

# Voluntary Alignment

## How to Choose Your Primary Health Care Clinician on Medicare.gov

The following steps will walk you through the process:

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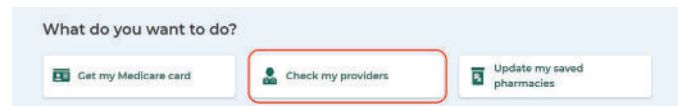
Go to **Medicare.gov** and select **Log in** (usually in the upper right-hand corner).

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On the **Log in** screen, type in your username and password, and click **Log in**. If you **don't** have an account, click **Create an account now** and follow the instructions.

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On the **Welcome screen**, under **What do you want to do?**, select **Check my providers**.



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The next screen will say **My favorite providers**:

If your primary care physician's name does not already appear in the list, click the **Add New Provider** button, then go to **Step 5**.

If your current primary care physician is shown in the list, but does not have **My primary health care provider** above their name, click **Make Primary**. Then skip to **Step 9**.

My favorite providers

Add New Provider

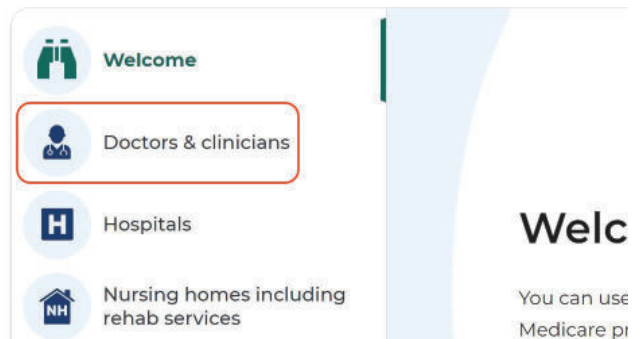
Make Primary

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Delete provider

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After selecting **Add New Provider**, a new screen will open that says **Find & compare providers near you**. In the list shown, under **Welcome**, select **Doctors & clinicians**.

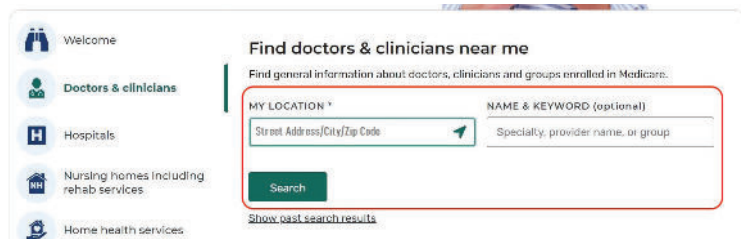


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Below **Find doctors & clinicians near me**, type in a location. You can also type in a clinician's name, group practice name or clinician specialty to narrow the search.

**Typing in your primary care clinician's last name is likely the easiest way to find your clinician.**

When ready, click **Search**.

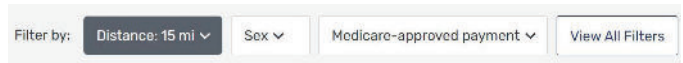


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Searching will generate a list with a map. Scroll through the list to find your clinician's name. If you do NOT see your clinician's name, or if you want to change the information you searched, use the search boxes (above the list and map) to revise your search.

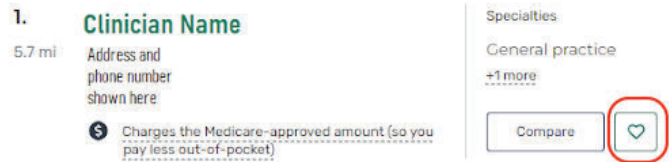
You can also refine your search using the drop downs between the search boxes and list/map.



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When you find your **primary care clinician's name** in the list, click the button.

It is located to the right of **Compare**.



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After you click the button, a small window will pop up on the same screen, showing your clinician's name at the top of the window. Just below the **clinician's name**, there will be a small check box next to **Make this my primary health care provider in my favorites**

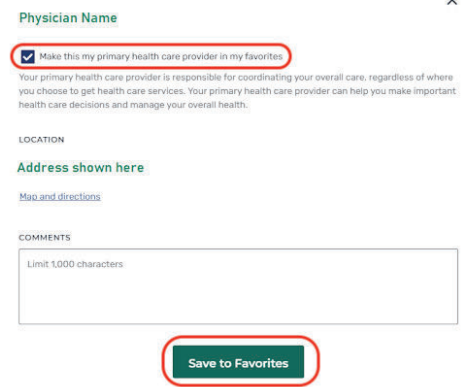


If your **primary care clinician's name** is shown in the window, click the check box to confirm you want to make them your **primary health care provider**.

The box will show a check mark when selected.

You may add comments in the box, but that is not required.

At the bottom of the window, finalize your selection by clicking **Save to Favorites**.

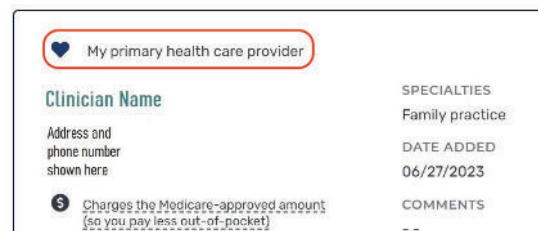


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After clicking **Save to Favorites**, a new confirmation window will appear stating: **You've added a provider to your favorites list!**

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When reviewing the **My favorite providers** list, you should see a heart with **My primary health care provider** above the clinician's name.



**Note:** You can add as many clinicians as you want to your **My favorite providers** list, but you may only have **one** designated primary **health care provider** in your favorites list at a time.