



Connecticut Medicare Assignment Program (ConnMAP)

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The Connecticut Medicare Assignment Program (ConnMAP) is a state program administered by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) <http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=2353&q=305218#CONNMAP>.

ConnMAP ensures that physicians and other Part B providers will not charge ConnMAP enrollees more than the reasonable and necessary rate established by Medicare.

Medicare beneficiaries who meet the program's eligibility guidelines may obtain a ConnMAP card by submitting an application to DSS. The card is then presented to health care providers prior to treatment. If the service is covered by Medicare, the provider may charge no more than the Medicare approved rate.

Some services supplied by health care providers other than physicians (such as podiatrists, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, etc.) are covered by Medicare, but many are not. Patients who are not sure whether services are covered should ask the provider before receiving care.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility for participation in the program shall be limited to a resident who is enrolled in Medicare Part B, whose annual income does not exceed forty-three thousand five hundred sixty dollars or if such resident has a spouse, the combined income of such resident and his spouse does not exceed fifty-eight thousand seven hundred forty dollars. On January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall increase the income limit established under this subsection over that of the previous fiscal year to reflect the annual inflation adjustment in Social Security income, if any. Each such adjustment shall be determined to the nearest one hundred dollars.

2018 income guidelines: \$46,000 single; 62,000 married

- COLA increase in 2019 2.8% – \$47,288 and \$63,736
- COLA increase in 2020 1.6% – \$48,045 and \$64,756
- COLA increase in 2021 1.3% – \$48,670 and \$65,598

HOW TO APPLY?

Information and applications are available from Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)

Senior centers, Municipal Agents, and physicians' offices may also have applications available.

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