

Using the Medicare.gov Plan Finder Tool: 11 Steps for Part D Comparisons

Things to remember:

- Do not use back arrows!
- Don't forget that once you get to Step 5 (entering your drugs), you need to change the Plan Finder's Drug List default password for the beneficiary's comparison from the date the comparison was run to the beneficiary's birthdate. (more detailed instructions to follow – see instructions at the end of Step 5))
- When you get to the beneficiary enrollment – don't forget to click on the DHHS watermark in the table titled "Your Personal Information" (more detailed instructions to follow – see Step 11)

Step 1: Go to www.medicare.gov

Step 2: In approximately the middle of the screen, you'll see a yellow box with a search icon (magnifying glass) that reads: "Find health & drug plans"



Step 3: Click on that yellow box and you'll be taken to "Medicare Plan Finder" page

Step 5: Enter Your Drugs

Name of Drug:

[Find My Drug](#)

Or Browse A-Z:
[A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#)
[N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#)

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Retrieve My Saved Drug List:

Your drug list has been saved. You can retrieve your selected drugs and pharmacies on future visits using this Drug List ID and Password Date.

Your personal information cannot be accessed using your drug ID list. Medicare doesn't share the drug information you enter.

Drug List ID: 7467577728
 Password Date: 5/16/1958 ([change date](#))
 Zip Code: 27526

[Use a different drug list ID](#)

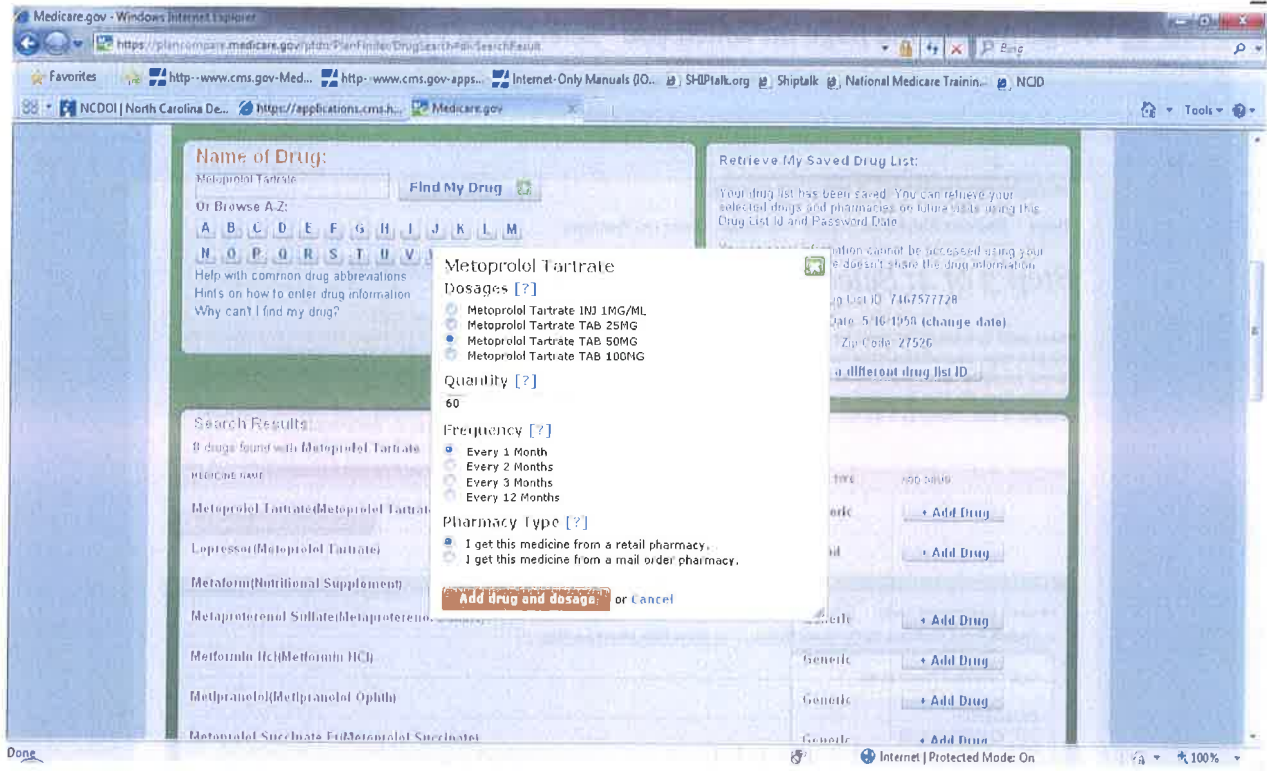
My Drug List (Maximum 25 Drugs)

Total Drugs in My Drug List: 9 [Print My Drug List](#)

MEDICINE NAME	QUANTITY	FREQUENCY & PHARMACY	GENERIC OPTIONS	ACTION
Amiodipine Besylate TAB 5MG	30	Every 1 Month Retail Pharmacy	Already Generic	Change dose Add Remove
Baclofen TAB 10MG	60	Every 1 Month Retail Pharmacy	Already Generic	Change dose Add Remove
Coumadin TAB 3MG	30	Every 1 Month Retail Pharmacy	Warfarin Sodium	Change dose Add Remove

[https://plancompare.medicare.gov/plan/Popup/WhyCanIFindMyDrug?Language=English](#) Internet | Protected Mode: On 100%

Enter each prescription (not over-the-counter) medication by typing the name in the box beneath the title, “Name of Drug”. As you begin to type in the name, the drop down box will appear with a list of drugs beginning with the letters you have typed. Select the correct drug and it will automatically enter the rest of the name into the box. Then click on “Find My Drug”.



This screen reflects strength and form of medicine, quantity taken in a month (this beneficiary takes 100 mg twice a day) and the frequency they refill the prescription.

When you click on correct Dosage, Quantity and Frequency, click on “Add drug and dosage” and it will add your medicine to the list.

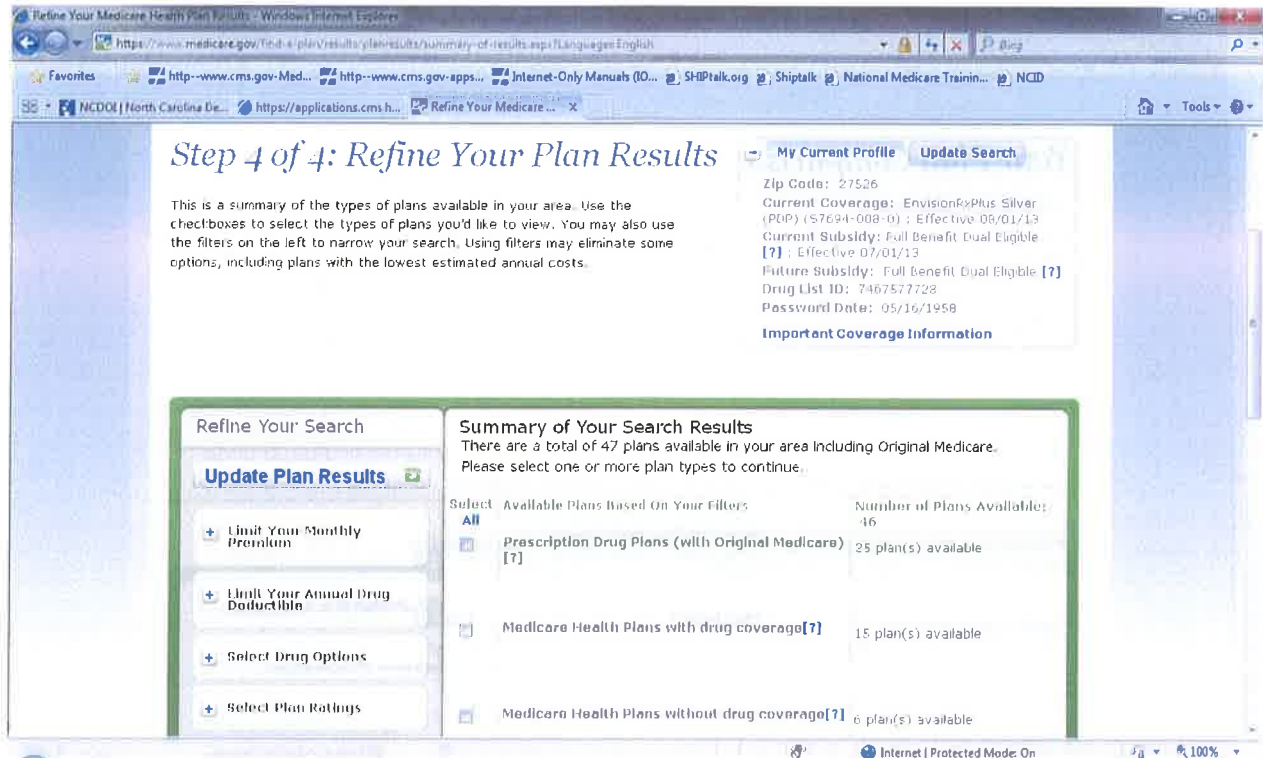
Click “Add My Drug”.

If the drug you entered is a brand name and a generic version is available, you will at this point get a pop-up window about whether the drug you wish to enter is brand or generic. Ask the beneficiary to confirm whether the prescription is currently written for a generic or brand name drug. ***The information you key into the plan finder tool must be specific to the way the prescription is written.***

Remember that at this point, move to the box at the top right of your screen, titled “Retrieve My Saved Drug List”. Click on the default password and the system will bring up a separate window. Choose the beneficiary’s birthdate as the new password, click “Change Password” in the box and you’ll have completed this step.

Return to the task of entering the rest of the beneficiary’s drugs: With each medicine, return to the “Name of Drug” box at the top of the screen and begin process again. When list is complete, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “My Drug List is Complete”

Step 7: You'll come to a page in which you'll be prompted to "Refine Your Search". We suggest you not try to limit the search according to the parameters on the left of the screen. Instead, choose one of the options on the right: "Prescription Drug Plans", "Medicare Health Plans with Drug Coverage" and "Medicare Health Plans without Drug Coverage"

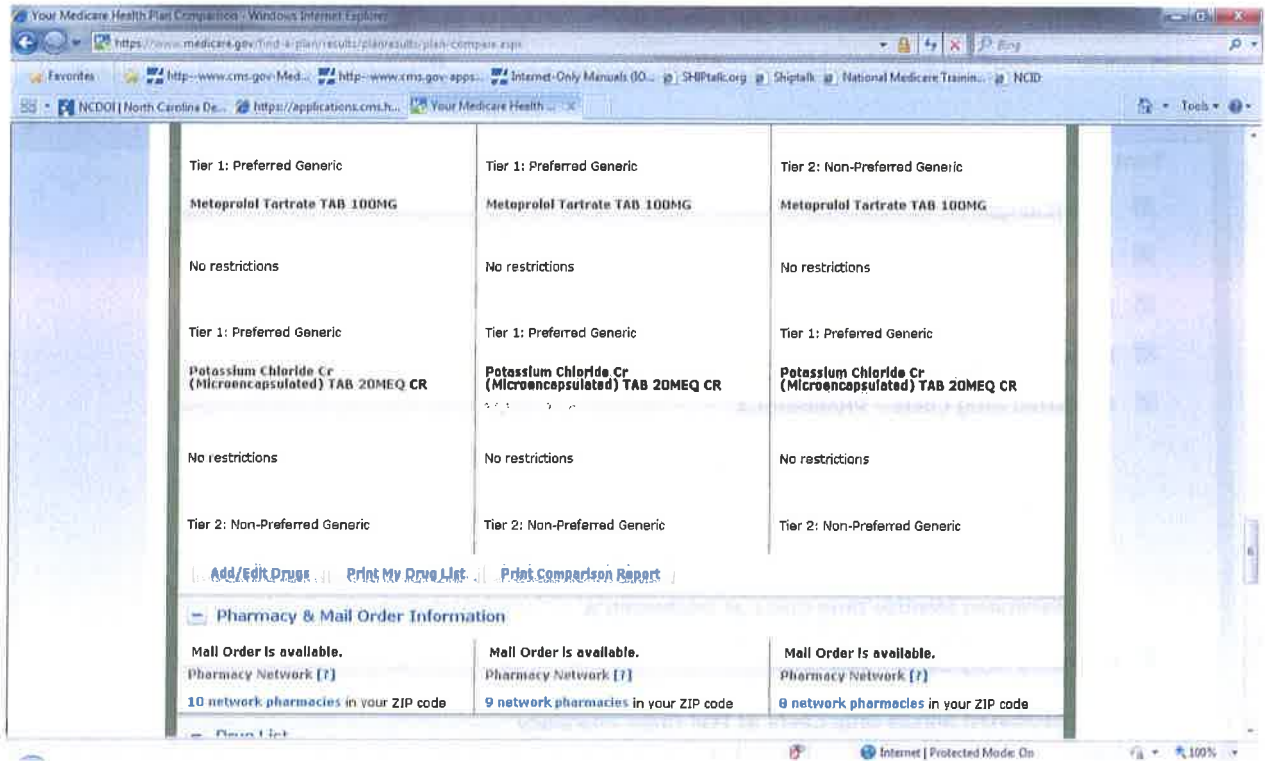


Then click "Continue to Plan Results" at bottom of screen.

Step 8: Plan Results will list the most cost effective plans in descending order – most cost effective at the top of the list. You can look at all plans and get details about each by clicking on the name of the plan, it will bring up a page titled, "Your Plan Details" there will be several tabs with information: "Overview", "Health Plan Benefits", "Drug Costs" and "Coverage and Plan Ratings". When you've finished reviewing details of any or all plans, you can maneuver back to the previous page by clicking on the "Return to previous page" prompt at the top of the Details page.

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Step 10: If you want to print the report, scroll down to the end of the drug plan data for all the drugs on the beneficiary’s list. Just above the section titled “Pharmacy and Mail Order Information”, you’ll see a field that reads: “Print Comparison Report”



Then you'll be taken to another window that looks like this:

Medicare Plan Finder

Plan Comparison - Drug Costs and Coverage

Note: The drug costs displayed are only estimates and actual costs may vary based on the specific quantity, strength and/or dosage of the drug, the order in which you buy your prescriptions, and the pharmacy you use.

Your Search Details
 Zipcode: 27526
 Current Plan: **EnvisionRxPlus Silver (PDP) (S7694-008-0)**
 Current Subsidy: **Full Benefit Dual Eligible**
 Future Subsidy: **Full Benefit Dual Eligible**
 Drug List ID: 7467577728
 Password Date: 5/16/1958

Your Drug Information

Drug Name	Quantity	Frequency	Brand / Generic	Original Drug Entry
Amlodipine Besylate TAB 5MG	30	Every 1 Month	Generic	Amlodipine Besylate
Baclofen TAB 10MG	60	Every 1 Month	Generic	Baclofen

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Step 11: At this point, you will consult with the beneficiary and discuss the specifics of each plan and then determine whether or not the beneficiary wishes to enroll.

Enrollment in a plan can be done by clicking on the “Enroll” button that appears with each individual drug plan in the Comparison.

When you get to the enrollment page, there is a very faint CMS watermark (DHHS eagle) in the upper right hand corner of the enrollment form.

Medicare Health and Drug Plan Enrollment Center

Step 1 (2 of 4) Step 2 Step 3 Step 4
Personal Information Review Read and Submit Confirmation

Start Enrollment

ATTENTION: You are enrolling in a 2013 Plan.

You are enrolling in: **First Health Part D Value Plus (PDP)**

Please fill out the personal information below. When you're finished, please click the Continue button at the bottom.

To protect your privacy, we may be asking you to provide us information in the form below that you have already entered on this site. We're sorry for the inconvenience, but your privacy is important to us.

Note: This tool is entirely confidential. The information you are providing will only be used for the purposes of completing your enrollment in the Medicare Plan that you selected. We will not share the information you provide with anyone for any other purpose.

Your Personal Information:	
Title:	<input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Miss. <input type="radio"/> Ms.
Your Name:	First Name M.I. Last Name
Birth Date:	--Month-- --Day-- --Year--
Gender:	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Email Address: <i>(This information is optional)</i>	
Home Phone Number:	() - - -
Permanent Residence(P.O. Box is not allowed):	
Street Address Line 1:	

