

Important Notice: Lack of Good Days Funding for 2025

In the past, patients with Traditional Medicare Only (not supplemental insurance) and Medicare Advantage plans were eligible to enroll in the Good Days program, a national non-profit charitable organization, which assisted with offsetting the cost of patient responsibility (out of pocket costs) for injections based on financial need. Unfortunately, Good Days has not received adequate funding to continue to aid all eligible patients.

As a result, unless there is additional funding received, moving forward patients will be responsible for their out-of-pocket costs at the time of their visit. As participating providers in Medicare programs, Eye Physicians & Surgeons is required by federal law to collect deductible and out of pocket amounts for Medicare (without supplemental insurance) and Medicare Advantage plan beneficiaries.

For many patients currently receiving a branded drug for their treatments this could reflect an increase in patient responsibility. With retinal diseases, branded drugs have been shown to be potentially more effective and more durable in some patients.

Eye Physicians & Surgeons recognize the importance of continued treatment for their patients and may be able to offer less costly treatments with Avastin for those eligible patients. This can be discussed with Dr. Levinson.

One practical alternative for Medicare patients, if not already obtained, is to acquire secondary or supplemental insurance.

For Medicare Advantage patients who are with Anthem, United Healthcare, Aetna, Cigna Advantage Plus for example, you can try to switch back to traditional Medicare and if able, then a supplement like AARP Medicare Supplement Plan (Plan G).

You will need to call Medicare at 800-633-4227 to see if you qualify and know your options.