

You can have both Medicaid and Medicare. Both programs can work together. If you receive Medicare and qualify for Medicaid, the Medicaid program will pay your monthly Medicare Part B premiums for you (this is called “Buy-In”). Medicaid will also pay your Medicare co-payments and deductibles. If you are 65 or over and have not worked long enough to receive free Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), the Medicaid program will also pay the Medicare Part A premium. When you apply for Medicare, it is important to let the Social Security Administration representative know that you have Medicaid and may be eligible to have the State pay your Medicare Part A premium.

Whenever you have both Medicare and Medicaid, you should show both cards to your medical care provider each time you receive services.