

# Select Health Medicare | 2024 Annual Notice of Change

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# Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO) offered by Select Health

# **Annual Notice of Changes for 2024**

You are currently enrolled as a member of SelectHealth Medicare Essential. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *Please see page 5 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.* 

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at <u>selecthealth.org/medicare</u>. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

• You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.

#### What to do now

1. ASK: Which changes apply to you

Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.

- Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
- Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
- Check the changes in the 2024 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.
- 2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices
- ☐ Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at <u>www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</u> website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2024 handbook*.

Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

- 3. CHOOSE: Decide whether you want to change your plan
  - If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2023, you will stay in Select Health Medicare Essential.
  - To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1**, 2024. This will end your enrollment with Select Health Medicare Essential.
  - If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

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#### About Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)

- Select Health is an HMO, PPO, SNP plan sponsor with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Select Health Medicare depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our", it means Select Health. When it says "plan" or "our plan", it means Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO).

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# Summary of Important Costs for 2024

The table below compares the 2023 costs and 2024 costs for *Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)* in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.** 

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Monthly plan premium*	\$0	\$0
* Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 2.1 for details.		
Deductible	\$0	\$0
Maximum out-of-pocket amount	\$1,000	\$1,000
This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of- pocket for your covered services. (See Section 2.2 for details.)	2	
Doctor Office Visits	Primary care visits: you pay \$0 per visit.	Primary care visits: you pay \$0 per visit.
	Specialist visits: you pay \$0 per visit.	Specialist visits: you pay \$0 per visit.
Inpatient Hospital Stays	All days: you pay \$0 per day.	All days: you pay \$0 per day.
Part D prescription drug coverage	Deductible: \$0	Deductible: \$0
(See Section 2.5 for details.) The costs in this row are for a one-	Copays during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Copays during the Initial Coverage Stage:
month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy.	• Drug Tier 1: you pay \$0 per prescription.	• Drug Tier 1: you pay \$0 per prescription.
	• Drug Tier 2: you pay \$0 per prescription.	• Drug Tier 2: you pay \$0 per prescription.
	• Drug Tier 3: you pay \$47 per prescription. You pay \$35 per month supply of each	• Drug Tier 3: you pay \$47 per prescription. You pay \$35 per month supply of

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	covered insulin product on this tier.	each covered insulin product on this tier.
	• Drug Tier 4: you pay \$100 per prescription. You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.	• Drug Tier 4: you pay \$100 per prescription. You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.
	• Drug Tier 5: you pay 33% per prescription.	• Drug Tier 5: you pay 33% per prescription.
	<ul> <li>Catastrophic Coverage:</li> <li>During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs.</li> <li>For each prescription, you pay whichever of these is larger: a payment equal to 5% of the cost of the drug (this is called coinsurance), or a copayment (\$4.15 for a generic drug or a drug that is treated like a generic, and \$10.35 for all other drugs.).</li> </ul>	Catastrophic Coverage: • During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing.

### **SECTION 1 We Are Changing the Plan's Name**

On January 1, 2024, our plan name will change from SelectHealth Medicare Essential (HMO) to *Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)*.

You will receive a new ID card in the mail—please replace the ID card in your wallet with the new one. You will also see our new name on other communications, from member materials to our website.

If you do nothing by December 7, 2023, we will automatically enroll you in *Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)*. This means starting January 1, 2024, you will be getting your medical and prescription drug coverage through Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO). If you want to change plans or switch to Original Medicare, you must do so between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for "Extra Help," you may be able to change plans during other times.

## **SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year**

#### Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Monthly premium	\$0	\$0
(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)		

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.

### Section 2.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out-of-pocket for the year. This limit is called the maximum out-of-pocket amount. Once you reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered services for the rest of the year.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount	\$1,000	\$1,000
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of- pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of- pocket amount.		Once you have paid \$1,000 out-of-pocket for covered services, you will pay nothing for your covered services for the rest of the calendar year.

#### Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are also located on our website at <u>selecthealth.org/medicare</u>. You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. Please review the 2024 *Provider Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. Please review the 2024 *Pharmacy Directory* to see which pharmacies are in our network.

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers), and pharmacies that are part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Member Services so we may assist.

# Section 2.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Ambulance Services	You pay a \$200 copay for Medicare-covered ambulance services (each-way).	You pay a \$250 copay for Medicare-covered ambulance services (each- way).
Dental Services	You pay a \$0 copay for covered preventive, diagnostic, and basic dental services. You pay 50% coinsurance for	You pay a \$0 copay for covered preventive, diagnostic, basic and major dental services.
	covered major dental services. There is an annual maximum plan payment of \$2,500 that applies to basic and major	There is an annual maximum plan payment of \$2,500 that applies to basic and major services.
	services.	The annual maximum plan payment does not apply to
	The annual maximum plan payment does not apply to preventive services.	preventive services.
Dialysis Services	You pay 0% coinsurance for renal dialysis in a dialysis center. You pay 20% coinsurance for renal dialysis in an outpatient facility, including services and supplies for home dialysis.	You pay 20% coinsurance for renal dialysis in an dialysis center or outpatient facility, including services and supplies for home dialysis.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Emergency Care	You pay a \$125 copay for each Medicare-covered emergency room visit.	You pay a \$135 copay for each Medicare-covered emergency room visit.
Hearing Aids	Tier 1 – Advanced: you pay \$399 per hearing aid.	Tier 1 – Standard: you pay \$99 per hearing aid.
	Tier 2 – Premium: you pay \$699 per hearing aid.	Tier 2 – Advanced: you pay \$399 per hearing aid.
	Note: Hearing Aids are not included in the annual Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount.	Tier 3 – Premium: you pay \$699 per hearing aid. Note: Hearing Aids are not included in the annual Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount.
Medicare Part B Rx Drugs	You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered Part B chemotherapy drugs and other Part B Drugs.	You pay between 0% - 20% coinsurance for Medicare- covered Part B chemotherapy drugs and other Part B Drugs. You pay 20% coinsurance up to a max of \$35 copay per month for insulin for use with insulin pumps.
Medicare-covered Diagnostic Radiological and Therapeutic Services	You pay a \$80 copay for nuclear medicine and nuclear stress tests.	You pay a \$60 copay for nuclear medicine and nuclear stress tests.
Outpatient Mental Health Care	You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual or group therapy in an office setting.	You pay a \$15 copay for Medicare-covered individual therapy services. You pay a \$10 copay for

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Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	You pay a \$30 copay for Medicare-covered individual or group therapy in an outpatient hospital setting.	Medicare-covered group therapy services.
Outpatient Substance Abuse Services	You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient substance abuse services in a specialist's office. You pay a \$30 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient substance abuse services in an outpatient hospital setting.	You pay a \$15 copay for Medicare-covered individual outpatient substance abuse services. You pay a \$10 copay for Medicare-covered group outpatient substance abuse services.
Over-the-Counter (OTC) drugs and supplies	There is a \$75 quarterly allowance on your SelectHealth Medicare flexible benefits Mastercard® for OTC drugs and supplies.	
Prior Authorizations	Select foot surgery does not require prior authorization unless part of an inpatient stay, or potentially cosmetic, or experimental/investigational. Adenoidectomies and tonsillectomies do not require prior authorization.	Select foot surgery may require prior authorization. Adenoidectomies and tonsillectomies may require prior authorization.
Transportation Services - Non- Emergent	You pay a \$0 copay for up to 24 one-way trips.	You pay a \$0 copay for up to 60 one-way trips.
Wellness Your Way	You have a \$240 allowance every year on your SelectHealth Medicare flexible	You have a \$240 allowance every year on your Select Health Medicare flexible

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	benefits Mastercard® for Wellness Your Way services (such as: gym/health club membership, health education, nutritional benefits, and weight management programs).	1
Worldwide Emergency Coverage	You pay a \$125 copay for emergency services outside of the service area.	You pay a \$135 copay for emergency services outside of the service area.
Worldwide Emergency Transportation	You pay a \$200 copay for Medicare-covered ambulance services (each way).	You pay a \$250 copay for Medicare-covered ambulance services (each way).

#### Section 2.5 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

#### Changes to Our "Drug List"

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or "Drug List." A copy of our "Drug List" is provided electronically. **You can get the** *complete* "**Drug List**" by calling Member Services (see the back cover) or visiting our website (<u>selecthealth.org/medicare</u>).

We made changes to our "Drug List," which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs or moving them to a different costsharing tier. Review the "Drug List" to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different costsharing tier.

Most of the changes in the "Drug List" are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules. For instance, we can immediately remove drugs considered unsafe by the FDA or withdrawn from the market by a product manufacturer. We update our online "Drug List" to provide the most up to date list of drugs.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage and talk to your doctor to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception and/or working to find a new drug. You can also contact Member Services for more information.

#### **Changes to Prescription Drug Costs**

**Note:** If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs ("Extra Help"), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.** We sent you a separate insert, called the "Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs" (also called the Low-Income Subsidy Rider or the LIS Rider), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive "Extra Help" and you haven't received this insert by September 30, please call Member Services and ask for the LIS Rider.

There are four **drug payment stages**. The information below shows the changes to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.)

#### **Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

#### Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b> During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and <b>you pay your share of the cost.</b>	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:
Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you	Tier 1 – Preferred Generic Drugs:	Tier 1 – Preferred Generic Drugs:
The costs in this row are for a one- month (30-day) supply when you fill	8	You pay \$0 per prescription.
your prescription at a network	Tier 2 – Generic Drugs:	Tier 2 – Generic Drugs:
pharmacy that provides standard cost	You pay \$0 per prescription.	You pay \$0 per prescription.
sharing. For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for	Tier 3 – Preferred Brand- Name Drugs:	Tier 3 – Preferred Brand- Name Drugs:
mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your Evidence of Coverage.	You pay \$47 per prescription.	You pay \$47 per prescription.
We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a different	You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier	You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier
tier, look them up on the Drug List.	Tier 4 – Non-Preferred Brand-Name Drugs:	Tier 4 – Non-Preferred Drugs:
	You pay \$100 per prescription.	You pay \$100 per prescription.
	You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier	You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier
	Tier 5 – Specialty Drugs:	Tier 5 – Specialty Drugs:
	You pay 33% of the total cost per prescription.	You pay 33% of the total cost per prescription.

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660 you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

#### Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage**.

For specific information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Dental Services	Preventive and Comprehensive dental services are administered by Delta Dental of California.	Preventive and Comprehensive dental services are administered by Paramount Dental
Plan Name	Our plan name is SelectHealth Medicare Essential (HMO).	Our plan name is Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO).

# **SECTION 3 Administrative Changes**

# **SECTION 4 Deciding Which Plan to Choose**

# Section 4.1 – If you want to stay in Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)

**To stay in our plan, you don't need to do anything.** If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO).

# Section 4.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change plans for 2024 follow these steps:

#### Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- *OR*-- You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 2.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder <u>www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</u>, read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 6), or call Medicare (see Section 8.2).

As a reminder, Select Health offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost sharing amounts.

#### Step 2: Change your coverage

- To change to a different Medicare health plan, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO).
- To change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO).
- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
  - $\circ$  *or* Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

# **SECTION 5 Deadline for Changing Plans**

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7.** The change will take effect on January 1, 2024.

#### Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include people with Medicaid, those who get "Extra Help" paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2024, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) between January 1 and March 31, 2024.

If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can change your Medicare coverage **at any time.** You can change to any other Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

### **SECTION 6 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare**

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Nevada, the SHIP is called Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. SHIP counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call SHIP at 1-800-307-4444. You can learn more about SHIP by visiting their website (adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Seniors/SHIP/SHIP\_Prog/).

# **SECTION 7 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs**

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **"Extra Help" from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for "Extra Help" to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
  - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program. Nevada has a program called The Senior Rx and Disability Rx Program that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, please call 775-687-0539.

• **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Nevada Medication Assistance Program (NMAP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call 775-684-5928.

# **SECTION 8 Questions?**

# Section 8.1 – Getting Help from Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at **1-855-442-9900.** (TTY only, call **711**). We are available for phone calls:

- October 1 to March 31: Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- April 1 to September 30: Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., closed Sunday.

Outside of these hours of operation, please leave a message and your call will be returned within one business day. Calls to these numbers are free.

# Read your 2024 *Evidence of Coverage* (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2024. For details, look in the 2024 *Evidence of Coverage* for *Select Health Medicare Essential (HMO)*. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at <u>selecthealth.org/medicare</u>. You can also review the separately available Evidence of Coverage to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at <u>selecthealth.org/medicare</u>. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs (Formulary/"Drug List"*).

### Section 8.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

#### Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

#### Visit the Medicare Website

Visit the Medicare website (<u>www.medicare.gov</u>). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area. (To view the information about plans, go to <u>www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</u>).

#### Read Medicare & You 2024

Read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook. Every fall, this document is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<u>https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf</u>) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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Outside these hours of operation, please leave a message. Your call will be returned within one business day, or visit **selecthealth.org/medicare**.

Select Health is an HMO, PPO, HMO-SNP plan sponsor with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Select Health Medicare depends on contract renewal.

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