



### **Beneficiary Notification FAQs**

During 2019, the first year of the program, 380 primary care practices around Maryland are participating in the Maryland Primary Care Program (MDPCP). The practices are required to notify their attributed Medicare beneficiaries about participation in the program and the beneficiaries' rights to opt out of data sharing.

#### **How do I know if my practice is participating?**

Please look up your practice by name and location on [our website](#).<sup>1</sup> You can also search for participating practices in your area using our [interactive map](#).<sup>2</sup>

#### **Is there an additional cost to me because my practice is participating in the MDPCP?**

No. The enhanced services covered by this program will be provided at no additional cost to you. All services will be covered according to current Medicare rules.

#### **Will my benefits change because my practice is participating in the MDPCP?**

No. Your Medicare benefits are not changing. You still have the right to use or visit any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare, at any time.

#### **Can I opt out of participating in the MDPCP?**

No. The MDPCP is a practice-wide transformation program that provides additional resources to your primary care practice, which will help your care team provide better, more coordinated care for all their patients.

#### **Can I opt out of sharing data in the MDPCP?**

As part of this program, Medicare shares some of your personal health information with your practice and the State Designated Health Information Exchange (CRISP), to share with other health professionals providing care to you. This provides your primary care practices with a more complete picture of your health and allows them to better coordinate your care. This data is safeguarded according to federal and state law. However, if you would like Medicare to stop sharing your personal health information with your practice, you may opt out by calling 1-800-MEDICARE. If you would like to opt out of data sharing between your care providers through CRISP, please visit <https://crisphealth.org/for-patients-your-rights/>

#### **I called 1-800-MEDICARE to opt out of data sharing. What do I do if I still have questions?**

You can call the main help desk for the MDPCP at 1-844-711-2664, Option 7, or reach out by email at [MarylandModel@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MarylandModel@cms.hhs.gov).

#### **What information will I need to provide to opt out of data sharing?**

You will be asked to provide your Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) to the help desk customer service representative in order to opt out of sharing your data with the MDPCP.

#### **Where can I learn more about the Program?**

Please visit <https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp>

<sup>1</sup> List of Participating Practices: [https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp/Documents/MDPCP Participating Practice List 2019.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mdpcp/Documents/MDPCP%20Participating%20Practice%20List%202019.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Interactive Map: <https://marvland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1e4fbf02465840a5be2eee653f5aba60>