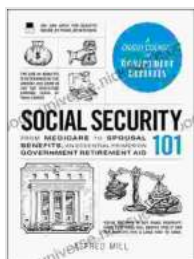


From Medicare to Spousal Benefits: An Essential Primer on Government Retirement

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The government offers a variety of retirement benefits to help you make the most of your retirement savings. These benefits include Medicare, Social Security, and spousal benefits.

Medicare

Medicare is a government health insurance program that provides coverage for people age 65 and older, as well as younger people with certain disabilities. Medicare is divided into four parts:

- **Part A** provides coverage for hospital stays, skilled nursing facility care, and hospice care.
- **Part B** provides coverage for doctor visits, outpatient care, and medical equipment.
- **Part C** (Medicare Advantage) provides coverage for all of the benefits covered by Part A and Part B, as well as additional benefits, such as vision and dental care.
- **Part D** provides coverage for prescription drugs.

Medicare is a valuable benefit that can help you save money on your health care costs in retirement. To learn more about Medicare, visit the Medicare website.

Social Security

Social Security is a government retirement program that provides monthly benefits to people who have worked and paid taxes into the system for at least 10 years. Social Security benefits are based on your average earnings over your lifetime. The amount of your benefit will vary depending on your age, earnings, and other factors.

Social Security is an important source of income for many retirees. To learn more about Social Security, visit the Social Security website.

Spousal Benefits

Spousal benefits are payments that are made to the spouse of a deceased worker who was receiving Social Security benefits. Spousal benefits are typically equal to half of the worker's benefit amount. In some cases, a

surviving spouse may be eligible for spousal benefits even if the worker did not have enough work credits to qualify for Social Security benefits on their own.

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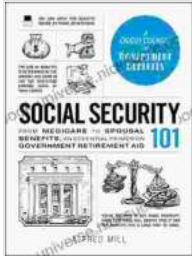
Planning for Retirement

Retirement is a major financial event, and it's important to start planning for it as early as possible. The benefits described above can help you make the most of your retirement savings, but it's also important to create a personal retirement plan.

Here are a few tips for planning for retirement:

- **Set financial goals.** What do you want to do in retirement? How much money will you need to live comfortably? Once you know your goals, you can start to develop a plan to achieve them.
- **Create a budget.** Track your income and expenses to see where your money is going. This will help you identify areas where you can save money for retirement.
- **Invest your money.** Investing is a great way to grow your retirement savings. There are a variety of investment options available, so it's important to do your research and choose the options that are right for you.
- **Seek professional advice.** If you need help planning for retirement, you should consider seeking professional advice from a financial planner or other qualified professional.

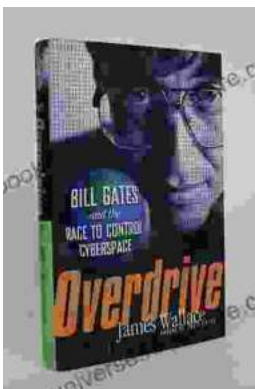
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