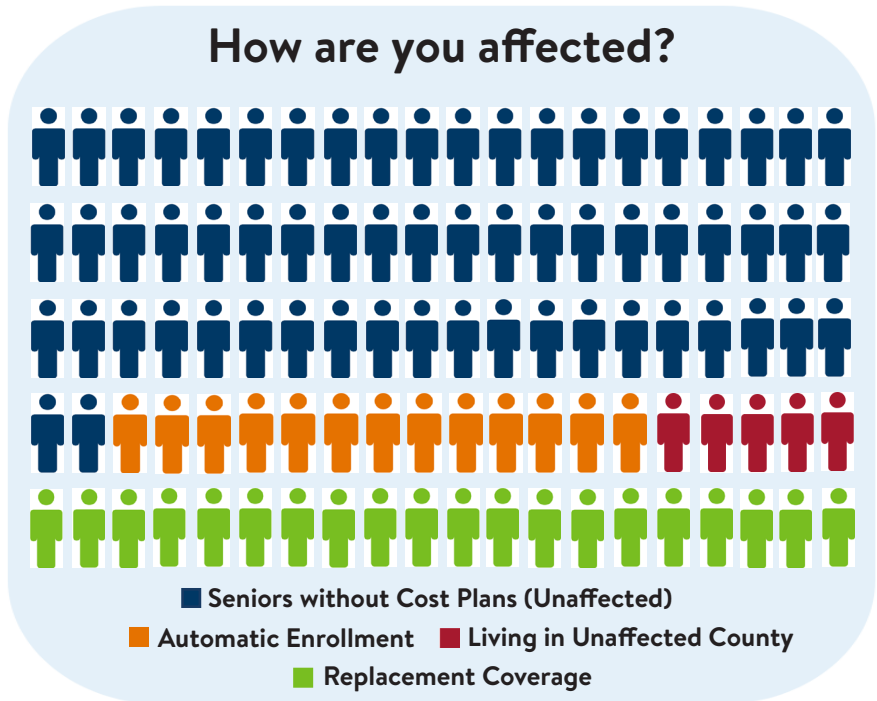
Medicare by the Numbers

 **1 million**
Minnesota seniors have Medicare
{370,000}
have Medicare Cost Plans

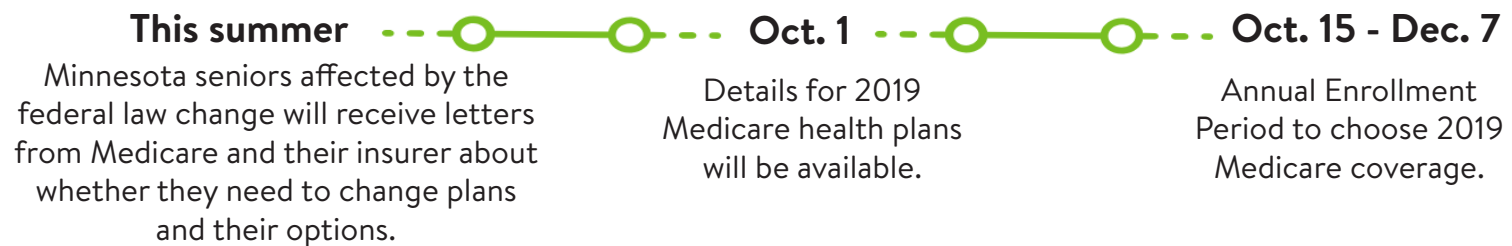
 **195,000 (est.)**
will need to take action this fall to obtain replacement Medicare coverage for 2019

 **125,000 (est.)**
may be automatically enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan with their current Medicare insurer

 **50,000 (est.)**
live in counties that will not be affected by the federal law change



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