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New Fact Sheet Examines Medicare's Role for Women

A new Kaiser Family Foundation [fact sheet](#) highlights Medicare's important role in providing health insurance coverage for older women and women with disabilities. Women are disproportionately low-income, with fewer resources and more chronic conditions than men, making Medicare a particularly critical source of retirement security. More than half (56%) of all Medicare beneficiaries are women; among those beneficiaries ages 85 and older, 70% are women, and many need long-term care services that are not covered by the program. The fact sheet provides new information about the health needs and income of women on Medicare, and their supplemental coverage, especially the role of Medicaid. It also discusses key issues for women on Medicare, such as gaps in coverage and rising out-of-pocket expenditures for medical care. The fact sheet is available [online](#).

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