

# KNOW YOUR BENEFITS.

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## Compare Your Health Care Options

### **Improve Your Quality of Care With These Resources**

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) makes many changes to the health care system in an effort to control costs, but that is not its only objective. ACA was also designed to improve quality of care for patients.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) maintains a website, [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), with information regarding the health care reform law. The site includes links to resources that help you compare health care facilities near you based on a number of quality-of-care measures. These tools allow you to find facilities compatible with your medical needs and expectations.

### **Compare Hospitals**

Find hospitals near you and compare them based on a number of factors, including processes, outcome of care, surveys of patients' experiences and more. You can also filter your search by particular conditions or procedures in order to find the hospital that is best for your specific needs.

### **Compare Nursing Homes**

This tool provides information for every Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing home in the country. Find and compare nursing homes based on quality ratings, health inspection results, nursing home staff

data and fire safety inspection results. Plus, this site offers other resources to help you choose the right nursing home or learn more about alternatives to nursing homes.

### **Compare Home Health Agencies**

This link allows you to compare home health services such as skilled nursing care, physical therapy, medical social services, home health aide services and more. Find agencies that provide the specific services you need, and then compare them based on various quality measures such as pain management, treatment and preventive practices.

**These resources allow you to compare facilities and find one that is compatible with your medical needs and expectations of care.**

### **Compare Dialysis Facilities**

Here you can access resources regarding chronic kidney disease, dialysis and choosing a dialysis facility. You can also find dialysis facilities near you and compare them based on services provided and quality measures.

### **Compare Physicians**

This tool allows you to compare physicians based on different qualities, including specialty, clinical training, languages spoken and more.

### **Get Started Today**

To get started choosing the best facility for your health care needs, visit the [health care provider information](http://www.healthcare.gov) section of [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) and click on the appropriate link.



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