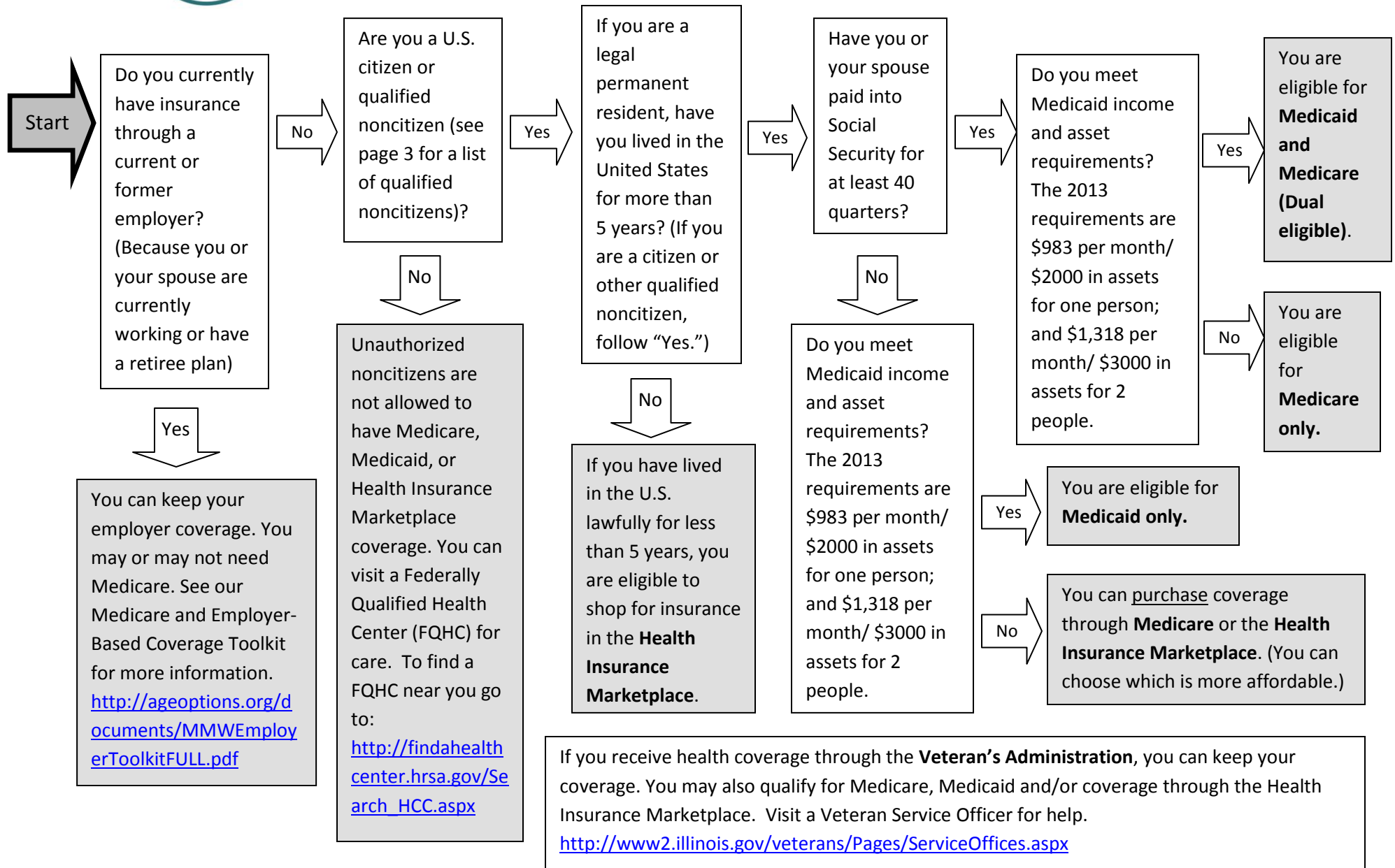




Health Care Coverage Options Individuals Age 65+





Healthcare Coverage Options for Individuals Age 65+ Resources



For more information about the coverage options mentioned in the attached flow chart, or to apply for coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, or the new Health Insurance Marketplace, use the resources listed below.

If you need Medicare:

Visit the Medicare website at www.Medicare.gov or call 1-800 Medicare (1-800-633-4227).

Work with a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor to find the right coverage for you. The Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program website is here: <http://www.state.il.us/aging/SHIP/default.htm>, and their telephone number is: 1-800-548-9034.

To find out how Medicare works with employer or retiree coverage, read our Medicare and Employer-Based Coverage Toolkit: <http://ageoptions.org/documents/MMWEmployerToolkitFULL.pdf>

If you need Medicaid:

Apply for Medicaid by visiting www.abe.illinois.gov. If an individual is unable to apply online, s/he can visit a local DHS Family Community Resource Center. You can locate a Family Community Resource Center here:

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx>

For questions, contact the DHS Helpline: 1-800-843-6154.

To find an agency that can assist with a Medicaid application contact your local Area Agency on Aging (<http://www.state.il.us/aging/2aaa/aaa-main.htm>) or the Illinois Department on Aging's Senior Helpline at 1-800-252-8966.

If you need Medicare and Medicaid:

Work with a local counselor to get assistance. You can find a local counselor through the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) or by contacting your local Area Agency on Aging.

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If you need a plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace:

Learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.getcoveredillinois.gov or www.healthcare.gov.

For help finding a plan in the Marketplace, call (866)311-1119 in Illinois or find a Navigator agency near you by visiting www.getcoveredillinois.gov and clicking on “Get Help in Your Area.”

For more information about the Marketplace, see our MMW Health Insurance Marketplace tip sheet here:

http://ageoptions.org/services-and-programs_makemedicarework.html

If you need Veterans Healthcare Coverage:

If you qualify for healthcare coverage through the Veteran’s Administration (VA), talk with your local Veterans Service Officer to learn more about that coverage or find out if you should also have Medicare or Medicaid. To find a Veteran Service Office, visit the following website:

<http://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/ServiceOffices.aspx>

If you need a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

Individuals who are not eligible for coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, or the Health Insurance Marketplace can obtain free or sliding scale health care at a Federally Qualified Health Center. To find a FQHC, visit the following website:

http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/Search_HCC.aspx

Who is a “Qualified Non-Citizen?”

Qualified Non-Citizens are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid if they meet other program requirements. To be a “qualified non-citizen,” an individual must be a lawful permanent resident living in the U.S. for at least 5 years OR be a member of one of several special immigrant groups, including (but not limited to) refugees/asylees, U.S. military members/veterans and their dependents, individuals admitted to the U.S. under the Violence Against Women Act, individuals who are part of the Cuban/Haitian entrant program, and certain other groups.

The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) has created a fact sheet for immigrant populations to help them navigate their insurance options. That fact sheet is available here:

<http://icirr.org/sites/default/files/health%20care%20imm%20fact%20sheet.docx>