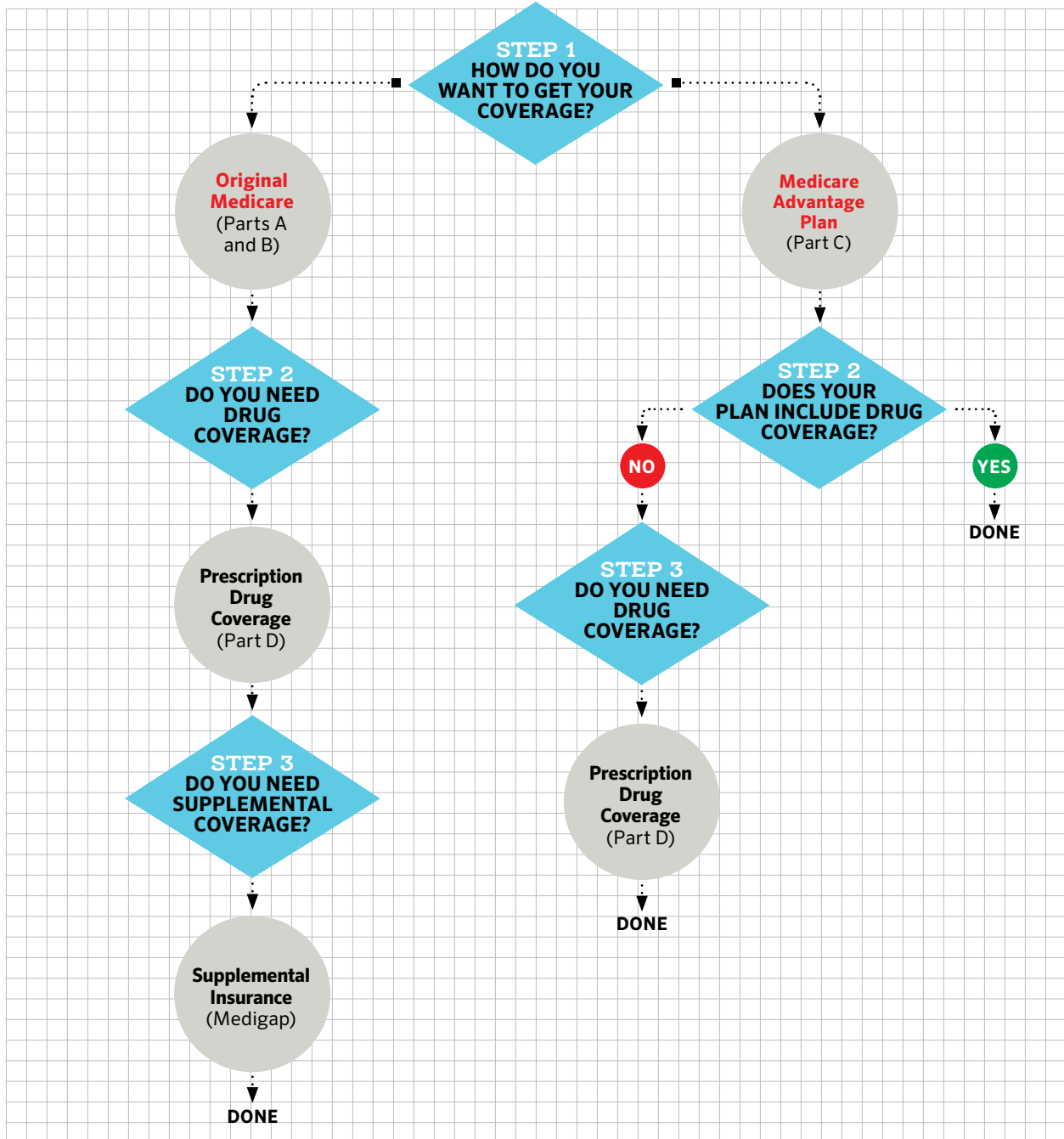


YOUR Choices

At the time you sign up for Medicare, decide whether you want Original Medicare, a Medicare Advantage plan, Part D drug coverage, and/or a supplemental insurance policy.



Talk to your health care providers and pharmacists to see what Medicare programs they participate in and whether they “accept assignment,” which means they’ve agreed to accept the Medicare-approved amount for a service or medication. If you’re considering a Medicare Advantage plan or a Part D drug plan, ask whether they are in the plan’s network. Choosing doctors and pharmacies that accept assignment (or are in the plan network) will help keep your costs down, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the government agency that runs Medicare.