

MEDICAL AND HEALTH INSURANCE RESOURCES California

MEDICARE

- Health insurance for people age 65 or older, under 65 with certain disabilities, and any age with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant)
- Medicare Part A covers inpatient care in hospitals, skilled nursing facility, hospice and home health care
- Medicare Part B covers doctors' services and outpatient care, as well as some preventive services
- Medicare Part C is health coverage run by private companies approved by Medicare
- Medicare Part D helps cover cost of prescription drugs

For info on Medicare, you can call 1-800-633-4224. Or you can call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the telephone numbers of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program in California

MEDI-CAL

- Pays for many health care services for certain needy residents of California. Your local County Welfare Department can help determine your eligibility for Medi-Cal. For Santa Clara County, the number to call is (408) 271-5600

CALIFORNIA MAJOR RISK MEDICAL INSURANCE PROGRAM (MRMIP)

- Is a program developed to provide health insurance for Californians who are unable to obtain coverage in the insurance market. There is a \$500 deductible. You can call 1-916-324-4695 for more info.

CALIFORNIA'S PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS INSURANCE PLAN (PCIP)

- For Californians who are unable to obtain health insurance because of a pre-existing condition. Call 1-877-428-5060

FREE PRESCRIPTIONS

- You can apply for FREE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS through the Bureau of Prescription Help by calling 1-888-812-5152. You can check their web site at www.FreeMedicine.com

COUNTY FREE CLINICS

- For people with no health insurance needing urgent medical care, they can check with their county and community clinics: <http://www.lfnc.org/images/Community Health Clinics 2011.pdf>

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

- For lupus patients wanting to apply for social security disability benefits, this web site provides comprehensive information about this often daunting process: <http://www.ssdrc.com/condition-lupus.html>