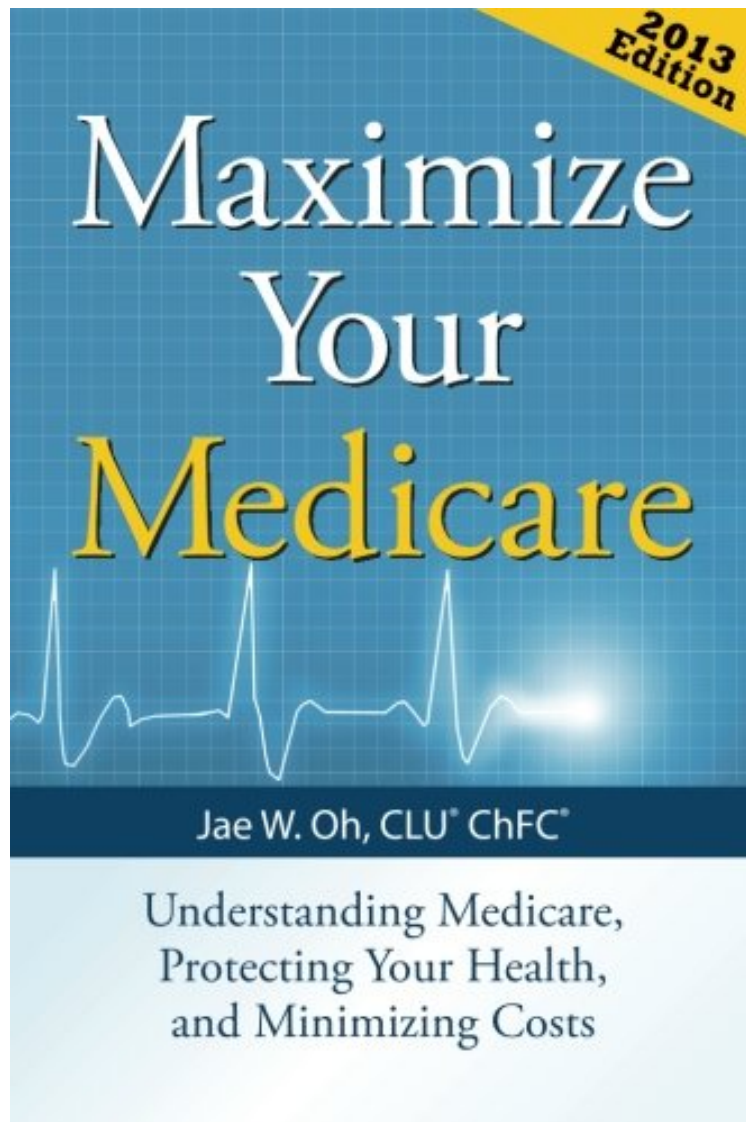


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There is a 2014 Edition of Maximize Your Medicare.nbsp;The ebook print versions are now both available. If you have purchased the 2013 Edition ofnbsp;Maximize Your Medicare, and want a free electronic copy (pdf file) of the 2014 Edition as an update, please provide evidence of purchase, join thenbsp;Maximize Your Medicarenbsp;community, and send me an email. This offer will be honored for purchases beginning on October 1, 2013 through October 31st, 2013.

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