

## Healthcare--Questions with response from various panel members

### Question:

*We are contemplating moving to a state where there is no Kaiser. I would like to understand what options are open to people through Medicare to get as close as possible to a bay area Kaiser like HMO situation.*

### Response:

You'll probably be shopping for (no matter where you go) a Medicare Advantage plan.

I queried Google for Medicare advantage Boise, Idaho

One of the returns was this:

<https://www.medicarehelp.org/2018-medicare-advantage/county/boise?state=idaho>

### Question:

*What are the options for insurance when a citizen sponsors his/her parents who are above the age of 65 and have not paid into Medicare (since they have never been in the country before)?*

### Response:

1. A lawful permanent resident (green card holder) is eligible for **Medi-Cal** (same as Medicaid at the federal level) regardless of their date of entry if they meet all other eligibility requirements. Under current Medi-Cal policy, eligible green card holders get full scope Medi-Cal in California even if they have been in the United States for less than 5 years.  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/Medi-CalFAQs2014b.aspx>
2. **ACA (Affordable Care Act/Cover CA)** is also an option. New legal immigrants are eligible to buy health insurance under ACA. They are also eligible for the subsidy if their income is below 400% poverty line and they are not eligible for Medicaid.  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/immigrants/lawfully-present-immigrants/>  
<https://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/immigrants/>
3. The Federal Government requires several pieces of personal information to determine eligibility and many hours of research. We found that both Medicare and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may offer benefits to some women based on others individuals work history (i.e. their husbands or children), if disabled and whether or not one become a permanent resident.  
This link will help you determine if Medicare is an option:

<https://www.hhs.gov/answers/medicare-and-medicaid/who-is-eligible-for-medicare/index.html>

### Question

*Amit's referenced the Oklahoma Surgery Center; can you include more information?*

### Response:

[The Surgery Center of Oklahoma](https://surgerycenterok.com/pricing/) is a 32,535 square foot, state-of-the-art multispecialty facility in Oklahoma City, owned and operated by approximately 40 of the top surgeons and anesthesiologists in central Oklahoma. Their pricing with the monopolist-laced chain of supplies for drugs and surgical devices still undercuts "traditional" hospital prices by 80%. For example a cardiac bypass is \$10,700 -- cash, all-in, one-price and if there's a complication taking care of that is included. Their pricing sheet is transparent and available here.

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