Help with Health Insurance for 2027

Medicare and private insurance | Vashon Island enrollment resources

Plans, costs, prescription coverage and provider networks can change each year. This guide explains when to review coverage and where to get help. For Apple Health (Medicaid) eligibility, work requirements and renewal changes, please use the District's separate Apple Health guide.

Medicare: review your 2027 coverage

Open enrollment: October 15–December 7, 2026. This is the annual period to switch Medicare Advantage plans, change Part D prescription drug plans, or change how you receive Medicare. Changes generally take effect January 1, 2027. Initial enrollment and some other situations follow different timelines.

Before choosing a plan, review premiums, drug coverage, pharmacy costs, provider networks and other out-of-pocket costs. Check that your preferred doctors and prescriptions are covered for 2027.

Vashon Senior Center. Free social work support for older residents, including navigation and referrals to enrollment assistance. 206-463-5173 | vashoncenter.org

LeeAnn Brown – Vashon Medicare Maven. Local Medicare broker. Contact for plan assistance and appointments. 206-567-4600 | leeann@vashonmedicaremaven.com | vashonmedicaremaven.com

SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors). Free, confidential, unbiased Medicare counseling. 800-562-6900 | insurance.wa.gov

Medicare.gov. Compare Medicare Advantage and Part D plans and review coverage options. 1-800-633-4227 | medicare.gov/plan-compare

Private individual and family health insurance

Washington Healthplanfinder open enrollment: November 1, 2026–January 15, 2027. Enroll by December 31, 2026 for private coverage starting January 1, 2027. Enrollment January 1–15 generally starts February 1. Outside open enrollment, a qualifying life event may provide a special enrollment opportunity.

Compare 2027 premiums, deductibles, provider networks, prescriptions and eligibility for financial help. Do not assume your 2026 plan's costs or participating providers will stay the same.

Washington Healthplanfinder. Compare and enroll in individual or family health and dental plans; check eligibility for financial assistance. 1-855-923-4633 | wahealthplanfinder.org

Certified Healthplanfinder Navigators. Free application and enrollment support. Ask Healthplanfinder to help locate a navigator. 1-855-923-4633 | wahealthplanfinder.org (Find Support)

Sea Mar Community Health Centers. Insurance enrollment navigators can help with eligibility and coverage options. Free drop-in enrollment assistance: Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW. Ongoing: 1-855-289-4503 | seamar.org/open-enrollment.html | Event: 206-250-4693

Vashon Youth & Family Services (VYFS) – Oasis Navigators. Bilingual help navigating health insurance, benefits and services. In-person at Vashon Food Bank on Wednesdays and United Methodist Church on Thursdays; call for details. 206-348-4252 | vyfs.org/oasisresources

Public benefits and additional local help

DSHS Mobile Community Services Office. In-person help with Basic Food, cash assistance, Medicare Savings Program, and disability medical assistance. DSHS staff can provide information about coverage through Healthplanfinder, but do not serve as Medicare plan counselors. 877-501-2233 | WashingtonConnection.org

Vashon visits: Thursday, November 12, 2026, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Vashon Presbyterian Church, 17708 Vashon Hwy SW; Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Vashon Food Bank Grocery, 17928 Vashon Hwy SW.

What if I need Apple Health (Medicaid)?

You can apply for Apple Health throughout the year if eligible. Start at wahealthplanfinder.org or call 1-855-923-4633. For details about changes to Apple Health eligibility, work/community engagement requirements and six-month renewals beginning in 2027, consult the District's separate Apple Health information guide.

Information reviewed November 3, 2026. Confirm individual appointments and event details before visiting. Sources: Medicare, Washington Healthplanfinder, Washington Health Benefit Exchange, DSHS, Sea Mar, VYFS, Vashon Senior Center, Vashon Medicare Maven.