

Choosing a Medicare Supplement policy:

Which rates are right for you?



Issue Age Rates

- Premium is based on your age *at the time the policy is issued*.
- Premiums do not increase automatically each year because of increasing age.
- Premium increases occur only because of changes in Medicare and inflation.
- Initially, Issue Age Rates are higher than Attained Age rates for younger buyers, but all age bands yield *savings in the long term*.



Example: Premium based on your age when you first buy the policy

Mr. Han is 66. He buys a Medicare supplement and pays \$160 monthly premium.

Mrs. Wright is 73. She buys the same Medicare supplement policy as Mr. Han. Since she is older at the time of purchase, her monthly premium is \$175.*

Their premiums will not increase automatically each year because of their age, but may increase due to changes in Medicare and inflation.



**Source: 2004 Guide to Health Insurance For People With Medicare.*

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Attained Age Rates

- Premium is based on your *current* age.
- Premiums increase automatically each year because of increasing age.
- Premium increases also occur because of changes in Medicare and inflation.
- Attained Age Rates are usually the lowest at first for younger buyers, but they increase automatically every year and can *eventually become the most expensive*.



Example: Premium based on your current age

Mrs. Anderson buys a Medicare supplement at age 65 and pays \$140 monthly premium. Her premium will automatically go up every year as she gets older.

Mr. Dodd buys his Medicare Supplement policy at age 72 and pays \$180 monthly premium. His premium is higher than Mrs. Anderson's because it is based on his current age. His premium will automatically go up every year as he gets older.*

Their premiums may also increase due to changes in Medicare and inflation.



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