What other benefits are provided under Part B (Medical Insurance)?

Additional benefits include the following:

* The cost of *blood clotting factors and supplies* related to their administration for hemophilia patients who are able to use them to control bleeding without medical or other supervision. The amount of clotting factors necessary to have on hand for a specific period is determined for each patient individually.
* *Outpatient radiation therapy* given under the supervision of a doctor.
* *Oral antinausea drugs used as part of an anticancer chemotherapeutic regimen*. The drug must be administered by a physician (or prescribed by a physician) for use immediately before, at, or within forty-eight hours after, the time of administration of the chemotherapeutic agent and used as a full replacement for the antiemetic therapy which would otherwise be administered intravenously.
* *Portable diagnostic Xray services* received by a patient at home or at other locations if they are ordered by a doctor and if they are provided by a Medicare-approved supplier.
* Under certain circumstances, *liver and kidney transplants* in a Medicare-approved facility.
* *Prosthetic devices* needed to replace an internal body organ. These include Medicare-approved corrective lenses needed after a cataract operation, ostomy bags and certain related supplies, and breast prostheses (including a surgical brassiere) after a mastectomy. Part B (Medical Insurance) also helps pay for artificial limbs and eyes, and for arm, leg, back, and neck braces. Part B does not pay for orthopedic shoes unless they are an integral part of leg braces and the cost is included in the charge for the braces. Part B also does not pay for dental plates or other dental devices.
* The drug *Epoetin alfa* when used to treat Medicare beneficiaries with anemia related to chronic kidney failure, or related to use of AZT in HIV-positive beneficiaries or for other uses that a Medicare Administrative Contractor finds medically appropriate. The Epoetin alfa must be administered incident to the services of a doctor in the office or in a hospital outpatient department. Part B (Medical Insurance) also helps pay for Epoetin alfa that is self-administered by home dialysis patients or administered by their caregivers.

What other benefits are provided under Part B (Medical Insurance)?

* *Oral cancer drugs* if they are the same chemical entity as those administered intravenously and covered prior to 1994. In addition, off-label anticancer drugs are covered in some cases.
* *Cardiac rehabilitation* is covered if it is a comprehensive program that includes exercise, education, and counseling. Patients must meet certain conditions and have a doctor’s referral. Also covered are intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs that are typically more rigorous or more intense than cardiac rehabilitation programs.
* A comprehensive program of pulmonary rehabilitation is covered if the patient has moderate to very severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and has a referral for pulmonary rehabilitation from the doctor treating the chronic respiratory disease.