



## Medicare

### **Course Description**

This course discusses the government administered health insurance plan, Medicare. Most Americans aged 65 or over, in addition to some younger people are eligible for Medicare. The course defines Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, explains the roles of each, and discusses the rules that apply to each Part. The course also discusses the different types of Medicare plans available and the coverage for services each provides.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Determine whether someone is eligible for Medicare;
- Describe the four parts of Medicare coverage;
- Differentiate among the variety of plans in which a Medicare recipient may enroll and what coverage each plan provides for services and medications.
- Calculate the hospital costs to the patient under Part A Medicare coverage;
- Determine the costs of services covered under Medicare Medical Insurance - Part B, including the premiums and patient co-pays;
- Describe how a patient obtains Medicare prescription drug coverage under Part D.

### **Final Exam**

Grades and credit recommendations are based solely on a final exam. When students are ready to take the final exam, they should register for a LawShelf account (or simply log in, for those with existing accounts). Go to the video-course page and click “Take the Final Exam” and pay the exam fee, where applicable. Students will be given instructions on how to take the exam. All exams are proctored by the Voice Proctor® proctoring system. An overview of the system is [provided here](#) and it requires no training or learning curve. Grades of 70% or above are considered passing grades and qualify for recommended transfer credit.

The final exam is based on the video course modules. Additional resources detailed in this syllabus are helpful for background and for building greater understanding of the course materials. Inquiries can be made through the LawShelf Contact form on our website by clicking the “email us” button that appears at the bottom of most LawShelf pages. Transcripts can be ordered via Parchment, as detailed on our website.

## Case Studies

Many LawShelf video courses include case studies. These do not necessarily teach new material but are meant to demonstrate how the materials covered in the course are applied by various courts. Concepts covered in the case studies are covered on the final exam, so make sure to watch the case studies before taking the exam. However, it is unnecessary to memorize the facts and details of the cases covered in these case studies.

## Self-Quizzes

Video-course modules and case studies feature self-quizzes that consist of practice questions on the materials covered in the videos. These questions are presented for the benefit of the student and are **important to review before taking the final exam** because they are similar in style and substance to the questions on the final exam. These quizzes are not graded or monitored and there is no record of how students answer these questions. Students may answer these questions as many times as they like and are encouraged to keep re-taking the quizzes until they have mastered all the questions.

# Study Guide

## Introductory Videos

These videos provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

### Medicare

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/medicare/>

### Medicaid: A Primer:

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/medicaid-a-primer>

## Courseware Readings

These courseware readings provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

### Read the “Basics” of Medicare on the medicare.gov website:

<https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/get-started-with-medicare/get-the-basics>

### Overview of Medicare, US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2790649/>

## Video Course Modules

These videos constitute the main part of the course and are they sources of the questions on the final exam.

**Medicare Course Overview Video**

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursescontentview/medicare->

**Medicare Eligibility and Overview-Module 1 of 5**

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/medicare-eligibility-and-overview-module-1-of-5>

**Medicare Coverage Choices - Module 2 of 5**

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/medicare-coverage-choices-module-2-of-5>

**Medicare Part A: Hospital Insurance - Module 3 of 5**

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/medicare-part-a-hospital-insurance-module-3-of-5>

**Medicare Part B: Medical Insurance - Module 4 of 5**

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/medicare-part-b-medical-insurance-module-4-of-5>

**Medicare Part D – Prescription Drugs - Module 5 of 5**

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/-medicare-part-d-prescription-drugs-module-5-of-5>

## Supplemental Suggested Reading

These materials enable students to achieve a deeper understanding of the course materials and in applying the course to real-life situations.

*The Health of Older Americans: A Primer on Medicare and a Local Perspective*, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

<https://agsjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jgs.15227>

*Medicare: What Are The Real Problems? What Contribution Can Law Make To Real Solutions?*, Saint Louis University School of Law

[https://www.slu.edu/law/academics/journals/health-law-policy/pdfs/issues/v1-i1/jost\\_article.pdf](https://www.slu.edu/law/academics/journals/health-law-policy/pdfs/issues/v1-i1/jost_article.pdf)

*United States Health Care Reform: Progress To Date And Next Steps*, Barak Obama

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2533698>