

**January 1 – December 31, 2023**

## **Evidence of Coverage:**

### **Your Medicare Health Benefits and Services as a Member of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx (PPO)***

This document gives you the details about your Medicare health care coverage from January 1 – December 31, 2023. **This is an important legal document. Please keep it in a safe place.**

**For questions about this document, please contact Member Services at (855) 442-9900. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are:**

- **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.

This plan, *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*, is offered by SelectHealth. (When this *Evidence of Coverage* says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means SelectHealth. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*.)

This document is available for free in Spanish. This document may also be available in alternate formats.

Benefits, deductibles, and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1, 2024.

The provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary. We will notify affected enrollees about changes at least 30 days in advance.

This document explains your benefits and rights. Use this document to understand about:

- Your plan premium and cost sharing;
- Your medical benefits;
- How to file a complaint if you are not satisfied with a service or treatment;
- How to contact us if you need further assistance; and,
- Other protections required by Medicare law.

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## Multi-Language Interpreter Services

SelectHealth: **1-855-442-9900** (TTY:711)

SelectHealth provides free services to help you communicate with us such as letters in other languages, Braille, large print, audio, or you can ask for an interpreter. Please contact our Member Services team at **1-855-442-9900** for additional information (TTY users, please call 711). Hours are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**English:** We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at **1-855-442-9900** (TTY: 711). Someone who speaks English can help you. This is a free service.

**Spanish:** Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al **1-855-442-9900**. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

**Chinese:** 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 **1-855-442-9900**。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

**Tagalog:** Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggagamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa **1-855-442-9900**. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

**French:** Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au **1-855-442-9900**. Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

**Vietnamese:** Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn

phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi **1-855-442-9900** sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

**German:** Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter **1-855-442-9900**. Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

**Korean:** 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 답해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 **1-855-442-9900** 번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와 드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.

**Navajo:** Díí saad bee yáníłti'go Diné Bizaad, saad bee áká'ánída'áwo'dę'ę', t'áá jiik'eh, éí ná hólq', koji' hódíílnih SelectHealth.

**Russian:** Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону **1-855-442-9900**. Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

**Arabic:** إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية لإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالصحة أو جدول الأدوية لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على **1-855-442-9900**.

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# Multi-Language Insert



**Hindi** हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं। एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें **1-855-442-9900** पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero **1-855-442-9900**. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

**Português:** Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número **1-855-442-9900**. Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

**French Creole:** Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal ouwa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan **1-855-442-9900**. Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

**Polish:** Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer **1-855-442-9900**. Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

**Japanese:** 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするため に、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、**1-855-442-9900** にお電話ください。日本語を話す人 者 が支援いたします。こ

れは無料のサー ビスです。

**Amharic:** ስለ ጤና ወይም የመድኃኒት ዕቅዳችን ማንኛውንም ጥያቄ ለመመለስ ነፃ የአስተርጓሚ አገልግሎት አለን። አስተርጓሚ ለማግኘት በ

**1-855-442-9900** ይደውሉልን። አማርኛ የሚናገር ሰው ሊረዳህ ይችላል። ይህ ነፃ አገልግሎት ነው።

**Serbian:** Имамо бесплатне услуге преводиоца за одговоре на сва ваша питања о нашем здравственом плану или плану за лекове. Да бисте добили преводиоца, само нас позовите на **1-855-442-9900**. Неко ко говори српски може вам помоћи. Ово је бесплатна услуга.

**Persian:** ما خدمات مترجم رایگان داریم تا به هر سؤالی که ممکن است در مورد طرح سلامت یا داروی خود داشته باشید پاسخ دهیم. برای دریافت مترجم، فقط با شماره **1-855-442-9900** تماس بگیرید. کسی که فارسی صحبت می کند می تواند به شما کمک کند. این یک سرویس رایگان است.

**Thai:** เรามีบริการล่ามฟรีเพื่อตอบคำถามที่คุณอาจมีเกี่ยวกับสุขภาพหรือแผนยาของเรา หากต้องการล่าม เพียงโทรหาเราที่ **1-855-442-9900** คนที่พูดภาษาไทย สามารถช่วยคุณได้ ี่เป็น บริการฟรี

**Nepali:** हाम्रो स्वास्थ्य वा औषधि योजनाको बारेमा तपाईंलाई हुन सक्ने कुनै पनि प्रश्नको जवाफ दिन हामीसँग निःशुल्क दोभाषे सेवाहरू छन्। एक दोभासे प्राप्त गर्न, हामीलाई **1-855-442-9900** मा कल गर्नुहोस्। नेपाली बोल्ने कोहीले तपाईंलाई मद्दत गर्न सक्छ। यो निःशुल्क सेवा हो।

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# CHAPTER 1:

## *Getting started as a member*

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## **SECTION 1 Introduction**

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<b>Section 1.1</b>	<b>You are enrolled in <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i>, which is a Medicare PPO</b>
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You are covered by Medicare, and you have chosen to get your Medicare health care coverage through our plan, *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*. We are required to cover all Part A and Part B services. However, cost sharing and provider access in this plan differ from Original Medicare.

SelectHealth Medicare NoRx is a Medicare Advantage PPO Plan (PPO stands for Preferred Provider Organization). Like all Medicare health plans, this Medicare PPO is approved by Medicare and run by a private company. This plan does not include Part D prescription drug coverage.

**Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC)** and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at: [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

<b>Section 1.2</b>	<b>What is the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> document about?</b>
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This *Evidence of Coverage* document tells you how to get your medical care. It explains your rights and responsibilities, what is covered, what you pay as a member of the plan, and how to file a complaint if you are not satisfied with a decision or treatment.

The words “coverage” and “covered services” refer to the medical care and services available to you as a member of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*.

It's important for you to learn what the plan's rules are and what services are available to you. We encourage you to set aside some time to look through this *Evidence of Coverage* document.

If you are confused or concerned or just have a question, please contact Member Services.

<b>Section 1.3</b>	<b>Legal information about the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i></b>
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This *Evidence of Coverage* is part of our contract with you about how *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* covers your care. Other parts of this contract include your enrollment form and any notices you receive from us about changes to your coverage or conditions that affect your coverage. These notices are sometimes called “riders” or “amendments.”

The contract is in effect for months in which you are enrolled in *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.



Each calendar year, Medicare allows us to make changes to the plans that we offer. This means we can change the costs and benefits of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* after December 31, 2023. We can also choose to stop offering the plan in your service area, after December 31, 2023.

Medicare (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) must approve *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* each year. You can continue each year to get Medicare coverage as a member of our plan as long as we choose to continue to offer the plan and Medicare renews its approval of the plan.

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## **SECTION 2 What makes you eligible to be a plan member?**

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<b>Section 2.1 Your eligibility requirements</b>
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*You are eligible for membership in our plan as long as:*

- You have both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B.
- -- *and* -- you live in our geographic service area (Section 2.2 below describes our service area). Incarcerated individuals are not considered living in the geographic service area even if they are physically located in it.
- -- *and* -- you are a United States citizen or are lawfully present in the United States

<b>Section 2.2 Here is the plan service area for <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i></b>
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*SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* is available only to individuals who live in our plan service area. To remain a member of our plan, you must continue to reside in the plan service area. The service area is described below.

Our service area includes these counties in Nevada: Clark and Nye.

If you plan to move out of the service area, you cannot remain a member of this plan. Please contact Member Services to see if we have a plan in your new area. When you move, you will have a Special Enrollment Period that will allow you to switch to Original Medicare or enroll in a Medicare health or drug plan that is available in your new location.

It is also important that you call Social Security if you move or change your mailing address. You can find phone numbers and contact information for Social Security in Chapter 2, Section 5.

<b>Section 2.3 U.S. Citizen or Lawful Presence</b>
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A member of a Medicare health plan must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully present in the United States. Medicare (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) will notify *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* if you are not eligible to remain a member on this basis. *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* must disenroll you if you do not meet this requirement.

## SECTION 3 Important membership materials you will receive

### Section 3.1 Your plan membership card

  <b>MEDICARE NETWORK</b> <b>Member Name</b> <b>ID: 123456789</b> Member Services: <b>855-442-9900</b> (TTY: 711) Find a Doctor: <b>800-515-2220</b> <b>selecthealth.org</b> P.O. Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0196 <b>MedicareRx</b> Prescription Drug Coverage <b>Medicare limiting charges apply</b> Plan Year: 2023 PPO H2246_020	<b>SelectHealth Medicare No Rx (PPO) 020</b> <b>Medical Benefits</b> <b>In-Network/Out-of-Network</b> Medical Deductible: None Preventive Care: \$0/40% Primary Care: \$0/40% Specialty Care: \$40/40% Connect Care <sup>SM</sup> : \$0/Not Covered Urgent Care Clinic: \$20/\$40 Emergency Room: \$95/\$95 <b>Pharmacy Benefits</b> This plan does not include Part D prescription drug coverage 
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Do NOT use your red, white, and blue Medicare card for covered medical services while you are a member of this plan. If you use your Medicare card instead of your *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* membership card, you may have to pay the full cost of medical services yourself. Keep your Medicare card in a safe place. You may be asked to show it if you need hospital services, hospice services, or participate in Medicare approved clinical research studies also called clinical trials.

If your plan membership card is damaged, lost, or stolen, call Member Services right away and we will send you a new card.

### Section 3.2 Provider Directory

The Provider Directory lists our network providers and durable medical equipment suppliers. **Network providers** are the doctors and other health care professionals, medical groups, durable medical equipment suppliers, hospitals, and other health care facilities that have an agreement with us to accept our payment and any plan cost sharing as payment in full.

You must use network providers to get your medical care and services. If you go elsewhere without proper authorization you will have to pay in full. The only exceptions are emergencies, urgently needed services when the network is not available (that is, in situations when it is unreasonable or not possible to obtain services in-network), out-of-area dialysis services, and cases in which SelectHealth Medicare NoRx authorizes use of out-of-network providers.

The most recent list of providers and suppliers is available on our website at [selecthealth.org/medicare](https://selecthealth.org/medicare).

If you don't have your copy of the Provider Directory, you can request a copy from Member Services.

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## **SECTION 4 Your monthly costs for *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx***

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Your costs may include the following:

- Plan Premium (Section 4.1)
- Monthly Medicare Part B Premium (Section 4.2)

Medicare Part B premiums differ for people with different incomes. If you have questions about these premiums review your copy of *Medicare & You 2023* handbook, the section called “2023 Medicare Costs.” If you need a copy, you can download it from the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). Or, you can order a printed copy by phone at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

<b>Section 4.1 Plan premium</b>
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You do not pay a separate monthly plan premium for *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*.

<b>Section 4.2 Monthly Medicare Part B Premium</b>
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### **Many members are required to pay other Medicare premiums**

As a member of you receive up to a \$100.00 reduction of your monthly Medicare Part B premium. The reduction is set up by Medicare and administered through the Social Security Administration (SSA). Rebates apply only to amounts you pay toward the Medicare Part B premium and are not issued on any premium amount paid by Medicaid. Depending on how you pay your Medicare Part B premium, your reduction may be credited to your Social Security check or credited on your Medicare Part B premium statement. Reductions may take several months to be issued; however, you will receive a full credit for amounts you have paid.

**You must continue paying your Medicare premiums to remain a member of the plan.** This includes your premium for Part B. It may also include a premium for Part A which affects members who aren't eligible for premium free Part A.

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## **SECTION 5 Keeping your plan membership record up to date**

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Your membership record has information from your enrollment form, including your address and telephone number. It shows your specific plan coverage including your Primary Care Provider.

The doctors, hospitals, and other providers in the plan's network need to have correct information about you. **These network providers use your membership record to know what services are covered and the cost-sharing amounts for you.** Because of this, it is very important that you help us keep your information up to date.

### Let us know about these changes:

- Changes to your name, your address, or your phone number
- Changes to your Primary Care Provider
- Changes in any other health insurance coverage you have (such as from your employer, your spouse's employer, workers' compensation, or Medicaid)
- If you have any liability claims, such as claims from an automobile accident
- If you have been admitted to a nursing home
- If you receive care in an out-of-area or out-of-network hospital or emergency room
- If your designated responsible party (such as a caregiver) changes
- If you are participating in a clinical research study (**Note:** You are not required to tell your plan about the clinical research studies, you intend to participate in, but we encourage you to do so).

If any of this information changes, please let us know by calling Member Services.

It is also important to contact Social Security if you move or change your mailing address. You can find phone numbers and contact information for Social Security in Chapter 2, Section 5.

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## **SECTION 6 How other insurance works with our plan**

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### **Other insurance**

Medicare requires that we collect information from you about any other medical or drug insurance coverage that you have. That's because we must coordinate any other coverage you have with your benefits under our plan. This is called **Coordination of Benefits**.

Once each year, we will send you a letter that lists any other medical or drug insurance coverage that we know about. Please read over this information carefully. If it is correct, you don't need to do anything. If the information is incorrect, or if you have other coverage that is not listed, please call Member Services. You may need to give your plan member ID number to your other insurers (once you have confirmed their identity) so your bills are paid correctly and on time.

When you have other insurance (like employer group health coverage), there are rules set by Medicare that decide whether our plan or your other insurance pays first. The insurance that pays first is called the "primary payer" and pays up to the limits of its coverage. The one that pays second, called the "secondary payer," only pays if there are costs left uncovered by the primary coverage. The secondary payer may not pay all of the uncovered costs. If you have other insurance, tell your doctor, hospital, and pharmacy.

These rules apply for employer or union group health plan coverage:

- If you have retiree coverage, Medicare pays first.

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- If your group health plan coverage is based on your or a family member's current employment, who pays first depends on your age, the number of people employed by your employer, and whether you have Medicare based on age, disability, or End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):
  - If you're under 65 and disabled and you or your family member is still working, your group health plan pays first if the employer has 100 or more employees or at least one employer in a multiple employer plan that has more than 100 employees.
  - If you're over 65 and you or your spouse is still working, your group health plan pays first if the employer has 20 or more employees or at least one employer in a multiple employer plan that has more than 20 employees.
- If you have Medicare because of ESRD, your group health plan will pay first for the first 30 months after you become eligible for Medicare.

These types of coverage usually pay first for services related to each type:

- No-fault insurance (including automobile insurance)
- Liability (including automobile insurance)
- Black lung benefits
- Workers' compensation

Medicaid and TRICARE never pay first for Medicare-covered services. They only pay after Medicare, employer group health plans, and/or Medigap have paid.

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## **SECTION 1 *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* contacts** (How to contact us, including how to reach Member Services)

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### **How to contact our plan's Member Services**

For assistance with claims, billing or member card questions, please call or write to *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* Member Services. We will be happy to help you.

<b>Method</b>	<b>Member Services – Contact Information</b>
<b>CALL</b>	<b>855-442-9900</b> Calls to this number are free. <b>October 1 to March 31:</b> Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. <b>April 1 to September 30:</b> 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.) Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
<b>TTY</b>	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. See above for days and hours of operation.
<b>FAX</b>	<b>801-442-6580</b>
<b>WRITE</b>	SelectHealth Medicare Attn: Member Services PO Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://selecthealth.org/medicare">selecthealth.org/medicare</a>

### **How to contact us when you are asking for a coverage decision or appeal about your medical care**

A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we will pay for your medical services. An appeal is a formal way of asking us to review and change a coverage decision we have made. For more information on asking for

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coverage decisions or appeals about your medical care, see Chapter 7 (*What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)*).

Method	Coverage Decisions and Appeals for Medical Care – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>855-442-9900</b> Calls to this number are free. <b>October 1 to March 31:</b> Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. <b>April 1 to September 30:</b> 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.)
<b>TTY</b>	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. See above for days and hours of operation.
<b>FAX</b>	<b>801-442-6580</b>
<b>WRITE</b>	SelectHealth Medicare Attn: Member Services PO Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://selecthealth.org/medicare">selecthealth.org/medicare</a>

**How to contact us when you are making a complaint about your medical care**

You can make a complaint about us or one of our network providers, including a complaint about the quality of your care. This type of complaint does not involve coverage or payment disputes. For more information on making a complaint about your medical care, see Chapter 7 (*What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)*).



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Method	Complaints About Medical Care – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>855-442-9900</b> Calls to this number are free. <b>October 1 to March 31:</b> Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. <b>April 1 to September 30:</b> 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.)
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b> This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. See above for days and hours of operation.
<b>FAX</b>	<b>801-442-0762</b>
<b>WRITE</b>	SelectHealth Medicare Attn: Appeals and Grievances PO Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130
<b>MEDICARE WEBSITE</b>	You can submit a complaint about SelectHealth Medicare NoRx (PPO) directly to Medicare. To submit an online complaint to Medicare, go to <a href="http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareComplaintForm/home.aspx">www.medicare.gov/MedicareComplaintForm/home.aspx</a> .

**Where to send a request asking us to pay for our share of the cost for medical care you have received**

If you have received a bill or paid for services (such as a provider bill) that you think we should pay for, you may need to ask us for reimbursement or to pay the provider bill, see Chapter 5 (*Asking us to pay our share of a bill you have received for covered medical services*).

Please note: If you send us a payment request and we deny any part of your request, you can appeal our decision. See Chapter 7 (*What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)*) for more information.

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Method	Payment Requests – Contact Information	
<b>CALL</b>	<b>855-442-9900</b> Calls to this number are free.  <b>October 1 to March 31:</b> Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  <b>April 1 to September 30:</b> 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.)	
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b>  This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.  Calls to this number are free. See above for days and hours of operation.	
<b>FAX</b>	Medical Claims: <b>801-442-6580</b> Pharmacy Claims: <b>801-442-0413</b>	
<b>WRITE</b>	Medical Claims: SelectHealth Medicare Attn: Member Services PO Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130	Pharmacy Claims: SelectHealth Medicare Attn: Pharmacy Services PO Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://selecthealth.org/medicare">selecthealth.org/medicare</a>	

**SECTION 2 Medicare**

(how to get help and information directly from the Federal Medicare program)

Medicare is the Federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

The Federal agency in charge of Medicare is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (sometimes called “CMS”). This agency contracts with Medicare Advantage organizations including us.

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Method	Medicare – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<p>1-800-MEDICARE, or 1-800-633-4227</p> <p>Calls to this number are free.</p> <p>24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>
<b>TTY</b>	<p>1-877-486-2048</p> <p>This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.</p> <p>Calls to this number are free.</p>
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<p><a href="http://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a></p> <p>This is the official government website for Medicare. It gives you up-to-date information about Medicare and current Medicare issues. It also has information about hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, home health agencies, and dialysis facilities. It includes documents you can print directly from your computer. You can also find Medicare contacts in your state.</p> <p>The Medicare website also has detailed information about your Medicare eligibility and enrollment options with the following tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medicare Eligibility Tool:</b> Provides Medicare eligibility status information</li> <li>• <b>Medicare Plan Finder:</b> Provides personalized information about available Medicare prescription drug plans, Medicare health plans, and Medigap (Medicare Supplement Insurance) policies in your area. These tools provide an <i>estimate</i> of what your out-of-pocket costs might be in different Medicare plans.</li> </ul> <p>You can also use the website to tell Medicare about any complaints you have about <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tell Medicare about your complaint:</b> You can submit a complaint about <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> directly to Medicare. To submit a complaint to Medicare, go to <a href="http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareComplaintForm/home.aspx">www.medicare.gov/MedicareComplaintForm/home.aspx</a>. Medicare takes your complaints seriously and will use this information to help improve the quality of the Medicare program.</li> </ul> <p>If you don't have a computer, your local library or senior center may be able to help you visit this website using its computer. Or, you can call Medicare and tell them what information you are looking for. They will find the information on the website and review the information with you. (You can call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.)</p>

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## **SECTION 3 State Health Insurance Assistance Program** (free help, information, and answers to your questions about Medicare)

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

The Nevada State Health Insurance Assistance Program is an independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan) state program that gets money from the Federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

The Nevada State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors can help you understand your Medicare rights, help you make complaints about your medical care or treatment, and help you straighten out problems with your Medicare bills. The Nevada State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors can also help you with Medicare questions or problems and help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans.

### METHOD TO ACCESS SHIP and OTHER RESOURCES:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Click on “**Talk to Someone**” in the middle of the homepage
- You now have the following options
  - Option #1: You can have a **live chat with a 1-800-MEDICARE representative**
  - Option #2: You can select your **STATE** from the dropdown menu and click **GO**. This will take you to a page with phone numbers and resources specific to your state.

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Method	State Health Insurance Assistance Program (Nevada's SHIP)– Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>800-307-4444</b>
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b> This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
<b>WRITE</b>	Aging and Disability Services Division Administration Office 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132 Carson City, NV 89706
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Seniors/SHIP/SHIP_Prog/">adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Seniors/SHIP/SHIP_Prog/</a>

**SECTION 4 Quality Improvement Organization**

There is a designated Quality Improvement Organization for serving Medicare beneficiaries in each state. For the Quality Improvement Organization is called Livanta.

Livanta has a group of doctors and other health care professionals who are paid by Medicare to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. Livanta is an independent organization. It is not connected with our plan.

You should contact Livanta in any of these situations:

- You have a complaint about the quality of care you have received.
- You think coverage for your hospital stay is ending too soon.
- You think coverage for your home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services are ending too soon.

Method	Livanta Nevada's's Quality Improvement Organization – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>877-588-1123</b> (toll-free)
<b>TTY</b>	<b>855-887-6668</b> This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
<b>WRITE</b>	Livanta LLC BFCC-QIO 10820 Guilford Road, Suite 202 Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-1105

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Method	Livanta Nevada's's Quality Improvement Organization – Contact Information
WEBSITE	<a href="http://bfccqioarea5.com">bfccqioarea5.com</a>

**SECTION 5 Social Security**

Social Security is responsible for determining eligibility and handling enrollment for Medicare. U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents who are 65 or older, or who have a disability or ESRD and meet certain conditions, are eligible for Medicare. If you are already getting Social Security checks, enrollment into Medicare is automatic. If you are not getting Social Security checks, you have to enroll in Medicare. To apply for Medicare, you can call Social Security or visit your local Social Security office.

If you move or change your mailing address, it is important that you contact Social Security to let them know.

Method	Social Security– Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	1-800-772-1213 Calls to this number are free. Available 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You can use Social Security's automated telephone services to get recorded information and conduct some business 24 hours a day.
<b>TTY</b>	1-800-325-0778 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Available 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>

**SECTION 6 Medicaid**

Medicaid is a joint Federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people with limited incomes and resources. Some people with Medicare are also eligible for Medicaid. The programs offered through Medicaid help people with Medicare pay their Medicare costs, such as their Medicare premiums. These “Medicare Savings Programs” include:

- **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB):** Helps pay Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, and other cost sharing (like deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments). (Some people with QMB are also eligible for full Medicaid benefits (QMB+).)

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- **Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB):** Helps pay Part B premiums. (Some people with SLMB are also eligible for full Medicaid benefits (SLMB+).)
- **Qualifying Individual (QI):** Helps pay Part B premiums
- **Qualified Disabled & Working Individuals (QDWI):** Helps pay Part A premiums

To find out more about Medicaid and its programs, contact Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

Method	Nevada Medicaid Program – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>702-668-4200</b>
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b> This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
<b>WRITE</b>	Nevada Medicaid 1860 E Sahara Ave Las Vegas, NV 89104
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://medicaid.nv.gov">medicaid.nv.gov</a>

**SECTION 7 How to contact the Railroad Retirement Board**

The Railroad Retirement Board is an independent Federal agency that administers comprehensive benefit programs for the nation's railroad workers and their families. If you receive your Medicare through the Railroad Retirement Board, it is important that you let them know if you move or change your mailing address. If you have questions regarding your benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, contact the agency.

Method	Railroad Retirement Board – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	1-877-772-5772  Calls to this number are free.  If you press “0,” you may speak with an RRB representative from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesday.  If you press “1”, you may access the automated RRB HelpLine and recorded information 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays.

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Method	Railroad Retirement Board – Contact Information
TTY	1-312-751-4701  This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.  Calls to this number are <i>not</i> free.
WEBSITE	<a href="http://rb.gov/">rb.gov/</a>

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**SECTION 8 Do you have “group insurance” or other health insurance from an employer?**

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If you (or your spouse) get benefits from your (or your spouse’s) employer or retiree group as part of this plan, you may call the employer/union benefits administrator or Member Services if you have any questions. You can ask about your (or your spouse’s) employer or retiree health benefits, premiums, or the enrollment period. (Phone numbers for Member Services are printed on the back cover of this document.) You may also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY: 1-877-486-2048) with questions related to your Medicare coverage under this plan.



# CHAPTER 3:

*Using the plan for your medical  
services*

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## **SECTION 1 Things to know about getting your medical care as a member of our plan**

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This chapter explains what you need to know about using the plan to get your medical care covered. It gives definitions of terms and explains the rules you will need to follow to get the medical treatments, services, equipment, prescription drugs, and other medical care that are covered by the plan.

For the details on what medical care is covered by our plan and how much you pay when you get this care, use the benefits chart in the next chapter, Chapter 4 (*Medical Benefits Chart, what is covered and what you pay*).

<b>Section 1.1 What are “network providers” and “covered services”?</b>
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- **“Providers”** are doctors and other health care professionals licensed by the state to provide medical services and care. The term “providers” also includes hospitals and other health care facilities.
- **“Network providers”** are the doctors and other health care professionals, medical groups, hospitals, and other health care facilities that have an agreement with us to accept our payment and your cost sharing amount as payment in full. We have arranged for these providers to deliver covered services to members in our plan. The providers in our network bill us directly for care they give you. When you see a network provider, you pay only your share of the cost for their services.
- **“Covered services”** include all the medical care, health care services, supplies, and equipment that are covered by our plan. Your covered services for medical care are listed in the benefits chart in Chapter 4.

<b>Section 1.2 Basic rules for getting your medical care covered by the plan</b>
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As a Medicare health plan, *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* must cover all services covered by Original Medicare and must follow Original Medicare's coverage rules.

*SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* will generally cover your medical care as long as:

- **The care you receive is included in the plan's Medical Benefits Chart** (this chart is in Chapter 4 of this document).
- **The care you receive is considered medically necessary.** “Medically necessary” means that the services, supplies, equipment, or drugs are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.
- **You receive your care from a provider who is eligible to provide services under Original Medicare.** As a member of our plan, you can receive your care from either a

network provider or an out-of-network provider (for more about this, see Section 2 in this chapter).

- The providers in our network are listed in the *Provider Directory*.
- If you use an out-of-network provider, your share of the costs for your covered services may be higher.
- Please note: While you can get your care from an out-of-network provider, the provider must be eligible to participate in Medicare. Except for emergency care, we cannot pay a provider who is not eligible to participate in Medicare. If you go to a provider who is not eligible to participate in Medicare, you will be responsible for the full cost of the services you receive. Check with your provider before receiving services to confirm that they are eligible to participate in Medicare.

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## **SECTION 2 Using network and out-of-network providers to get your medical care**

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<b>Section 2.1 You must choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP) to provide and oversee your medical care</b>
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### **What is a “PCP” and what does the PCP do for you?**

Your Primary Care Provider (PCP) is the health care provider that you see to receive the care that you need to keep you healthy. He or she is usually the physician that you see most frequently and will diagnose and treat most common medical problems. Your PCP will help you coordinate all of your medical care and will communicate with specialist physicians and other health care providers to address your medical needs. As an in-network provider, your PCP will request prior authorization when required.

Your Primary Care Provider may be any of the following provider types:

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Geriatrician

Services your PCP will usually provide include:

- Welcome to Medicare visit
- Annual Routine Physical and Annual Wellness Visit
- Immunizations
- Preventive Care Services (see preventive care benefit information)
- Chronic Condition management (such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity treatments)
- Urgent Care needs

## How do you choose your PCP?

In-network PCPs can be found in the *Provider Directory*. If you would like us to help you select a PCP, please call Member Services (numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet). If you already have a PCP when you enroll in , make sure that he or she is a network provider listed in the *Provider Directory*. You are responsible to confirm that your provider is contracted with our Plan. For the most updated *Provider Directory* information, please call Member Services or visit our website at [selecthealth.org/medicare](https://selecthealth.org/medicare). If you do not choose a PCP, we will assign one to you. You can change your PCP at any time by contacting us as outlined below.

Member Advocates can also help you choose or change your Primary Care Physician. Member Advocates act as an intermediary for you and in-network providers to achieve effective communication, better care outcomes, and your complete satisfaction. They specialize in helping you find the right doctor for your needs. They can assist you in scheduling an appointment, as well as help you finding the closest facility or doctor with the soonest available appointment. You can reach a Member Advocate by calling toll-free **800-515-2220** (TTY users should call **711**) weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Changing your PCP

You may change your PCP for any reason, at any time. Also, it's possible that your PCP might leave our plan's network of providers and you would have to find a new PCP in our plan or you will pay more for covered services.

If you need to change your PCP, simply call Member Services and notify us of the change. The change will take effect on the first day of the month following the date of the request.

<b>Section 2.2      How to get care from specialists and other network providers</b>
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A specialist is a doctor who provides health care services for a specific disease or part of the body. There are many kinds of specialists. Here are a few examples:

- Oncologists care for patients with cancer.
- Cardiologists care for patients with heart conditions.
- Orthopedists care for patients with certain bone, joint, or muscle conditions.

Although your plan does not require referrals in order to receive care from a specialist, it is generally good practice to coordinate care through your PCP and allow them to help determine if specialty care is needed. PCPs are able to treat a wide range of problems and can often do so at a lower cost to you than seeing a specialist.

In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for services when required. As long as you use in-network providers you will not be required to request prior authorization. If you use out-of-network providers, you are responsible to seek prior authorization for services when required. The plan makes the decision on whether the service will be covered. Refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 for information about which services require prior authorization.

### **Finding a SelectHealth Medicare Specialist Provider**

In-network Specialist Providers (SCP) can be found in the *Provider Directory*. You can also go to [selecthealth.org/medicare](https://selecthealth.org/medicare), click on “Find a Doctor,” and choose the type of specialist that is needed from the list to find the most current list of participating providers.

Member Advocates can also help you find a SCP to fit your needs. They specialize in helping you find the right doctor for your needs. They can assist you in scheduling an appointment, as well as help you finding the closest facility or doctor with the soonest available appointment. You can reach a Member Advocate by calling toll-free **800-515-2220** (TTY users should call **711**) weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you need a SelectHealth Medicare *Provider Directory* or want help finding a provider, please call Member Services (phone numbers for Member Services are printed on the back cover of this booklet.). Always make sure your provider is in the network before you get care.

### **Finding a Delta Dental Provider**

To find a provider for your dental plan, see the Delta Dental Medicare Provider Directory. Delta Dental Provider Directories are available upon request by calling Member Services (phone numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet). You can also go to [selecthealth.org/medicare](https://selecthealth.org/medicare), click on “Find a Doctor,” and choose Delta Dental Nevada from the list to find the Delta Dental Provider Directory.

We highly recommend you verify that the dentist is a Participating Provider in this Medicare Plan before each appointment to avoid balance billing from Non-Participating Providers. Delta Dental contracts with licensed dentists who participate in other dental plans offered by Delta Dental. Not all of these dentists agree or contract with Delta Dental to be a Participating Provider in this Plan. We therefore highly recommend that you verify that the dentist you select is a Participating Provider in this dental Plan before each appointment. The dentist may be under contract for another Delta Dental benefits plan but not necessarily this Plan for Select Health beneficiaries.

If you need help finding a Delta Dental Medicare Provider, please call Delta Dental Member Services at the phone number listed below. You can also go to [www.deltadentalins.com/selecthealthmedicare/](https://www.deltadentalins.com/selecthealthmedicare/) for more information. Delta Dental contracts with licensed dentists who may participate in other dental plans offered by Delta Dental.

Delta Dental Member Services phone: **800-546-9679** (toll-free) (TTY users should call **711**).  
Hours are:

**October 1 to March 31:** Daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m

**April 1 to September 30:** Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., closed Saturday & Sunday.

### **Finding an EyeMed Provider or Vision Care® Hardware Retailer**

The EyeMed Access network is for routine eye exams, refractions and vision hardware. This means you are able to use the same provider for your eye exam and vision hardware. You may choose to get vision hardware (contacts, frames, & lenses) or routine eye exams from any EyeMed Vision provider in the Access Network.

To find a provider for eye exams, or a retailer for your vision hardware benefit, or get assistance with questions about your benefit, call EyeMed Vision Member Services at **844-872-8868** (TTY users should call **711**). Hours are:

- **April 1 to September 30:** Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **October 1 to March 31:** Monday - Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

You can also go to [selecthealth.org/medicare](https://selecthealth.org/medicare), and log into your member account. Once you log in you will land on the Dashboard page where you will find the EyeMed banner. From there you can choose to access your EyeMed account to get to the EyeMed member portal. Use the search tool to find a provider or retailer near you in the Access network.

### **Finding a Hearing Aid Provider with TruHearing**

Hearing aids and exams to fit hearing aids are not covered unless you use an approved audiologist in the TruHearing network. To find a provider for your hearing aid benefit call TruHearing **866-201-9695** (TTY users should call **711**). TruHearing Hearing Consultants can help you understand your benefit and schedule an appointment.

Note: For diagnostic hearing and balance evaluations, and routine hearing exams, you will need to use a provider on the SelectHealth Medicare network. To find an audiologist for hearing and balance evaluations or other hearing care, see the *Provider Directory*, or call Member Services (phone numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet).

### **What if a specialist or another network provider leaves our plan?**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. If your doctor or specialist leaves your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, Medicare requires that we furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.

- If you are undergoing medical treatment, you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If our network does not have a qualified specialist for a plan-covered service, we must cover that service at in-network cost sharing, prior authorization is required.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file a quality of care complaint to the QIO, a quality of care grievance to the plan, or both. Please see Chapter 7.

## **Section 2.4 How to get care from out-of-network providers**

As a member of our plan, you can choose to receive care from out-of-network providers. However, please note providers that do not contract with us are under no obligation to treat you, except in emergency situations. Our plan will cover services from either in-network or out-of-network providers, as long as the services are covered benefits and are medically necessary. However, **if you use an out-of-network provider, your share of the costs for your covered services may be higher.** Here are other important things to know about using out-of-network providers:

- You can get your care from an out-of-network provider, however, in most cases that provider must be eligible to participate in Medicare. Except for emergency care, we cannot pay a provider who is not eligible to participate in Medicare. If you receive care from a provider who is not eligible to participate in Medicare, you will be responsible for the full cost of the services you receive. Check with your provider before receiving services to confirm that they are eligible to participate in Medicare.
- You don't need to get a referral or prior authorization when you get care from out-of-network providers. However, before getting services from out-of-network providers you may want to ask for a pre-visit coverage decision to confirm that the services you are getting are covered and are medically necessary. (See Chapter 7, Section 4 for information about asking for coverage decisions.) This is important because:
  - Without a pre-visit coverage decision, if we later determine that the services are not covered or were not medically necessary, we may deny coverage and you will be responsible for the entire cost. If we say we will not cover your services, you have the right to appeal our decision not to cover your care. See Chapter 7 (*What to do if you have a problem or complaint*) to learn how to make an appeal.
- It is best to ask an out-of-network provider to bill the plan first. But, if you have already paid for the covered services, we will reimburse you for our share of the cost for covered services. Or if an out-of-network provider sends you a bill that you think we should pay, you can send it to us for payment. See Chapter 5 (*Asking us to pay our share of a bill you*

*have received for covered medical services*) for information about what to do if you receive a bill or if you need to ask for reimbursement.

- If you are using an out-of-network provider for emergency care, urgently needed services, or out-of-area dialysis, you may not have to pay a higher cost sharing amount. See Section 3 for more information about these situations.

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## **SECTION 3 How to get services when you have an emergency or urgent need for care or during a disaster**

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<b>Section 3.1 Getting care if you have a medical emergency</b>
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### **What is a “medical emergency” and what should you do if you have one?**

A “**medical emergency**” is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent your loss of life (and, if you are a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb or function of a limb, or loss of or serious impairment to a bodily function. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.

If you have a medical emergency:

- **Get help as quickly as possible.** Call 911 for help or go to the nearest emergency room or hospital. Call for an ambulance if you need it. You do *not* need to get approval or a referral first from your PCP. You do not need to use a network doctor. You may get covered emergency medical care whenever you need it, world-wide, and from any provider with an appropriate license even if they are not part of our network.
- **As soon as possible, make sure that our plan has been told about your emergency.** We need to follow up on your emergency care. You or someone else should call to tell us about your emergency care, usually within 48 hours. Contact Member Services (phone numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet).

### **What is covered if you have a medical emergency?**

Our plan covers ambulance services in situations where getting to the emergency room in any other way could endanger your health. We also cover medical services during the emergency.

The doctors who are giving you emergency care will decide when your condition is stable, and the medical emergency is over.

After the emergency is over you are entitled to follow-up care to be sure your condition continues to be stable. Your doctors will continue to treat you until your doctors contact us and make plans for additional care. Your follow-up care will be covered by our plan.



## **What if it wasn't a medical emergency?**

Sometimes it can be hard to know if you have a medical emergency. For example, you might go in for emergency care – thinking that your health is in serious danger – and the doctor may say that it wasn't a medical emergency after all. If it turns out that it was not an emergency, as long as you reasonably thought your health was in serious danger, we will cover your care.

However, after the doctor has said that it was *not* an emergency, the amount of cost sharing that you pay will depend on whether you get the care from network providers or out-of-network providers. If you get the care from network providers, your share of the costs will usually be lower than if you get the care from out-of-network providers.

<b>Section 3.2      Getting care when you have an urgent need for services</b>
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## **What are “urgently needed services”?**

An urgently needed service is a non-emergency situation requiring immediate medical care but given your circumstances, it is not possible or not reasonable to obtain these services from a network provider. The plan must cover urgently needed services provided out of network. Some examples of urgently needed services are i) a severe sore throat that occurs over the weekend or ii) an unforeseen flare-up of a known condition when you are temporarily outside the service area.

## **What if you are in the plan's service area when you have an urgent need for care?**

We encourage you to obtain urgently needed services from network providers while within the service area. If you are within the plan's service area and choose an out-of-network provider for urgently needed service, your cost sharing may be higher.

If you are seeking care after hours, or you are unable to find an in-network provider, you can go to an Intermountain InstaCare® or other in-network urgent care facility or contact our Member Advocates. They specialize in helping you find the right doctor for your needs. They can assist you in scheduling an appointment, including urgent conditions, as well as help you find the closest facility or doctor with the soonest available appointment. You can reach a Member Advocate by calling toll-free **800-515-2220** (TTY users should call **711**) weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **What if you are outside the plan's service area when you have an urgent need for care?**

When you are outside the service area, our plan will cover urgently needed services that you get from any provider.

Our plan covers worldwide emergency and urgent care services outside the United States. See the benefit chart in Chapter 4 for information on the copays you pay for urgent and emergent care. If you are asked to pay up front for services while traveling outside the United States, and need to seek reimbursement from us, see Chapter 7 (Asking us to pay our share of a bill you have

received for covered medical services or drugs) for information on how to ask us to reimburse you.

### **Section 3.3 Getting care during a disaster**

If the Governor of your state, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the President of the United States declares a state of disaster or emergency in your geographic area, you are still entitled to care from your plan.

Please visit the following website: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for information on how to obtain needed care during a disaster.

If you cannot use a network provider during a disaster, your plan will allow you to obtain care from out-of-network providers at in-network cost sharing.

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## **SECTION 4 What if you are billed directly for the full cost of your services?**

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### **Section 4.1 You can ask us to pay our share of the cost of covered services**

If you have paid more than your plan cost-sharing for covered services, or if you have received a bill for the full cost of covered medical services, go to Chapter 5 (*Asking us to pay our share of a bill you have received for covered medical services*) for information about what to do.

### **Section 4.2 If services are not covered by our plan, you must pay the full cost**

*SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* covers all medically necessary services as listed in the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 of this document. If you receive services not covered by our plan you are responsible for paying the full cost of services.

For covered services that have benefit limitation, you also pay the full cost of any services you get after you have used up your benefit for that type of covered service. Paying for services once a benefit limit has been reached will not count toward your out-of-pocket maximum.

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## **SECTION 5 How are your medical services covered when you are in a “clinical research study”?**

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### **Section 5.1 What is a “clinical research study”?**

A clinical research study (also called a “clinical trial”) is a way that doctors and scientists test new types of medical care, like how well a new cancer drug works. Certain clinical research studies are approved by Medicare. Clinical research studies approved by Medicare typically request volunteers to participate in the study.

Once Medicare approves the study, and you express interest, someone who works on the study will contact you to explain more about the study and see if you meet the requirements set by the

scientists who are running the study. You can participate in the study as long as you meet the requirements for the study, *and* you have a full understanding and acceptance of what is involved if you participate in the study.

If you participate in a Medicare-approved study, Original Medicare pays most of the costs for the covered services you receive as part of the study. If you tell us that you are in a qualified clinical trial, then you are only responsible for the in-network cost sharing for the services in that trial. If you paid more, for example, if you already paid the Original Medicare cost-sharing amount, we will reimburse the difference between what you paid and the in-network cost sharing. However, you will need to provide documentation to show us how much you paid. When you are in a clinical research study, you may stay enrolled in our plan and continue to get the rest of your care (the care that is not related to the study) through our plan.

If you want to participate in any Medicare-approved clinical research study, you do *not* need to tell us or to get approval from us your PCP. The providers that deliver your care as part of the clinical research study do *not* need to be part of our plan's network of providers.

Although you do not need to get our plan's permission to be in a clinical research study, we encourage you to notify us in advance when you choose to participate in Medicare-qualified clinical trials.

If you participate in a study that Medicare has *not* approved, *you will be responsible for paying all costs for your participation in the study.*

<b>Section 5.2</b>	<b>When you participate in a clinical research study, who pays for what?</b>
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Once you join a Medicare-approved clinical research study, Original Medicare covers the routine items and services you receive as part of the study, including:

- Room and board for a hospital stay that Medicare would pay for even if you weren't in a study
- An operation or other medical procedure if it is part of the research study
- Treatment of side effects and complications of the new care

After Medicare has paid its share of the cost for these services, our plan will pay the difference between the cost sharing in Original Medicare and your in-network cost sharing as a member of our plan. This means you will pay the same amount for the services you receive as part of the study as you would if you received these services from our plan. However, you are required to submit documentation showing how much cost sharing you paid. Please see Chapter 5 for more information for submitting requests for payments.

*Here's an example of how the cost sharing works:* Let's say that you have a lab test that costs \$100 as part of the research study. Let's also say that your share of the costs for this test is \$20 under Original Medicare, but the test would be \$10 under our plan's benefits. In this case, Original Medicare would pay \$80 for the test, and you would pay the \$20

copay required under Original Medicare. You would then notify your plan that you received a qualified clinical trial service and submit documentation such as a provider bill to the plan. The plan would then directly pay you \$10. Therefore, your net payment is \$10, which is the same amount you would pay under our plan's benefits. Please note that in order to receive payment from your plan, you must submit documentation to your plan such as a provider bill.

When you are part of a clinical research study, **neither Medicare nor our plan will pay for any of the following:**

- Generally, Medicare will *not* pay for the new item or service that the study is testing unless Medicare would cover the item or service even if you were *not* in a study.
- Items or services provided only to collect data, and not used in your direct health care. For example, Medicare would not pay for monthly CT scans done as part of the study if your medical condition would normally require only one CT scan.

### **Do you want to know more?**

You can get more information about joining a clinical research study by visiting the Medicare website to read or download the publication “Medicare and Clinical Research Studies.” (The publication is available at: [www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02226-Medicare-and-Clinical-Research-Studies.pdf](http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/02226-Medicare-and-Clinical-Research-Studies.pdf).) You can also call 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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## **SECTION 6 Rules for getting care in a “religious non-medical health care institution”**

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<b>Section 6.1 What is a religious non-medical health care institution?</b>
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A religious non-medical health care institution is a facility that provides care for a condition that would ordinarily be treated in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. If getting care in a hospital or a skilled nursing facility is against a member's religious beliefs, we will instead provide coverage for care in a religious non-medical health care institution. This benefit is provided only for Part A inpatient services (non-medical health care services).

<b>Section 6.2 Receiving Care from a Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institution</b>
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To get care from a religious non-medical health care institution, you must sign a legal document that says you are conscientiously opposed to getting medical treatment that is “non-excepted.”

- “Non-excepted” medical care or treatment is any medical care or treatment that is *voluntary* and *not required* by any federal, state, or local law.

- “Excepted” medical treatment is medical care or treatment that you get that is *not* voluntary or *is required* under federal, state, or local law.

To be covered by our plan, the care you get from a religious non-medical health care institution must meet the following conditions:

- The facility providing the care must be certified by Medicare.
- Our plan's coverage of services you receive is limited to *non-religious* aspects of care.
- If you get services from this institution that are provided to you in a facility, the following conditions apply:
  - You must have a medical condition that would allow you to receive covered services for inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing facility care.
  - – *and* – you must get approval in advance from our plan before you are admitted to the facility, or your stay will not be covered.

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## **SECTION 7 Rules for ownership of durable medical equipment**

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<b>Section 7.1</b>	<b>Will you own the durable medical equipment after making a certain number of payments under our plan?</b>
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Durable medical equipment (DME) includes items such as oxygen equipment and supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, powered mattress systems, crutches, diabetic supplies, speech generating devices, IV infusion pumps, nebulizers, and hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home. The member always owns certain items, such as prosthetics. In this section, we discuss other types of DME that you must rent.

In Original Medicare, people who rent certain types of DME own the equipment after paying copayments for the item for 13 months. As a member of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*, however, you will not acquire ownership of rented DME items no matter how many copayments you make for the item while a member of our plan, even if you made up to 12 consecutive payments for the DME item under Original Medicare before you joined our plan.

### **What happens to payments you made for durable medical equipment if you switch to Original Medicare?**

If you did not acquire ownership of the DME item while in our plan, you will have to make 13 new consecutive payments after you switch to Original Medicare in order to own the item. The payments made while enrolled in your plan do not count.

Example 1: You made 12 or fewer consecutive payments for the item in Original Medicare and then joined our plan. The payments you made in Original Medicare do not count.

Example 2: You made 12 or fewer consecutive payments for the item in Original Medicare and then joined our plan. You were in our plan but did not obtain ownership while in our plan. You then go back to Original Medicare. You will have to make 13 consecutive new payments to own

the item once you join Original Medicare again. All previous payments (whether to our plan or to Original Medicare) do not count.

<b>Section 7.2      Rules for oxygen equipment, supplies, and maintenance</b>
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**What oxygen benefits are you entitled to?**

If you qualify for Medicare oxygen equipment coverage *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* will cover:

- Rental of oxygen equipment
- Delivery of oxygen and oxygen contents
- Tubing and related oxygen accessories for the delivery of oxygen and oxygen contents
- Maintenance and repairs of oxygen equipment

If you leave *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* or no longer medically require oxygen equipment, then the oxygen equipment must be returned.

**What happens if you leave your plan and return to Original Medicare?**

Original Medicare requires an oxygen supplier to provide you services for five years. During the first 36 months you rent the equipment. The remaining 24 months the supplier provides the equipment and maintenance (you are still responsible for the copayment for oxygen). After five years you may choose to stay with the same company or go to another company. At this point, the five-year cycle begins again, even if you remain with the same company, requiring you to pay copayments for the first 36 months. If you join or leave our plan, the five-year cycle starts over.

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*Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*

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## **SECTION 1 Understanding your out-of-pocket costs for covered services**

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This chapter provides a Medical Benefits Chart that lists your covered services and shows how much you will pay for each covered service as a member of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*. Later in this chapter, you can find information about medical services that are not covered. It also explains limits on certain services.

<b>Section 1.1</b>	<b>Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for your covered services</b>
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To understand the payment information we give you in this chapter, you need to know about the types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for your covered services.

- A **“copayment”** is a fixed amount you pay each time you receive certain medical services. You pay a copayment at the time you get the medical service. (The Medical Benefits Chart in Section 2 tells you more about your copayments.)
- **“Coinsurance”** is a percentage you pay of the total cost of certain medical services. You pay a coinsurance at the time you get the medical service. (The Medical Benefits Chart in Section 2 tells you more about your coinsurance.)

Most people who qualify for Medicaid or for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program should never pay deductibles, copayments or coinsurance. Be sure to show your proof of Medicaid or QMB eligibility to your provider, if applicable.

<b>Section 1.2</b>	<b>What is the most you will pay for Medicare Part A and Part B covered medical services?</b>
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Under our plan, there are two different limits on what you have to pay out-of-pocket for covered medical services:

- Your **in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount (MOOP)** is \$6,700. This is the most you pay during the calendar year for covered plan services received from network providers. The amounts you pay for copayments, and coinsurance for covered services from network providers count toward this in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. (The amounts you pay for services from out-of-network providers do not count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. In addition, amounts you pay for some services do not count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. These services are noted with additional language in the Medical Benefits Chart. If you have paid \$6,700 for covered Part A and Part B services from network providers, you will not have any out-of-pocket costs for the rest of the year when you see our network providers. However, you must continue to pay the Medicare Part B premium (unless your Part B premium is paid for you by Medicaid or another third party).
- Your **combined maximum out-of-pocket amount** is \$10,000. This is the most you pay during the calendar year for covered services received from both in-network and out-of-network providers. The amounts you pay for copayments, and coinsurance for covered



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services count toward this combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. In addition, amounts you pay for some services do not count toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. These services are noted with additional language in the Medical Benefits Chart. If you have paid \$10,000 for covered services, you will have 100% coverage and will not have any out-of-pocket costs for the rest of the year for covered services. However, you must continue to pay the Medicare Part B premium (unless your Part B premium is paid for you by Medicaid or another third party).

**Section 1.3 Our plan does not allow providers to “balance bill” you**

As a member of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*, an important protection for you is that you only have to pay your cost sharing amount when you get services covered by our plan. Providers may not add additional separate charges, called “balance billing.” This protection applies even if we pay the provider less than the provider charges for a service and even if there is a dispute and we don’t pay certain provider charges.

Here is how this protection works.

- If your cost sharing is a copayment (a set amount of dollars, for example, \$15.00), then you pay only that amount for any covered services from a network provider. You will generally have higher copays when you obtain care from out-of-network providers.
- If your cost sharing is a coinsurance (a percentage of the total charges), then you never pay more than that percentage. However, your cost depends on which type of provider you see:
  - If you receive the covered services from a network provider, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the plan’s reimbursement rate (as determined in the contract between the provider and the plan).
  - If you receive the covered services from an out-of-network provider who participates with Medicare, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the Medicare payment rate for participating providers.
  - If you receive the covered services from an out-of-network provider who does not participate with Medicare, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the Medicare payment rate for non-participating providers.
- If you believe a provider has “balance billed” you, call Member Services.

**SECTION 2 Use the *Medical Benefits Chart* to find out what is covered and how much you will pay****Section 2.1 Your medical benefits and costs as a member of the plan**

The Medical Benefits Chart on the following pages lists the services *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* covers and what you pay out-of-pocket for each service. The services listed in the Medical Benefits Chart are covered only when the following coverage requirements are met:

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- Your Medicare covered services must be provided according to the coverage guidelines established by Medicare.
- Your services (including medical care, services, supplies, equipment, and Part B prescription drugs) *must* be medically necessary. “Medically necessary” means that the services, supplies, or drugs are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.
- You have a Primary Care Provider (a PCP) who is providing and overseeing your care.
- Some of the services listed in the Medical Benefits Chart are covered as in-network services *only* if your doctor or other network provider gets approval in advance (sometimes called “prior authorization”) from SelectHealth Medicare NoRx. Covered services that need approval in advance to be covered as in-network services are marked by an asterisk in the Medical Benefits Chart. In addition, the following services not listed in the Benefits Chart require approval in advance:
  - Abortion procedures
  - Acupuncture services
  - Adenoidectomies
  - All admissions to facilities, including rehabilitation, transitional care, skilled nursing facilities and all hospitalizations that are not for urgent or emergency conditions
  - Select ambulance services
    - Non-emergency transportation by ambulance
  - Chiropractic services
  - Cochlear implants
  - Potentially cosmetic procedures, including (but not limited to):
    - Breast procedures (reductions, enlargements, tattooing and/or reconstruction)
    - Bariatric or weight loss procedures
    - Chest wall procedures
    - Eye procedures
    - Facial surgeries
    - Liposuction and panniculectomy
    - Scar revisions
    - Vein procedures
  - Continuous glucose monitors
  - Dental services and oral appliances covered under Original Medicare, including any services related to the teeth or structures directly supporting the teeth
  - Select Durable Medical Equipment (DME), prosthetics/orthotics, medical supplies, and implants:
    - All DME items, prosthetics/orthotics, and medical supplies with purchase price greater than \$1,500
    - External defibrillators
    - Insulin pumps
    - INR monitors

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- Medication pumps
  - Speech devices
  - Vision aids
- Enteral nutrition
- Experimental or investigational services, except as provided under a Medicare-approved clinical trial (for more information on clinical trials see Chapter 3 section 5).
- Gender affirmation surgery
- Select injectable drugs and specialty medications
- Select home health services
- Home infusion therapy
- Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
- Hysterectomies
- Infertility services
- Select injectable drugs and specialty medications
- Joint Procedures:
  - Joint replacements
  - Autologous chondrocyte implantation of the knee
- Negative pressure wound therapy
- Neuropsychological testing, selected psychological services and biofeedback
- Orthognathic surgery
- Outpatient diagnostic tests and procedures (in a provider office or outpatient facility)
  - Select advanced bronchoscopy, endoscopy, and colonography procedures
  - Select advanced cardiac imaging
  - Select advanced imaging (MRI and CT scans)
  - Advanced radiation and proton beam treatments
  - Genetic testing
  - Select Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans
- Pain management
- Select laboratory tests
- Select prescription drugs, see chapter 5 for more information
- Rehabilitation therapy services:
  - Physical therapy services exceeding 20 visits
  - Occupational therapy services exceeding 10 visits
  - Speech therapy services exceeding 10 visits
- Robotic procedures
- Sexual dysfunction treatments
- Select spinal surgeries
- Stereotactic surgery and radiosurgery
- Stimulators (external or Implantable for neuro, bone growth, and pain, except TENS units)
- Tonsillectomies
- Transplants

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- Transcatheter valve replacements and other selected advanced percutaneous cardiac procedures
  - You never need approval in advance for out-of-network services from out-of-network providers.
  - While you don't need approval in advance for out-of-network services, you or your doctor can ask us to make a coverage decision in advance as many services require prior authorization.

Other important things to know about our coverage:

- For benefits where your cost sharing is a coinsurance percentage, the amount you pay depends on what type of provider you receive the services from:
  - If you receive the covered services from a network provider, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the plan's reimbursement rate (as determined in the contract between the provider and the plan).
  - If you receive the covered services from an out-of-network provider who participates with Medicare, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the Medicare payment rate for participating providers.
  - If you receive the covered services from an out-of-network provider who does not participate with Medicare, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the Medicare payment rate for non-participating providers.
- Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers. For some of these benefits, you pay *more* in our plan than you would in Original Medicare. For others, you pay *less*. (If you want to know more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your *Medicare & You 2023* handbook. View it online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or ask for a copy 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.).
- For all preventive services that are covered at no cost under Original Medicare, we also cover the service at no cost to you.
- If Medicare adds coverage for any new services during 2023, either Medicare or our plan will cover those services.




You will see this apple next to the preventive services in the benefits chart.




You will see this SelectHealth checkmark next to the extra benefits we have added to your plan.




**Chapter 4 Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)****Medical Benefits Chart**

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
 <b>Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening</b> A one-time screening ultrasound for people at risk. The plan only covers this screening if you have certain risk factors and if you get a referral for it from your physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist.	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for this preventive screening (covered once per lifetime).  <b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay a 40% coinsurance for this preventive screening (covered once per lifetime).
<b>Acupuncture for chronic low back pain</b> Covered services include: Up to 12 visits in 90 days are covered for Medicare beneficiaries under the following circumstances: For the purpose of this benefit, chronic low back pain is defined as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lasting 12 weeks or longer;</li> <li>• nonspecific, in that it has no identifiable systemic cause (i.e., not associated with metastatic, inflammatory, infectious, disease, etc.);</li> <li>• not associated with surgery; and</li> <li>• not associated with pregnancy.</li> </ul> An additional eight sessions will be covered for those patients demonstrating an improvement. No more than 20 acupuncture treatments may be administered annually. Treatment must be discontinued if the patient is not improving or is regressing. Provider Requirements: Physicians (as defined in 1861(r)(1) of the Social Security Act (the Act)) may furnish acupuncture in accordance with applicable state requirements. Physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs)/clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) (as identified in 1861(aa)(5) of the Act), and auxiliary personnel may	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$40 copay for each Medicare-covered acupuncture visit for chronic low back pain.  <b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered acupuncture visit for chronic low back pain.




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Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>furnish acupuncture if they meet all applicable state requirements and have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a masters or doctoral level degree in acupuncture or Oriental Medicine from a school accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM); and,</li> <li>• a current, full, active, and unrestricted license to practice acupuncture in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth (i.e., Puerto Rico) of the United States, or District of Columbia.</li> </ul> <p>Auxiliary personnel furnishing acupuncture must be under the appropriate level of supervision of a physician, PA, or NP/CNS required by our regulations at 42 CFR §§ 410.26 and 410.27.</p>	
<p><b>Ambulance services*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered ambulance services include fixed wing, rotary wing, and ground ambulance services, to the nearest appropriate facility that can provide care only if they are furnished to a member whose medical condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health or if authorized by the plan.</li> <li>• Non-emergency transportation by ambulance is appropriate if it is documented that the member's condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health and that transportation by ambulance is medically required.</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for non-emergency transportation by ambulance. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$250 copay for Medicare-covered ambulance services (each way).</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$250 copay for authorized non-emergency transportation by ambulance (each way).</p> <p>This amount also applies if an ambulance is called and you refuse transportation.</p>
<p> <b>Annual routine physical</b></p> <p>The annual routine physical is a comprehensive annual preventive exam that includes a general examination based on age and risk factors. This is covered once per calendar year.</p> <p>Certain preventive laboratory tests are covered as part of your annual routine physical.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for an annual routine physical.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for an annual routine physical.</p>

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 <b>Annual wellness visit</b> If you've had Part B for longer than 12 months, you can get an annual wellness visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors. This is covered once per calendar year.  <b>Note:</b> Your first annual wellness visit can't take place within 12 months of your "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit. However, you don't need to have had a "Welcome to Medicare" visit to be covered for annual wellness visits after you've had Part B for 12 months.	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for the annual wellness visit.  <b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for the annual wellness visit.
 <b>Bone mass measurement</b> For qualified individuals (generally, this means people at risk of losing bone mass or at risk of osteoporosis), the following services are covered every 24 months or more frequently if medically necessary: procedures to identify bone mass, detect bone loss, or determine bone quality, including a physician's interpretation of the results.	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered bone mass measurement.  <b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered bone mass measurement.
 <b>Breast cancer screening (mammograms)</b> Covered services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 and 39</li> <li>• One screening mammogram every 12 months for women aged 40 and older</li> <li>• Clinical breast exams once every 24 months</li> </ul>	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for covered screening mammograms.  <b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for covered screening mammograms.
<b>Cardiac rehabilitation services*</b> Comprehensive programs of cardiac rehabilitation services that include exercise, education, and counseling are covered for members who meet certain conditions with a doctor's order. The plan also covers intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs that are typically more rigorous or more intense than cardiac rehabilitation programs.	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered cardiac rehabilitation visit.  <b>Out-of-Network:</b>

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<p>*Prior authorization is required. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p>You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered cardiac rehabilitation visit.</p>
<p> <b>Cardiovascular disease risk reduction visit (therapy for cardiovascular disease)</b></p> <p>We cover one visit per year with your primary care doctor to help lower your risk for cardiovascular disease. During this visit, your doctor may discuss aspirin use (if appropriate), check your blood pressure, and give you tips to make sure you're eating healthy.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the intensive behavioral therapy cardiovascular disease preventive benefit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the intensive behavioral therapy cardiovascular disease preventive benefit.</p>
<p> <b>Cardiovascular disease testing</b></p> <p>Blood tests for the detection of cardiovascular disease (or abnormalities associated with an elevated risk of cardiovascular disease) once every five years (60 months).</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for cardiovascular disease testing that is covered once every five years.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a 40% coinsurance for cardiovascular disease testing that is covered once every five years.</p>
<p> <b>Cervical and vaginal cancer screening</b></p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For all women: Pap tests and pelvic exams are covered once every 24 months.</li> <li>• If you are at high risk of cervical or vaginal cancer or you are of childbearing age and have had an abnormal Pap test within the past 3 years: one Pap test every 12 months</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered preventive Pap and pelvic exams.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered preventive Pap and pelvic exams.</p>






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<p><b>Chiropractic services*</b></p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We cover only Manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for chiropractic services. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$10 copay for each Medicare-covered chiropractic visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered chiropractic visit</p>
<p> <b>Colorectal cancer screening</b></p> <p>For people 45 and older, the following are covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible sigmoidoscopy (or screening barium enema as an alternative) every 48 months</li> </ul> <p>One of the following every 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT)</li> <li>• Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)</li> </ul> <p>DNA based colorectal screening every 3 years</p> <p>For people at high risk of colorectal cancer, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening colonoscopy (or screening barium enema as an alternative) every 24 months</li> </ul> <p>For people not at high risk of colorectal cancer, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening colonoscopy every 10 years (120 months), but not within 48 months of a screening sigmoidoscopy</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for a Medicare-covered colorectal cancer screening exam.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered chiropractic visit.</p>
<p> <b>Companionship services</b></p> <p>Companionship services are administered by Papa.</p> <p>Papa provides up to 30 hours of companionship services by connecting members with a network of companions (Papa Pals). You will be contacted by Papa to see if you are interested in services. If you wish to contact Papa for companionship services, call Member Services (phone numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet).</p> <p>Papa Pals provide companionship, and can also offer assistance with instrumental activities of daily living, these may include, but are not limited to:</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for 30 hours per year of companionship services with a Papa Pal.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>There is no coverage for companionship services when not administered by Papa.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home visits</li> <li>• Assistance with technology</li> <li>• Appointment reminders</li> <li>• Medication adherence reviews</li> <li>• Light housework and meal prep assistance</li> <li>• Essential transportation for short-distance travel for errands and appointments</li> </ul> <p>Fitness activities like walking, health club visits, and gardening</p>	
<div data-bbox="207 808 267 861"></div> <p><b>Dental services</b></p> <p>This benefit is administered by Delta Dental. Services are only covered when you use providers that are in the Delta Dental Medicare network. (For information on how to find a Delta Dental Medicare network provider see chapter 3, section 2.3.)</p> <p><b>Comprehensive dental services</b></p> <p>In general, preventive dental services (such as cleaning, routine dental exams, and dental x-rays) are not covered by Original Medicare. We cover: preventive, basic, and major dental services as outlined here.</p> <p>There is an annual maximum plan payment of \$2,500 that applies for basic and major services only.</p> <p><u>Preventive dental services</u></p> <p>The annual maximum plan payment does not apply to preventive services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two routine dental exams per year</li> <li>• Two dental cleanings per year</li> <li>• Two sets of bitewing x-rays per year</li> <li>• One set of panoramic or complete intra-oral x-rays every 60 months</li> </ul> <p><u>Basic dental services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denture Repairs</li> <li>• General Anesthesia or IV Sedation</li> <li>• Palliative</li> <li>• Restorative</li> <li>• Specialist Consultations</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for covered preventive dental services.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for covered basic dental services.</p> <p>You pay 50% coinsurance for covered major dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for covered preventive dental services.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for covered basic dental services.</p> <p>You pay 50% coinsurance for covered major dental services.</p> <p>Note: Dental Services are not included in the annual Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount.</p>

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<p><u>Major dental services*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowns and crown buildups</li> <li>• Endodontics</li> <li>• Inlays, onlays, and cast restorations</li> <li>• Oral surgery</li> <li>• Prosthodontics</li> </ul> <p>*Some major services require precertification. Exclusions and limitations are outlined in chapter 4 section 3.1.</p>	
<p> <b>Depression screening</b></p> <p>We cover one screening for depression per year. The screening must be done in a primary care setting that can provide follow-up treatment and/or referrals.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for an annual depression screening visit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for annual depression screening visit.</p>
<p> <b>Diabetes screening</b></p> <p>We cover this screening (includes fasting glucose tests) if you have any of the following risk factors: high blood pressure (hypertension), history of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels (dyslipidemia), obesity, or a history of high blood sugar (glucose). Tests may also be covered if you meet other requirements, like being overweight and having a family history of diabetes.</p> <p>Based on the results of these tests, you may be eligible for up to two diabetes screenings every 12 months.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the Medicare covered diabetes screening tests.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the Medicare covered diabetes screening tests.</p>
<p> <b>Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies</b></p> <p>For all people who have diabetes (insulin and non-insulin users). Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplies to monitor your blood glucose: Blood glucose monitor, blood glucose test strips, lancet devices and lancets, and glucose-control solutions for checking the accuracy of test strips and monitors.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for covered diabetes self-monitoring equipment and supplies.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered therapeutic shoes or inserts.</p>


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For people with diabetes who have severe diabetic foot disease: One pair per calendar year of therapeutic custom-molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and two additional pairs of inserts, or one pair of depth shoes and three pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes). Coverage includes fitting.</li> <li>Diabetes self-management training is covered under certain conditions.</li> <li>Insulin Pumps are covered under the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefit. For more information about coverage for DME, please go to the section, “Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies”. found in this benefit chart.</li> <li>Insulin for insulin pumps is covered under the Part B Drug benefit. For information about coverage for Part B Drugs, please go to the section, “Medicare Part B prescription drugs.”</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for continuous glucose monitors. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for the diabetes self-management training preventive benefit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for covered diabetes self-monitoring equipment and supplies.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered therapeutic shoes or inserts.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the diabetes self-management training preventive benefit.</p>
<p><b>Diagnostic colonoscopy</b></p> <p>Diagnostic colonoscopies are performed to assess or monitor known medical conditions. If you have a history of polyps or other colon condition, or have symptoms indicating potential conditions, then any colonoscopy performed will be diagnostic in nature.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$375 copay for each Medicare-covered diagnostic colonoscopy.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered diagnostic colonoscopy.</p>
<p><b>Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies*</b></p> <p>(For a definition of “durable medical equipment,” see Chapter 10 of this document as well as Chapter 3, Section 7.)</p> <p>Covered items include, but are not limited to: wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress systems, diabetic supplies, hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home, IV</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered durable medical equipment and supplies</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p>

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<p>infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, and walkers.</p> <p>We cover all medically necessary DME covered by Original Medicare. If our supplier in your area does not carry a particular brand or manufacturer, you may ask them if they can special order it for you. The most recent list of suppliers is available on our website at <a href="https://selecthealth.org/medicare">selecthealth.org/medicare</a>.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for certain services in this category. Please refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 above for a complete list of DME items that require Prior Authorization. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered durable medical equipment and supplies</p>
<p><b>Emergency care</b></p> <p>Emergency care refers to services that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furnished by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services, and</li> <li>• Needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition.</li> </ul> <p>A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life (and, if you are a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.</p> <p>Cost sharing for necessary emergency services furnished out-of-network is the same as for such services furnished in-network.</p> <p>You are covered world-wide for emergency care.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$95 copay for each Medicare-covered emergency room visit.</p> <p>This copay is waived if you are admitted inpatient to the hospital within 24 hours for the same condition. If you are admitted inpatient you will instead pay the applicable inpatient hospital copay.</p> <p>If you receive emergency care at an out-of-network hospital and need inpatient care after your emergency condition is stabilized, you must move to a network hospital in order to pay the in-network cost sharing amount for the part of your stay after you are stabilized. If you stay at the out-of-network hospital, your stay will be covered but you will pay the out-of-network cost sharing amount for the part of your stay after you are stabilized.</p>

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	<p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$95 copay for each Medicare-covered emergency room visit.</p>
<p> <b>Health and wellness education programs</b></p> <p>The Wellness Your Way benefit allows you to decide how to spend your health and wellness dollars.</p> <p>You will receive a <b>SelectHealth Medicare flexible benefits Mastercard® Prepaid Card</b>. There is an allowance every year that helps you cover out-of-pocket expenses on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fitness Benefits</i> include gym membership, fitness center, or health club. Golf greens fees, ski lift passes and exercise classes.</li> <li>• <i>Health Education</i> classes and services include formal health education programs if they are provided by a certified health educator or qualified licensed health professional and if they are composed of interactive sessions that primarily provide health information, encourage enrollees' adoption of healthy behaviors, build skills to enhance enrollees' self-care capabilities, and align with the overall goal to improve participants' healthy weight management programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health education services <b>not</b> covered under this plan: alternative or holistic education services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Nutritional services</i> include individual or group sessions or other fully interactive counseling services of a licensed dietician or other licensed professional with specialization and expertise in nutrition and diet.</li> <li>• <i>Weight management programs</i> covered under Wellness Your Way include formal programs such as Weight Watchers or Jenny Craig.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay \$0 copay for these services.</p> <p>You have a \$240 allowance every year on a SelectHealth Medicare flexible benefits Mastercard® Prepaid Card to be used for qualifying supplemental items and services at participating locations.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>There is no coverage for Wellness Your Way services when not used at participating locations.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight management services <b>not</b> covered under this plan: purchase of meals or meal supplements.</li> </ul> <p>Your benefit dollars can be spent at participating retail locations as defined above. For additional information please visit your MyBenefits portal at <a href="https://SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com">SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com</a>. Any unused benefit dollars will expire at the end of the year.</p> <p>This benefit is not a replacement for your current standalone benefits and is designed to help offset out-of-pocket expenses. The Wellness Your Way benefit is only for your personal use, cannot be sold or transferred, and has no cash value.</p> <p>Your card must be activated before you use your benefits. You can activate your card at <a href="https://SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com/activate">SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com/activate</a>.</p> <p>To learn more about this benefit, you can call a NationsBenefits Member Experience Advisor at <b>(833) 878-0232 (TTY:711)</b>, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.</p>	
<p><b>Hearing services</b></p> <p>For diagnostic hearing and balance evaluations, and routine hearing exams, you will need to use a provider on the SelectHealth Medicare network. (For information on how to find an audiologist on the SelectHealth Medicare Network, see chapter 3, section 2.3.)</p> <p><b>Medicare-covered hearing exams:</b></p> <p>Diagnostic hearing and balance evaluations performed by your provider to determine if you need medical treatment are covered as outpatient care when furnished by a physician, audiologist, or other qualified provider.</p> <p><b>Routine hearing exams:</b></p> <p>Routine hearing exams to evaluate hearing are covered once per calendar year with a TruHearing Provider (For information on how to find a TruHearing provider, see chapter 3, section 2.3.)</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered hearing exams.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for routine hearing exams.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered hearing exams.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for routine hearing exams.</p>

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<div data-bbox="207 367 267 430"></div> <div data-bbox="267 388 451 430"><b>Hearing Aids</b></div> <p>Hearing aids and exams to fit hearing aids are not covered unless you use an approved audiologist in the TruHearing network of providers. (For information on how to find a Hearing aid provider, see chapter 3, section 2.3.)</p> <p>Up to two TruHearing-branded hearing aids every year (one per ear per year). Benefit is limited to TruHearing's Advanced and Premium hearing aids, which come in various styles and colors. Premium hearing aids are available in rechargeable style options at no additional cost.</p> <p>Hearing aid purchase includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing aid device</li> <li>• Hearing exam and evaluation</li> <li>• 1 year of follow-up visits within first year of hearing aid purchase</li> <li>• 60-day trial period</li> <li>• 3-year extended warranty</li> <li>• 80 batteries per aid for non-rechargeable models</li> </ul> <p>Benefit does not include or cover any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear molds</li> <li>• Hearing aid accessories</li> <li>• Additional provider visits</li> <li>• Additional batteries when a rechargeable hearing aid is purchased</li> <li>• Hearing aids that are not TruHearing-branded hearing aids</li> <li>• Costs associated with loss &amp; damage warranty claims Costs associated with excluded items are the responsibility of the member and not covered by the plan.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>Tier 1 – Advanced: You pay a \$399 copay per hearing aid.</p> <p>Tier 2 – Premium: You pay a \$699 copay per hearing aid.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>There is no coverage for Hearing Aids when not administered by TruHearing.</p> <p>Note: Hearing aids are not included in the annual Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount.</p>




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<p> <b>HIV screening</b></p> <p>For people who ask for an HIV screening test or who are at increased risk for HIV infection, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One screening exam every 12 months</li> </ul> <p>For women who are pregnant, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to three screening exams during a pregnancy</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered preventive HIV screening.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for members eligible for Medicare-covered preventive HIV screening</p>
<p><b>Home health agency care*</b></p> <p>Prior to receiving home health services, a doctor must certify that you need home health services and will order home health services to be provided by a home health agency. You must be homebound, which means leaving home is a major effort.</p> <p>Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services (to be covered under the home health care benefit, your skilled nursing and home health aide services combined must total fewer than 8 hours per day and 35 hours per week)</li> <li>• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy</li> <li>• Medical and social services</li> <li>• Medical equipment and supplies</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization may be required for select home health agency care. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered home health agency care.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered home health agency care.</p>
<p><b>Home infusion therapy*</b></p> <p>Home infusion therapy involves the intravenous or subcutaneous administration of drugs or biologicals to an individual at home. The components needed to perform home infusion include the drug (for example, antivirals, immune globulin), equipment (for example, a pump), and supplies (for example, tubing and catheters).</p>	<p>You will pay the cost sharing that applies to primary care services, specialist physician services, or home health (as described under “Physician/Practitioner Services, including Doctor’s Office Visits” or “Home Health</p>

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<p>Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional services, including nursing services, furnished in accordance with the plan of care</li> <li>• Patient training and education not otherwise covered under the durable medical equipment benefit</li> <li>• Remote monitoring</li> <li>• Monitoring services for the provision of home infusion therapy and home infusion drugs furnished by a qualified home infusion therapy supplier</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization may be required for select home infusion services. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p>Agency Care”) depending on where and from who you received administration or monitoring services.</p> <p>You pay these amounts until you reach the out-of-pocket maximum.</p>
<p><b>Hospice care</b></p> <p>You are eligible for the hospice benefit when your doctor and the hospice medical director have given you a terminal prognosis certifying that you’re terminally ill and have 6 months or less to live if your illness runs its normal course. You may receive care from any Medicare-certified hospice program. Your plan is obligated to help you find Medicare-certified hospice programs in the plan’s service area, including those the MA organization owns, controls, or has a financial interest in. Your hospice doctor can be a network provider or an out-of-network provider.</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drugs for symptom control and pain relief</li> <li>• Short-term respite care</li> <li>• Home care</li> </ul> <p>When you are admitted to a hospice you have the right to remain in your plan; if you chose to remain in your plan you must continue to pay plan premiums.</p> <p><u>For hospice services and for services that are covered by Medicare Part A or B and are related to your terminal prognosis:</u> Original Medicare (rather than our plan) will pay your hospice provider for your hospice services and any Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis. While you are in the hospice program, your hospice provider will bill Original Medicare for the</p>	<p>When you enroll in a Medicare-certified hospice program, your hospice services and your Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis are paid for by Original Medicare, not SelectHealth Medicare NoRx.</p> <p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for hospice consultation services if performed by a Primary Care Provider.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay for hospice consultation services if performed by a Specialist.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for hospice consultation services.</p>

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<p>services that Original Medicare pays for. You will be billed Original Medicare cost sharing.</p> <p><u>For services that are covered by Medicare Part A or B and are not related to your terminal prognosis:</u> If you need non-emergency, non-urgently needed services that are covered under Medicare Part A or B and that are not related to your terminal prognosis, your cost for these services depends on whether you use a provider in our plan's network and follow plan rules (such as if there is a requirement to obtain prior authorization).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you obtain the covered services from a network provider and follow plan rules for obtaining service, you only pay the plan cost-sharing amount for in-network services.</li> <li>• If you obtain the covered services from an out-of-network provider, you pay the plan cost sharing for out-of-network services.</li> </ul> <p><u>For services that are covered by <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> but are not covered by Medicare Part A or B:</u> <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> will continue to cover plan-covered services that are not covered under Part A or B whether or not they are related to your terminal prognosis. You pay your plan cost sharing amount for these services.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If you need non-hospice care (care that is not related to your terminal prognosis), you should contact us to arrange the services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our plan covers hospice consultation services (one time only) for a terminally ill person who hasn't elected the hospice benefit.</li> </ul>	
<p> <b>Immunizations</b></p> <p>Covered Medicare Part B services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumonia vaccine</li> <li>• Flu shots, once each flu season in the fall and winter, with additional flu shots if medically necessary</li> <li>• Hepatitis B vaccine if you are at high or intermediate risk of getting Hepatitis B</li> <li>• COVID-19 vaccine</li> <li>• Other vaccines if you are at risk and they meet Medicare Part B coverage rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the pneumonia, influenza, Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the pneumonia, influenza,</p>


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	Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines.
<p><b>Inpatient hospital care*</b></p> <p>Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.</p> <p>Covered services include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-private room (or a private room if medically necessary)</li> <li>• Meals including special diets</li> <li>• Regular nursing services</li> <li>• Costs of special care units (such as intensive care or coronary care units)</li> <li>• Drugs and medications</li> <li>• Lab tests</li> <li>• X-rays and other radiology services</li> <li>• Necessary surgical and medical supplies</li> <li>• Use of appliances, such as wheelchairs</li> <li>• Operating and recovery room costs</li> <li>• Physical, occupational, and speech language therapy</li> <li>• Inpatient substance abuse services</li> <li>• Under certain conditions, the following types of transplants are covered: corneal, kidney, kidney-pancreatic, heart, liver, lung, heart/lung, bone marrow, stem cell, and intestinal/multivisceral. If you need a transplant, we will arrange to have your case reviewed by a Medicare-approved transplant center that will decide whether you are a candidate for a transplant. Transplant providers may be local or outside of the service area. If our in-network transplant services are outside the community pattern of care, you may choose to go locally as long as the local transplant providers are willing to accept the Original Medicare rate. If <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> provides transplant services at a location outside the pattern of care for transplants in your community and you choose to obtain transplants at this distant location, we will</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay the following copay for Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care each time you are admitted to a facility.</p> <p>You pay a \$395 copay per day for days 1-3</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for additional days.</p> <p>The benefits and copays start over each time you are admitted to an inpatient facility.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care each time you are admitted to a facility.</p>



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<p>arrange or pay for appropriate lodging and transportation costs for you and a companion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood, packed red cells, and other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used.</li> <li>• Physician services</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> To be an inpatient, your provider must write an order to admit you formally as an inpatient of the hospital. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an “outpatient.” If you are not sure if you are an inpatient or an outpatient, you should ask the hospital staff.</p> <p>You can also find more information in a Medicare fact sheet called “Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient? If You Have Medicare – Ask!” This fact sheet is available on the Web at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/11435-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf">https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/11435-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf</a> or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can call these numbers for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for Inpatient Hospital Care. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	
<p><b>Inpatient services in a psychiatric hospital*</b></p> <p>Covered services include mental health care services that require a hospital stay. Our plan covers up to 90 days of inpatient mental health care each time you are admitted. Our plan also covers 60 “lifetime reserve days”. These are “extra” days that we cover. If your hospital stay is longer than 90 days, you can use these extra days. But once you have used these extra 60 days, your inpatient hospital coverage will be limited to 90 days.</p> <p>There is a 190-day lifetime limit for inpatient services in a psychiatric hospital. The 190-day limit does not apply to</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay the following copay for Medicare-covered inpatient mental health care each time you are admitted to a facility.</p> <p>You pay a \$395 copay per day for days 1-3.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 4-90.</p>



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<p>inpatient mental health services provided in a psychiatric unit of a general hospital.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for Inpatient Mental Health Care. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for lifetime reserve days.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered inpatient mental health care each time you are admitted to a facility.</p>
<p><b>Inpatient stay: Covered services received in a hospital or SNF during a non-covered inpatient stay</b></p> <p>If you have exhausted your inpatient benefits or if the inpatient stay is not reasonable and necessary, we will not cover your inpatient stay. However, in some cases, we will cover certain services you receive while you are in the hospital or the skilled nursing facility (SNF). Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician services</li> <li>• Diagnostic tests (like lab tests)</li> <li>• X-ray, radium, and isotope therapy including technician materials and services</li> <li>• Surgical dressings</li> <li>• Splints, casts and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations</li> <li>• Prosthetics and orthotics devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of an internal body organ (including contiguous tissue), or all or part of the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning internal body organ, including replacement or repairs of such devices</li> <li>• Leg, arm, back, and neck braces; trusses, and artificial legs, arms, and eyes including adjustments, repairs, and replacements required because of breakage, wear, loss, or a change in the patient's physical condition</li> <li>• Physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy</li> </ul>	<p>You pay the amount you would pay for these services on an outpatient basis. See the applicable sections of this benefit chart for additional information on any of these categories of covered services for in-network and out-of-network benefits.</p>
<p> <b>Intermountain Connect Care urgent care</b></p> <p>Intermountain Connect Care urgent care is a convenient service that provides online access for common medical</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p>

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<p>conditions. You receive access to board-certified practicing providers for SelectHealth Medicare NoRx members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through internet enabled computers or mobile (Android/iOS) devices. Connect Care treats conditions such as stuffy and runny nose, allergies, sore throat, eye infections, earache, cough, painful urination, lower back pain, joint pain or strains, and minor skin problems. Please note that Connect Care urgent care is not for medical emergencies. Please call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room for any emergency care.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for each Intermountain Connect Care urgent care visit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> There is no coverage for this benefit when not administered by Intermountain Connect Care.</p>
<p> <b>Intermountain LiVe Well Program</b></p> <p>The Intermountain LiVe Well Center Program aims to improve patient health and wellness through services and classes offered at one of the LiVe Well Centers or online. You will gain access to a team of wellness and fitness experts that take a targeted approach to help manage conditions and improve overall wellness.</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three functional fitness assessments during the year</li> <li>• Up to two Move Well classes per week</li> <li>• Up to three health coaching sessions per calendar year</li> <li>• Unlimited access to digital and virtual exercise classes online</li> </ul> <p>To use this benefit you can be referred by your provider, self-refer by visiting the LiVe Well Center closest to you, or visit <a href="https://intermountainhealthcare.org/services/wellness-preventive-medicine/live-well-centers/">intermountainhealthcare.org/services/wellness-preventive-medicine/live-well-centers/</a>.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Intermountain LiVe Well Program services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> There is no coverage for this benefit when not administered by Intermountain LiVe Well.</p>
<p> <b>Meals after discharge*</b></p> <p>This benefit is available for qualifying members after discharge from an inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility. This benefit includes 2 meals per day for up to 14 day delivered to your home. There is a maximum of 2 weeks per benefit period.</p> <p>*Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for meals after discharge.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> There is no coverage for this benefit when not administered</p>

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	through SelectHealth's meals after discharge program.
 <b>Medical nutrition therapy</b> <p>Medical nutrition therapy (MNT) is a therapeutic approach to treating medical conditions and their associated symptoms. MNT uses a specifically tailored diet devised and monitored by a physician, registered dietitian, or qualified health professional.</p> <p>This benefit is primarily for people with diabetes, renal (kidney) disease (but not on dialysis), or after a kidney transplant. Additional covered conditions include pre-diabetes, morbid obesity, cancer treatment, malnutrition, cardiovascular disease, and hypertension.</p> <p>We cover unlimited one-on-one and group counseling services to help you better manage certain conditions that include, but are not limited to, those listed above.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered medical nutrition therapy services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered medical nutrition therapy services.</p>
 <b>Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)</b> <p>MDPP services will be covered for eligible Medicare beneficiaries under all Medicare health plans.</p> <p>MDPP is a structured health behavior change intervention that provides practical training in long-term dietary change, increased physical activity, and problem-solving strategies for overcoming challenges to sustaining weight loss and a healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the MDPP benefit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a 40% coinsurance for the MDPP benefit.</p>
<p><b>Medicare Part B prescription drugs</b></p> <p>These drugs are covered under Part B of Original Medicare. Members of our plan receive coverage for these drugs through our plan. Covered drugs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drugs that usually aren't self-administered by the patient and are injected or infused while you are getting physician, hospital outpatient, or ambulatory surgical center services</li> <li>• Drugs you take using durable medical equipment (such as nebulizers) that were authorized by the plan</li> <li>• Clotting factors you give yourself by injection if you have hemophilia</li> <li>• Immunosuppressive Drugs, if you were enrolled in Medicare Part A at the time of the organ transplant</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered Part B chemotherapy drugs and other Part B drugs.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered Part B chemotherapy drugs and other Part B drugs.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Injectable osteoporosis drugs, if you are homebound, have a bone fracture that a doctor certifies was related to post-menopausal osteoporosis, and cannot self-administer the drug</li> <li>• Antigens</li> <li>• Certain oral anti-cancer drugs and anti-nausea drugs</li> <li>• Certain drugs for home dialysis, including heparin, the antidote for heparin when medically necessary, topical anesthetics, and erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (such as Epogen<sup>®</sup>, Procrit<sup>®</sup>, Epoetin Alfa, Aranesp<sup>®</sup>, or Darbepoetin Alfa)</li> <li>• Intravenous Immune Globulin for the home treatment of primary immune deficiency diseases</li> </ul> <p>The following link will take you to a list of Part B Drugs that may be subject to Step Therapy:  <a href="https://selecthealth.org/medicare/pharmacy/pharmacy-benefits">selecthealth.org/medicare/pharmacy/pharmacy-benefits</a></p> <p>We also cover some vaccines under our Part B and Part D prescription drug benefit.</p> <p>Chapter 5 explains the Part D prescription drug benefit, including rules you must follow to have prescriptions covered. What you pay for your Part D prescription drugs through our plan is explained in Chapter 6.</p> <p>*Prior authorization is required for certain drugs covered under Medicare Part B. Contact us for additional information. (Phone numbers for Member Services are printed on the back cover of this booklet.) In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p> <p>*Step therapy is required on certain Part B drugs. This means you may be required to try a different Part B (medical benefit) or Part D (prescription drug benefit) drug before you take certain Part B drugs. Your cost will not be higher when you take a step therapy drug.</p>	
 <b>Obesity screening and therapy to promote sustained weight loss</b> <p>If you have a body mass index of 30 or more, we cover intensive counseling to help you lose weight. This counseling is covered if you get it in a primary care setting, where it can be coordinated with your</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b>          You pay a \$0 copay for preventive obesity screening and therapy.</p>

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comprehensive prevention plan. Talk to your primary care doctor or practitioner to find out more.	<b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for preventive obesity screening and therapy.
<b>Opioid treatment program services</b> Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can receive coverage of services to treat OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) which includes the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications.</li> <li>• Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)</li> <li>• Substance use counseling</li> <li>• Individual and group therapy</li> <li>• Toxicology testing</li> <li>• Intake activities</li> <li>• Periodic assessments</li> </ul>	<b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered opioid treatment program services  <b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered opioid treatment program services
<b>Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies*</b> Covered services include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X-rays</li> <li>• Radiation (radium and isotope) therapy including technician materials and supplies</li> <li>• Surgical supplies, such as dressings</li> <li>• Splints, casts and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations</li> <li>• Laboratory tests</li> <li>• Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood, packed red cells, and other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used.</li> <li>• Other outpatient diagnostic tests</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for certain services in this category. Please refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 above for a complete list of services that require Prior Authorization. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible</p>	<b>In-Network:</b> <u>X-Rays</u> You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered x-rays in your doctor's office or in an outpatient hospital setting, in addition to the applicable office visit or facility copay. <u>Radiation therapy</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered radiation therapy services. <u>Surgical Supplies</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered surgical supplies not related to an outpatient surgery or procedure. <u>Sleep Studies</u>

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<p>to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for home-based sleep studies.</p> <p>You pay a \$50 copay for sleep studies in a certified sleep center or outpatient facility.</p> <p><u>Non-Nuclear Cardiac Stress Tests</u></p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered non-nuclear cardiac stress tests</p> <p><u>Nuclear Cardiac Stress Test</u></p> <p>You pay a \$150 copay for Medicare-covered nuclear cardiac stress tests.</p> <p><u>Laboratory Tests</u></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered lab tests in your doctor's office or in an outpatient hospital setting.</p> <p><u>Blood Services</u></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered blood services.</p> <p><u>Advanced Imaging</u></p> <p>You pay a \$75 copay for Medicare-covered advanced imaging services in a physician office or outpatient facility setting, in addition to any applicable office visit or facility copay.</p> <p><u>Nuclear medicine</u></p> <p>You pay a \$150 copay for Medicare-covered nuclear medicine services in a physician office or outpatient facility setting, in addition to any applicable office visit or facility copay.</p>

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	<p><u>Other Diagnostic Tests</u></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic tests in your doctor's office or in an outpatient hospital setting.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for all outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies.</p>
<p><b>Outpatient hospital observation</b></p> <p>Observation services are hospital outpatient services given to determine if you need to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged.</p> <p>For outpatient hospital observation services to be covered, they must meet the Medicare criteria and be considered reasonable and necessary. Observation services are covered only when provided by the order of a physician or another individual authorized by state licensure law and hospital staff bylaws to admit patients to the hospital or order outpatient tests.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you are an outpatient and pay the cost sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an "outpatient." If you are not sure if you are an outpatient, you should ask the hospital staff.</p> <p>You can also find more information in a Medicare fact sheet called "Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient? If You Have Medicare – Ask!" This fact sheet is available on the Web at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/11435-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf">https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/11435-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf</a> or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can call these numbers for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$375 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital observation services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital observation services.</p>


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<p><b>Outpatient hospital services*</b></p> <p>We cover medically-necessary services you get in the outpatient department of a hospital for diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury.</p> <p>Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services in an emergency department or outpatient clinic, such as observation services or outpatient surgery</li> <li>• Laboratory and diagnostic tests billed by the hospital</li> <li>• Mental health care, including care in a partial-hospitalization program, if a doctor certifies that inpatient treatment would be required without it</li> <li>• X-rays and other radiology services billed by the hospital</li> <li>• Medical supplies such as splints and casts</li> <li>• Certain drugs and biologicals that you can't give yourself</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you are an outpatient and pay the cost sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an "outpatient." If you are not sure if you are an outpatient, you should ask the hospital staff.</p> <p>You can also find more information in a Medicare fact sheet called "Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient? If You Have Medicare – Ask!" This fact sheet is available on the Web at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/11435-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf">https://www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2021-10/11435-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf</a> or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can call these numbers for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for certain services in this category. Please refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 above for a complete list of services that require Prior Authorization. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p><u>Outpatient Procedures</u> You pay a \$375 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient procedures.</p> <p><u>Medical Supplies</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered medical supplies.</p> <p><u>IV Infusion Therapy</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered IV infusion therapy.</p> <p><u>Chemotherapy</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered chemotherapy services.</p> <p><u>Blood Transfusion Services</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered services related to blood transfusions.</p> <p><u>Wound Care</u> You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered wound care services.</p> <p><u>Outpatient services in a treatment room:</u> You pay a \$40 copay per encounter for outpatient services in a treatment room.</p> <p><u>Other Outpatient Services</u> You pay 20% coinsurance for all other services received in an outpatient hospital setting.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 40% coinsurance for all outpatient hospital services.</p>

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<p><b>Outpatient mental health care</b></p> <p>Covered services include: Mental health services provided by a state-licensed psychiatrist or doctor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other Medicare-qualified mental health care professional as allowed under applicable state laws.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$25 copay for Medicare-covered individual therapy in a specialist's office or outpatient setting.</p> <p>You pay a \$20 copay for Medicare-covered group therapy in a specialist's office or outpatient hospital setting.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered individual and group therapy in either a specialist's office or outpatient setting.</p>
<p><b>Outpatient rehabilitation services*</b></p> <p>Covered services include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language therapy.</p> <p>Outpatient rehabilitation services are provided in various outpatient settings, such as hospital outpatient departments, independent therapist offices, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs).</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for Outpatient Rehabilitation Services. Refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 above for additional information. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$20 copay per visit/encounter for Medicare-covered physical, occupational, or speech therapy services in a specialist's office, an outpatient hospital or a CORF setting.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered physical, occupational, or speech therapy services in a specialist's office, an outpatient hospital or a CORF setting</p>
<p><b>Outpatient substance abuse services*</b></p> <p>Treatment and counseling for substance abuse performed in a specialist's office or outpatient setting.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for Outpatient Substance Abuse Services. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse services.</p> <p>You pay a \$25 copay for Medicare-covered group substance abuse services.</p>

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<p>responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered individual or group substance abuse service</p>
<p><b>Outpatient surgery, including services provided at hospital outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgical centers</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> If you are having surgery in a hospital facility, you should check with your provider about whether you will be an inpatient or outpatient. Unless the provider writes an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you are an outpatient and pay the cost sharing amounts for outpatient surgery. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an “outpatient.”</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for certain services in this category. Please refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 above for a complete list of services that require prior authorization. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$375 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient surgery in an outpatient hospital setting.</p> <p>You pay a \$325 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient surgery in an ambulatory surgical center.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered outpatient surgery in an outpatient hospital setting or in an ambulatory surgical center.</p>
<p> <b>Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and supplies</b></p> <p>You have a quarterly allowance to spend on plan-approved OTC items, medications, and products. You will receive a SelectHealth Medicare flexible benefits Mastercard®.</p> <p>If you do not use all your quarterly benefit amount when you order or make purchases, the remaining balance will not accumulate to the next OTC benefit period follow year.</p> <p>How to get OTC products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online – visit <a href="https://SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com">SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com</a></li> <li>• By Phone – call (833) 878-0232 (TTY users should call 711)</li> <li>• By Mail – Fill out and return the order form in the <a href="#">NationsBenefits/SelectHealth</a> product catalog.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay \$0 copay for these services.</p> <p>You have a \$75 allowance each quarter on a SelectHealth Medicare flexible benefits card to be used for qualifying OTC products.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>There is no coverage for Over-the-Counter drugs and supplies when not administered by NationsBenefits.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retail – Use your SelectHealth Medicare Flexible Benefits Mastercard® at participating retail locations.</li> </ul> <p>Your card must be activated before you use your benefits. You can activate your card at <a href="https://SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com/activate">SelectHealth.NationsBenefits.com/activate</a>.</p> <p>To learn more about this benefit, you can call a NationsBenefits Member Experience Advisor <b>(833) 878-0232</b>. (TTY users should call <b>711</b>).</p>	
<p><b>Partial hospitalization services*</b></p> <p>“Partial hospitalization” is a structured program of active psychiatric treatment provided as a hospital outpatient service or by a community mental health center, that is more intense than the care received in your doctor’s or therapist’s office and is an alternative to inpatient hospitalization.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for Partial Hospitalization Services. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$55 copay per day for a Medicare-covered partial hospitalization program.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for a Medicare-covered partial hospitalization program.</p>
<p><b>Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor’s office visits*</b></p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medically-necessary medical care or surgery services furnished in a physician’s office, certified ambulatory surgical center, hospital outpatient department, or any other location</li> <li>Consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a specialist</li> <li>Basic hearing and balance exams performed by your PCP, if your doctor orders it to see if you need medical treatment</li> <li>Certain telehealth services, including: initial or follow-up care, diagnosis, or treatment. Many services are available via telehealth in full or in part, including primary care, behavioral health, cardiology, neurology and other services             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have the option of getting these services through an in-person visit or by telehealth. If you choose to get one of these services by telehealth,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p><u>Office Visits</u></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay per office visit with your primary care provider.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay per office visit with your specialist provider.</p> <p><u>Office Surgery</u></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered surgery when performed in your primary care provider’s office.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay for each Medicare-covered surgery when performed in a specialist’s office.</p>




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<p>you must use a network provider who offers the service by telehealth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some telehealth services including consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a physician or practitioner, for patients in certain rural areas or other places approved by Medicare</li> <li>• Telehealth services for monthly end-stage renal disease-related visits for home dialysis members in a hospital-based or critical access hospital-based renal dialysis center, renal dialysis facility, or the member's home</li> <li>• Telehealth services to diagnose, evaluate, or treat symptoms of a stroke, regardless of your location</li> <li>• Telehealth services for members with a substance use disorder or co-occurring mental health disorder, regardless of their location</li> <li>• Telehealth services for diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of mental health disorders if:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ You have an in-person visit within 6 months prior to your first telehealth visit</li> <li>○ You have an in-person visit every 12 months while receiving these telehealth services</li> <li>○ Exceptions can be made to the above for certain circumstances</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Telehealth services for mental health visits provided by Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers</li> <li>• Virtual check-ins (for example, by phone or video chat) with your doctor for 5-10 minutes <b>if</b>:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ You're not a new patient <b>and</b></li> <li>○ The check-in isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days <b>and</b></li> <li>○ The check-in doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Evaluation of video and/or images you send to your doctor, and interpretation and follow-up by your doctor within 24 hours <b>if</b>:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ You're not a new patient <b>and</b></li> <li>○ The evaluation isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days <b>and</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>TeleHealth Services</u></p> <p>You pay the same amount for TeleHealth Services as you do for an in-person visit with your provider.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for a TeleHealth visit with your primary care provider.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay for TeleHealth services with your specialist provider.</p> <p><u>Medicare-covered dental services</u></p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered non-routine dental care.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for office visits, Medicare-covered office surgery and Medicare-covered non-routine dental care.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The evaluation doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment</li> <li>• Consultation your doctor has with other doctors by phone, internet, or electronic health record</li> <li>• Second opinion by another network provider prior to surgery</li> <li>• Non-routine dental care (covered services are limited to surgery of the jaw or related structures, setting fractures of the jaw or facial bones, extraction of teeth to prepare the jaw for radiation treatments of neoplastic cancer disease, or services that would be covered when provided by a physician)</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for Medicare-covered dental services. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	
<p><b>Podiatry services</b></p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis and the medical or surgical treatment of injuries and diseases of the feet (such as hammer toe or heel spurs)</li> <li>• Routine foot care for members with certain medical conditions affecting the lower limbs</li> </ul> <p> <b>Routine foot care</b></p> <p>6 visits per calendar year for routine foot care services, such as nail trimming, for any reason &amp;/or conditions not covered by Original Medicare.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay per visit for Medicare-covered podiatry services.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copay per visit for up to 6 visits for routine foot care services every calendar year.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered podiatry services.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for up to 6 visits for routine foot care services every calendar year.</p>
<p> <b>Prostate cancer screening exams</b></p> <p>For men aged 50 and older, covered services include the following - once every 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital rectal exam</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for an annual PSA test.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test</li> </ul>	<p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for an annual PSA test.</p>
<p><b>Prosthetic devices and related supplies*</b></p> <p>Devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of a body part or function. These include but are not limited to: colostomy bags and supplies directly related to colostomy care, pacemakers, braces, prosthetic shoes, artificial limbs, and breast prostheses (including a surgical brassiere after a mastectomy). Includes certain supplies related to prosthetic devices, and repair and/or replacement of prosthetic devices. Also includes some coverage following cataract removal or cataract surgery – see “Vision Care” later in this section for more detail.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for certain services in this category. Please refer to Chapter 4, Section 2.1 above for a complete list of services that require prior authorization. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered prosthetic devices and related supplies</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered prosthetic devices and related supplies</p>
<p><b>Pulmonary rehabilitation services*</b></p> <p>Comprehensive programs of pulmonary rehabilitation are covered for members who have moderate to very severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and an order for pulmonary rehabilitation from the doctor treating the chronic respiratory disease.</p> <p>*Prior authorization is required. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$20 copay for each Medicare-covered pulmonary rehabilitation visit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered pulmonary rehabilitation visit.</p>
<p> <b>Screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse</b></p> <p>We cover one alcohol misuse screening for adults with Medicare (including pregnant women) who misuse alcohol but aren’t alcohol dependent.</p> <p>If you screen positive for alcohol misuse, you can get up to four brief face-to-face counseling sessions per year (if you’re competent and alert during counseling) provided by</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the Medicare-covered screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse preventive benefit.</p>

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<p>a qualified primary care doctor or practitioner in a primary care setting.</p>	<p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the Medicare-covered screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse preventive benefit.</p>
<p> <b>Screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT)</b></p> <p>For qualified individuals, a LDCT is covered every 12 months.</p> <p><b>Eligible members are:</b> people aged 50 – 77 years who have no signs or symptoms of lung cancer, but who have a history of tobacco smoking of at least 20 pack-years and who currently smoke or have quit smoking within the last 15 years, who receive a written order for LDCT during a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit that meets the Medicare criteria for such visits and be furnished by a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner.</p> <p><i>For LDCT lung cancer screenings after the initial LDCT screening:</i> the member must receive a written order for LDCT lung cancer screening, which may be furnished during any appropriate visit with a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner. If a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner elects to provide a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision making visit for subsequent lung cancer screenings with LDCT, the visit must meet the Medicare criteria for such visits.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the Medicare-covered counseling and shared decision-making visit or for the LDCT.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the Medicare-covered counseling and shared decision-making visit or for the LDCT.</p>
<p> <b>Screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and counseling to prevent STIs</b></p> <p>We cover sexually transmitted infection (STI) screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and Hepatitis B. These screenings are covered for pregnant women and for certain people who are at increased risk for an STI when the tests are ordered by a primary care provider. We cover these tests once every 12 months or at certain times during pregnancy.</p> <p>We also cover up to two individual 20 to 30 minute, face-to-face high-intensity behavioral counseling sessions each</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the Medicare-covered screening for STIs and counseling for STIs preventive benefit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the Medicare-covered screening for STIs and</p>


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<p>year for sexually active adults at increased risk for STIs. We will only cover these counseling sessions as a preventive service if they are provided by a primary care provider and take place in a primary care setting, such as a doctor's office.</p>	<p>counseling for STIs preventive benefit.</p>
<p><b>Services to treat kidney disease</b></p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kidney disease education services to teach kidney care and help members make informed decisions about their care. For members with stage IV chronic kidney disease when referred by their doctor, we cover up to six sessions of kidney disease education services per lifetime</li> <li>• Outpatient dialysis treatments (including dialysis treatments when temporarily out of the service area, as explained in Chapter 3, or when your provider for this service is temporarily unavailable or inaccessible)</li> <li>• Inpatient dialysis treatments (if you are admitted as an inpatient to a hospital for special care)</li> <li>• Self-dialysis training (includes training for you and anyone helping you with your home dialysis treatments)</li> <li>• Home dialysis equipment and supplies</li> <li>• Certain home support services (such as, when necessary, visits by trained dialysis workers to check on your home dialysis, to help in emergencies, and check your dialysis equipment and water supply)</li> </ul> <p>Certain drugs for dialysis are covered under your Medicare Part B drug benefit. For information about coverage for Part B Drugs, please go to the section, "Medicare Part B prescription drugs."</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered kidney disease education and training.</p> <p>You pay a 0% coinsurance for Medicare-covered renal dialysis in a dialysis center.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered renal dialysis in an outpatient facility</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered home dialysis equipment and supplies.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered home support services.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered part B dialysis drugs.</p> <p>For inpatient renal dialysis services, the same copays apply as "Inpatient hospital care" listed earlier in this benefit chart.</p>
	<p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered kidney disease education and training, renal dialysis in a dialysis center, renal dialysis in an outpatient facility, home dialysis equipment and</p>

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	<p>supplies, home support services, part B dialysis drugs</p> <p>For inpatient renal dialysis services, the same copays apply as “Inpatient hospital care” listed earlier in this benefit chart.</p>
<p><b>Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care*</b></p> <p>(For a definition of “skilled nursing facility care,” see Chapter 10 of this document. Skilled nursing facilities are sometimes called “SNFs.”)</p> <p>Covered services include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semiprivate room (or a private room if medically necessary)</li> <li>• Meals, including special diets</li> <li>• Skilled nursing services</li> <li>• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy</li> <li>• Drugs administered to you as part of your plan of care (this includes substances that are naturally present in the body, such as blood clotting factors.)</li> <li>• Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood, packed red cells, and other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used.</li> <li>• Medical and surgical supplies ordinarily provided by SNFs</li> <li>• Laboratory tests ordinarily provided by SNFs</li> <li>• X-rays and other radiology services ordinarily provided by SNFs</li> <li>• Use of appliances such as wheelchairs ordinarily provided by SNFs</li> <li>• Physician/Practitioner services</li> </ul> <p>Generally, you will get your SNF care from network facilities. However, under certain conditions listed below, you may be able to pay in-network cost sharing for a facility that isn’t a network provider, if the facility accepts our plan’s amounts for payment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nursing home or continuing care retirement community where you were living right before you went</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay the following copay for Medicare-covered skilled nursing facility care each Benefit Period (See definition of Benefit Period in Chapter 12 of this booklet):</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20.</p> <p>You pay a \$196 copay per day for days 21-100.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered skilled nursing facility care each Benefit Period.</p>

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<p>to the hospital (as long as it provides skilled nursing facility care)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A SNF where your spouse is living at the time you leave the hospital</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization is required for certain services in this category. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network</p>	
<p> <b>Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use)</b></p> <p><u>If you use tobacco, but do not have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease:</u> We cover two counseling quit attempts within a 12-month period as a preventive service with no cost to you. Each counseling attempt includes up to four face-to-face visits.</p> <p>If you use tobacco and have been diagnosed with a tobacco-related disease or are taking medicine that may be affected by tobacco: We cover cessation counseling services. We cover two counseling quit attempts within a 12-month period, however, you will pay the applicable cost sharing. Each counseling attempt includes up to four face-to-face visits.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the Medicare-covered smoking and tobacco use cessation preventive benefits.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the Medicare-covered smoking and tobacco use cessation preventive benefits.</p>
<p><b>Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET)*</b></p> <p>SET is covered for members who have symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD)</p> <p>Up to 36 sessions over a 12-week period are covered if the SET program requirements are met.</p> <p>The SET program must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consist of sessions lasting 30-60 minutes, comprising a therapeutic exercise-training program for PAD in patients with claudication</li> <li>• Be conducted in a hospital outpatient setting or a physician's office</li> <li>• Be delivered by qualified auxiliary personnel necessary to ensure benefits exceed harms, and who are trained in exercise therapy for PAD</li> <li>• Be under the direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$20 copay for each Medicare-covered SET visit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered SET visit.</p>

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<p>specialist who must be trained in both basic and advanced life support techniques</p> <p>SET may be covered beyond 36 sessions over 12 weeks for an additional 36 sessions over an extended period of time if deemed medically necessary by a health care provider.</p> <p>*Prior authorization is required. In-network providers are responsible to obtain prior authorization for in-network services. You are responsible to obtain prior authorization for this service out-of-network.</p>	
<p><b>Transportation Services (Non-Emergent)</b></p> <p>Non-emergent transportation services are covered to plan-approved locations including local provider offices and outpatient hospital clinics.</p> <p>This benefit includes up to 24 one-way trips.</p> <p>For more information, or to schedule an appointment contact LifeTrans at 1-833-793-0885 or visit <a href="http://www.LifeTrans.org">www.LifeTrans.org</a> hours of operations are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Members are encouraged to call 48 hours, or two business days, in advance when scheduling a ride.</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for non-emergent transportation services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>There is no coverage for non-emergent transportation services when not administered by LifeTrans.</p>
<p><b>Urgently needed services</b></p> <p>Urgently needed services are provided to treat a non-emergency, unforeseen medical illness, injury, or condition that requires immediate medical care but, given your circumstances, it is not possible, or it is unreasonable, to obtain services from network providers. Examples of urgently needed services that the plan must cover out of network are i) you need immediate care during the weekend, or ii) you are temporarily outside the service area of the plan. Services must be immediately needed and medically necessary. If it is unreasonable given your circumstances to immediately obtain the medical care from a network provider, then your plan will cover the urgently needed services from a provider out-of-network. You are covered for urgently needed care worldwide.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$20 copay for Medicare-covered services at an urgent care facility.</p> <p>There is no additional copay for labs and/or X-rays performed during your urgent care visit.</p> <p>The Urgent Care copay is waived if you are referred to the Emergency Department or admitted inpatient to the hospital within 24 hours for the same condition. If you are referred to the Emergency Department or admitted inpatient you will instead pay</p>




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	<p>the applicable Emergency Services or Inpatient Hospital copay.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered services at an urgent care facility.</p>
<p> <b>Vision care</b></p> <p>Covered medical services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient physician services for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of the eye, including treatment for age-related macular degeneration. Original Medicare doesn't cover routine eye exams (eye refractions) for eyeglasses/contacts.</li> <li>• For people who are at high risk of glaucoma, we will cover one glaucoma screening each year. People at high risk of glaucoma include: people with a family history of glaucoma, people with diabetes, African Americans who are age 50 and older, and Hispanic Americans who are 65 or older.</li> <li>• For people with diabetes, screening for diabetic retinopathy is covered once per year.</li> <li>• One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after each cataract surgery that includes insertion of an intraocular lens (If you have two separate cataract operations, you cannot reserve the benefit after the first surgery and purchase two eyeglasses after the second surgery.)</li> <li>• For members with a diagnosis of keratoconus we cover contacts to correct vision</li> </ul> <p>Note: For covered medical services (services related to treatment or management of an existing medical condition) you will need to use a provider in the SelectHealth Medicare Network (for information on how to find a provider on SelectHealth's network see chapter 3, section 2.2, <i>How to get care from specialists and other network providers</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine eye exam</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered non-routine eye exams.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for routine eye exams with an EyeMed Provider.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for refractions with an EyeMed Provider</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered glaucoma screening, once per year.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered diabetic retinopathy screening, once per year.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered eyeglasses or contacts following cataract surgery up to the Medicare allowed amount.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for contacts for members with keratoconus.</p> <p>If the refraction, glaucoma screening, or retinopathy is performed during an eye exam, then you will still be</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination of refraction (test to determine your vision hardware prescription)</li> </ul> <p>Note: For routine eye exams and refractions, you will need to use a provider on the EyeMed Access network (for information on how to find an EyeMed Provider, see Chapter 3, Section 2.2, <i>How to get care from specialists and other network providers</i>).</p>	<p>responsible for the eye exam copay.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered non-routine eye exams.</p> <p>The plan will reimburse up to \$35 copay for routine eye exams and refractions.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered glaucoma screening, once per year.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered diabetic retinopathy screening, once per year.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for Medicare-covered eyeglasses or contacts following cataract surgery up to the Medicare allowed amount.</p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for contacts for members with keratoconus.</p> <p>If the refraction, glaucoma screening, or retinopathy is performed during an eye exam, then you will still be responsible for the eye exam copay.</p>
 <b>Vision Hardware</b> <p>This benefit is administered by <b>EyeMed Vision Care®</b>. Services are paid at the time of service only when you use retailers that are in the EyeMed Access network such as LensCrafters®, Target Optical®, and most Pearl Vision®</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay \$0 for these services.</p> <p>You have a \$300 allowance every year for vision hardware.</p>

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Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>locations. (For information on how to find an EyeMed retailer, see chapter 3, section 2.2.)</p> <p>If you use out-of-network retailers to purchase your vision hardware you will be able to submit for reimbursement up to the allowance.</p> <p>This benefit has an allowance for either any frame, lens and lens options available at provider location or contact lenses (conventional or disposable) once every year either at an in-network vendor <b>or</b> an out-of-network vendor.</p>	<p><b>Out-of-Network</b></p> <p>The plan will reimburse up to \$300 for vision hardware.</p> <p>Note: Vision hardware costs are not included in the annual Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount.</p>
<p> <b>“Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit</b></p> <p>The plan covers the one-time “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit. The visit includes a review of your health, as well as education and counseling about the preventive services you need (including certain screenings and shots), and referrals for other care if needed.</p> <p><b>Important:</b> We cover the “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit only within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B. When you make your appointment, let your doctor’s office know you would like to schedule your “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for the “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>You pay 40% coinsurance for the “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit.</p>

**SECTION 3 What services are not covered by the plan?****Section 3.1 Services we do *not* cover (exclusions)**

This section tells you what services are “excluded” from Medicare coverage and therefore, are not covered by this plan.

The chart below lists services and items that either are not covered under any condition or are covered only under specific conditions.

If you get services that are excluded (not covered), you must pay for them yourself except under the specific conditions listed below. Even if you receive the excluded services at an emergency facility, the excluded services are still not covered, and our plan will not pay for them. The only exception is if the service is appealed and decided upon appeal to be a medical service that we should have paid for or covered because of your specific situation. (For information about appealing a decision we have made to not cover a medical service, go to Chapter 7, Section 5.3 in this document.)

**Chapter 4 Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)**

Services not covered by Medicare	Not covered under any condition	Covered only under specific conditions
Acupuncture		✓ Available for people with chronic low back pain under certain circumstances.
Compression Stockings		✓ The following are not covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Below knee, 18-30 pressure</li> <li>• Thigh length</li> <li>• Full length</li> <li>• Waist length</li> <li>• Garter belts</li> </ul> (These supplies may be available under the Over the Counter benefit)
Cosmetic surgery or procedures		✓ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered in cases of an accidental injury or for improvement of the functioning of a malformed body member.</li> <li>• Covered for all stages of reconstruction for a breast after a mastectomy, as well as for the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.</li> </ul>
Custodial care. Custodial care is personal care that does not require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel, such as care that helps you with activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing.	✓	
Device and service upgrades that are not medically necessary are not covered by the plan. You are responsible to pay the difference between the covered base model and the upgraded device or service.	✓	

**Chapter 4 Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)**

Services not covered by Medicare	Not covered under any condition	Covered only under specific conditions
Experimental medical and surgical procedures, equipment and medications. Experimental procedures and items are those items and procedures determined by Original Medicare to not be generally accepted by the medical community.		✓ May be covered by Original Medicare under a Medicare-approved clinical research study or by our plan.  (See Chapter 3, Section 5 for more information on clinical research studies.)
Fees charged for care by your immediate relatives or members of your household.	✓	
Full-time nursing care in your home.	✓	
Home-delivered meals		✓ Coverage for up to 14 days of meals prior authorized for qualifying members after they are discharged from an inpatient acute hospital or skilled nursing facility.
Homemaker services include basic household assistance, including light housekeeping or light meal preparation.		✓ Papa Companionship service may offer some of these services.
Incontinence Supplies		✓ These supplies may be available under the Over the Counter benefit
Naturopath services (uses natural or alternative treatments).	✓	
Non-routine dental care		✓ Dental care required to treat illness or injury may be covered as inpatient or outpatient care.
Orthopedic shoes or supportive devices for the feet		✓ Shoes that are part of a leg brace and are included in the cost of the brace. Orthopedic or therapeutic shoes for people with diabetic foot disease.

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Services not covered by Medicare	Not covered under any condition	Covered only under specific conditions
Personal items in your room at a hospital or a skilled nursing facility, such as a telephone or a television.	✓	
Private room in a hospital.		✓ Covered only when medically necessary.
Purchase or rental of home use pulse oximetry equipment and supplies.		✓ These supplies may be available under the Over-the-Counter benefit
Reversal of sterilization procedures and or non-prescription contraceptive supplies.	✓	
Routine chiropractic care		✓ Manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation is covered.
Routine dental care, such as cleanings, fillings or dentures.	✓	
Radial keratotomy, LASIK surgery, and other low vision aids.	✓	
Services considered not reasonable and necessary, according to Original Medicare standards	✓	
Vein Procedures		✓ Vein procedures are only covered when performed at an accredited vein clinic or facility.

**Exclusions and Limitations for Delta Dental Medicare**

The following exclusions and limitations apply to your dental coverage.

***Limitations on Benefits***

1. Services that are more expensive than the form of treatment customarily provided under accepted dental practice standards are called “Optional Services.” Optional Services also include the use of specialized techniques instead of standard procedures.

**Chapter 4 Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)**

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## Examples of Optional Services:

- a. a composite restoration instead of an amalgam restoration on posterior teeth;
- b. a crown where a filling would restore the tooth;
- c. an inlay/onlay instead of an amalgam restoration; or
- d. porcelain, resin or similar materials for crowns placed on a maxillary second or third molar, or on any mandibular molar (an allowance will be made for a porcelain fused to high noble metal crown).
- e. an overdenture instead of denture.

If a Member receives Optional Services, an alternate Benefit will be allowed, which means the Plan will pay Benefits on the lower cost of the customary service or standard practice instead of on the higher cost of the Optional Service. The Member will be responsible for the difference between the cost of the customary service or standard procedure and the cost of the Optional Service.

## 2. Exam and cleaning limitations:

- a. The Plan will pay for oral examinations (except after-hours exams and exams for observation) and cleanings (including periodontal cleanings in the presence of inflamed gums or any combination thereof) no more than twice in a Calendar Year.
- b. A full mouth debridement is allowed once in a lifetime and counts toward the cleaning frequency in the year provided.
- c. Note that periodontal cleanings Procedure Codes that include periodontal cleanings and full mouth debridement are covered as a Major Benefit, and routine cleanings are covered as a Diagnostic and Preventive Benefit.

## 3. X-ray limitations:

- a. The Plan will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series when the fees for any combination of intraoral x-rays in a single treatment series meet or exceed the Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series.
- b. When a panoramic film is submitted with supplemental film(s), the Plan will limit the total reimbursable amount to the Accepted Fee for a complete intraoral series.
- c. If a panoramic film is taken in conjunction with an intraoral complete series, Delta Dental considers the panoramic film to be included in the complete series.
- d. A complete intraoral series and panoramic film are each limited to once every 60 months.
- e. Bitewing x-rays are limited to twice each Calendar Year for Members. Bitewings of any type are disallowed within 12 months of a full mouth series unless warranted by special circumstances.

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4. Specialist Consultations, screenings of patients, and assessments of patients are limited to once per lifetime per dentist and count toward the oral exam frequency.
5. The Plan will not cover replacement of an amalgam or resin-based composite restorations (fillings) within 24 months of treatment if the service is provided by the same dentist/dentist office. Replacement restorations within 24 months are included in the fee for the original restoration.
6. Root canal therapy and pulpal therapy (resorbable filling) are limited to once in a lifetime. Retreatment of root canal therapy by the same dentist/dentist office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.
7. Retreatment of apical surgery by the same dentist/dentist office within 24 months is considered part of the original procedure.
8. Palliative treatment is covered per visit, not per tooth, and the fee includes all treatment provided other than required x-rays or select Diagnostic procedures.
9. Periodontal limitations:
  - a. Benefits for periodontal scaling and root planing in the same quadrant are limited to once in every 24-month period.
  - b. Periodontal surgery in the same quadrant is limited to once in every 36-month period and includes any surgical re-entry or scaling and root planing.
  - c. Periodontal services, including bone replacement grafts, guided tissue regeneration, graft procedures and biological materials to aid in soft and osseous tissue regeneration are only covered for the treatment of natural teeth and are not covered when submitted in conjunction with extractions, periradicular surgery, ridge augmentation or implants.
  - d. Periodontal surgery is subject to a 30 day wait following periodontal scaling and root planning in the same quadrant.
  - e. Cleanings (regular and periodontal) and full mouth debridement are subject to a 30 day wait following periodontal scaling and root planing if performed by the same dentist office.
10. Oral Surgery services are covered once in a lifetime except removal of cysts and lesions and incision and drainage procedures, which are covered once in the same day.
11. Crowns and Inlays/Onlays are covered not more often than once in any 60 month period except when Delta Dental determines the existing Crown or Inlay/Onlay is not satisfactory and cannot be made satisfactory because the tooth involved has experienced extensive loss or changes to tooth structure or supporting tissues.
12. Core buildup, including any pins, is covered not more than once in any 60 month period.
13. Post and core services are covered not more than once in any 60 month year period.



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14. Crown repairs are covered not more than twice in any 60 month period.

15. Denture Repairs are covered not more than once in any six (6) month period except for fixed Denture Repairs which are covered not more than twice in any 60 month period.

16. Prosthodontic appliances, that were provided under any Delta Dental program will be replaced only after 60 months have passed, except when Delta Dental determines that there is such extensive loss of remaining teeth or change in supporting tissue that the existing fixed bridge or denture cannot be made satisfactory. Replacement of a prosthodontic appliance not provided under a Delta Dental program will be made if Delta Dental determines it is unsatisfactory and cannot be made satisfactory.

17. When a posterior fixed bridge and a removable partial denture are placed in the same arch in the same treatment episode, only the partial denture will be a Benefit.

18. Re-cementation of Crowns, Inlays/Onlays or bridges is included in the fee for the Crown, Inlay/Onlay or bridge when performed by the same dentist/dentist office within six (6) months of the initial placement. After six (6) months, payment will be limited to one (1) re-cementation in a lifetime by the same dentist/dentist office.

19. Delta Dental limits payment for dentures to a standard partial or complete denture (Member Coinsurances apply). A standard denture means a removable appliance to replace missing natural, permanent teeth that is made from acceptable materials by conventional means and includes routine post-delivery care including any adjustments and relines for the first six (6) months after placement.

- a. Denture rebase is limited to one (1) per arch in a 24-month period and includes any relining and adjustments for six (6) months following placement.
- b. Dentures, removable partial dentures and relines include adjustments for six (6) months following installation. After the initial six (6) months of an adjustment or reline, adjustments are limited to two (2) per arch in a Calendar Year and relining is limited to one (1) per arch in a six (6) month period.
- c. Tissue conditioning is limited to two (2) per arch in a 12-month period. However, tissue conditioning is not allowed as a separate Benefit when performed on the same day as a denture, reline or rebase service.
- d. Re-cementation of fixed partial dentures is limited to once in a lifetime.

20. Delta Dental will not pay for implants (artificial teeth implanted into or on bone or gums), their removal or other associated procedures, but Delta Dental will credit the cost of a pontic or standard complete or partial denture toward the cost of the implant associated appliance, i.e., the implant supported crown or denture. The implant appliance is not covered.

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***Exclusions on Benefits*****The Plan does not pay Benefits for:**

1. treatment of injuries or illness covered by workers' compensation or employers' liability laws; services received without cost from any federal, state or local agency, unless this exclusion is prohibited by law.
2. cosmetic surgery or procedures for purely cosmetic reasons.
3. maxillofacial prosthetics.
4. provisional and/or temporary restorations. Provisional and/or temporary restorations are not separately payable procedures and are included in the fee for completed service.
5. services for congenital (hereditary) or developmental (following birth) malformations, including but not limited to cleft palate, upper and lower jaw malformations, enamel hypoplasia (lack of development), fluorosis (a type of discoloration of the teeth) and anodontia (congenitally missing teeth).
6. treatment to stabilize teeth, treatment to restore tooth structure lost from wear, erosion, or abrasion or treatment to rebuild or maintain chewing surfaces due to teeth out of alignment or occlusion. Examples include but are not limited to: equilibration, periodontal splinting, complete occlusal adjustments or Night Guards/Occlusal guards and abfraction.
7. any Single Procedure provided prior to the date you became eligible for services under this plan.
8. prescribed drugs, medication, pain killers, antimicrobial agents, or experimental/investigational procedures.
9. charges for anesthesia, other than General Anesthesia and IV Sedation administered by a Provider in connection with covered Oral Surgery or selected Endodontic and Periodontal surgical procedures. Local anesthesia and regional/or trigeminal bloc anesthesia are not separately payable procedures.
10. extraoral grafts (grafting of tissues from outside the mouth to oral tissues).
11. interim implants and endodontic endosseous implant.
12. indirectly fabricated resin-based Inlays/Onlays.
13. charges by any hospital or other surgical or treatment facility and any additional fees charged by the Provider for treatment in any such facility.
14. treatment by someone other than a Provider or a person who by law may work under a Provider's direct supervision.

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15. charges incurred for oral hygiene instruction, a plaque control program, preventive control programs including home care times, dietary instruction, x-ray duplications, cancer screening, tobacco counseling.

16. dental practice administrative services including, but not limited to, preparation of claims, any non-treatment phase of dentistry such as provision of an antiseptic environment, sterilization of equipment or infection control, or any ancillary materials used during the routine course of providing treatment such as cotton swabs, gauze, bibs, masks or relaxation techniques such as music.

17. procedures having a questionable prognosis based on a dental consultant's professional review of the submitted documentation.

18. any tax imposed (or incurred) by a government, state or other entity, in connection with any fees charged for Benefits provided under the Contract, will be the responsibility of the Enrollee and not a covered Benefit.

19. Deductibles, amounts over plan maximums and/or any service not covered under the dental plan.

20. services covered under the dental plan but exceed Benefit limitations or are not in accordance with processing policies in effect at the time the claim is processed.

21. services for Orthodontic treatment (treatment of malocclusion of teeth and/or jaws).

22. services for any disturbance of the Temporomandibular (jaw) Joints (TMJ) or associated musculature, nerves and other tissues).

23. services or supplies for Sealants.

24. missed and/or cancelled appointments.

25. services or supplies for nitrous oxide.

## CHAPTER 5:

*Asking us to pay our share of a bill  
you have received for covered  
medical services*

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**SECTION 1 Situations in which you should ask us to pay our share of the cost of your covered services**

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Sometimes when you get medical care, you may need to pay the full cost. Other times, you may find that you have paid more than you expected under the coverage rules of the plan. Or you may receive a bill from a provider. In these cases, you can ask our plan to pay you back (paying you back is often called “reimbursing” you). It is your right to be paid back by our plan whenever you’ve paid more than your share of the cost for medical services that are covered by our plan. There may be deadlines that you must meet to get paid back. Please see Section 2 of this chapter.

There may also be times when you get a bill from a provider for the full cost of medical care you have received or possibly for more than your share of cost sharing as discussed in the document. First try to resolve the bill with the provider. If that does not work, send the bill to us instead of paying it. We will look at the bill and decide whether the services should be covered. If we decide they should be covered, we will pay the provider directly. If we decide not to pay it, we will notify the provider. You should never pay more than plan-allowed cost-sharing. If this provider is contracted, you still have the right to treatment.

Here are examples of situations in which you may need to ask our plan to pay you back or to pay a bill you have received:

**1. When you’ve received medical care from a provider who is not in our plan’s network**

When you receive care from a provider who is not part of our network, you are only responsible for paying your share of the cost. (Your share of the cost may be higher for an out-of-network provider than for a network provider.) Ask the provider to bill the plan for our share of the cost.

- You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost for emergency or urgently needed services. Emergency providers are legally required to provide emergency care. If you accidentally pay the entire amount yourself at the time you receive the care, ask us to pay you back for our share of the cost. Send us the bill, along with documentation of any payments you have made.
- You may get a bill from the provider asking for payment that you think you do not owe. Send us this bill, along with documentation of any payments you have already made.
  - If the provider is owed anything, we will pay the provider directly.
  - If you have already paid more than your share of the cost of the service, we will determine how much you owed and pay you back for our share of the cost.
- Please note: While you can get your care from an out-of-network provider, the provider must be eligible to participate in Medicare. Except for emergency care, we cannot pay a provider who is not eligible to participate in Medicare. If the provider is not eligible to participate in Medicare, you will be responsible for the full cost of the services you receive.

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**2. When a network provider sends you a bill you think you should not pay**

Network providers should always bill the plan directly, and ask you only for your share of the cost. But sometimes they make mistakes, and ask you to pay more than your share.

- You only have to pay your cost-sharing amount when you get covered services. We do not allow providers to add additional separate charges, called “balance billing.” This protection (that you never pay more than your cost-sharing amount) applies even if we pay the provider less than the provider charges for a service and even if there is a dispute and we don’t pay certain provider charges.
- Whenever you get a bill from a network provider that you think is more than you should pay, send us the bill. We will contact the provider directly and resolve the billing problem.
- If you have already paid a bill to a network provider, but you feel that you paid too much, send us the bill along with documentation of any payment you have made and ask us to pay you back the difference between the amount you paid and the amount you owed under the plan.

**3. If you are retroactively enrolled in our plan**

Sometimes a person’s enrollment in the plan is retroactive. (This means that the first day of their enrollment has already passed. The enrollment date may even have occurred last year.)

If you were retroactively enrolled in our plan and you paid out-of-pocket for any of your covered services after your enrollment date, you can ask us to pay you back for our share of the costs. You will need to submit paperwork such as receipts and bills for us to handle the reimbursement.

All of the examples above are types of coverage decisions. This means that if we deny your request for payment, you can appeal our decision. Chapter 7 of this document (*What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)*) has information about how to make an appeal.

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**SECTION 2 How to ask us to pay you back or to pay a bill you have received**

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You may request us to pay you back by sending us a request in writing. If you send a request in writing, send your bill and documentation of any payment you have made. It's a good idea to make a copy of your bill and receipts for your records. **You must submit your claim to us within 12 months** of the date you received the service or item. To make sure you are giving us all the information we need to make a decision, you can fill out our claim form to make your request for payment.

- You don't have to use the form, but it will help us process the information faster.
- Either download a copy of the form from our website (<http://www.selecthealth.org/medicare>) or call Member Services and ask for the form.

Mail your request for payment together with any bills or paid receipts to us at this address:

SelectHealth Medicare  
Attn: Medical Claims  
PO Box 30196  
Salt Lake City, UT 84130

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**SECTION 3 We will consider your request for payment and say yes or no**

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<b>Section 3.1 We check to see whether we should cover the service and how much we owe</b>
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When we receive your request for payment, we will let you know if we need any additional information from you. Otherwise, we will consider your request and make a coverage decision.

- If we decide that the medical care is covered and you followed all the rules, we will pay for our share of the cost. If you have already paid for the service, we will mail your reimbursement of our share of the cost to you. If you have not paid for the service yet, we will mail the payment directly to the provider.
- If we decide that the medical care is *not* covered, or you did *not* follow all the rules, we will not pay for our share of the cost. We will send you a letter explaining the reasons why we are not sending the payment and your right to appeal that decision.

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**Section 3.2 If we tell you that we will not pay for all or part of the medical care, you can make an appeal**

If you think we have made a mistake in turning down your request for payment or the amount we are paying, you can make an appeal. If you make an appeal, it means you are asking us to change the decision we made when we turned down your request for payment. The appeals process is a formal process with detailed procedures and important deadlines. For details on how to make this appeal, go to Chapter 7 of this document.



# CHAPTER 6:

## *Your rights and responsibilities*

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## **SECTION 1 Our plan must honor your rights and cultural sensitivities as a member of the plan**

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<b>Section 1.1 We must provide information in a way that works for you and consistent with your cultural sensitivities.</b>
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Your plan is required to ensure that all services, both clinical and non-clinical, are provided in a culturally competent manner and are accessible to all enrollees, including those with limited English proficiency, limited reading skills, hearing incapacity, or those with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Examples of how a plan may meet these accessibility requirements include, but are not limited to: provision of translator services, interpreter services, teletypewriters, or TTY (text telephone or teletypewriter phone) connection.

Our plan has free interpreter services available to answer questions from non-English speaking members. We can also give you information in alternate formats at no cost if you need it. We are required to give you information about the plan's benefits in a format that is accessible and appropriate for you. To get information from us in a way that works for you, please call Member Services.

Our plan is required to give female enrollees the option of direct access to a women's health specialist within the network for women's routine and preventive health care services.

If providers in the plan's network for a specialty are not available, it is the plan's responsibility to locate specialty providers outside the network who will provide you with the necessary care. In this case, you will only pay in-network cost sharing. If you find yourself in a situation where there are no specialists in the plan's network that cover a service you need, call the plan for information on where to go to obtain this service at in-network cost sharing.

If you have any trouble getting information from our plan in a format that is accessible and appropriate for you, please call to file a grievance with SelectHealth Medicare NoRx. You may also file a complaint with Medicare by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or directly with the Office for Civil Rights 1-800-368-1019 or TTY 1-800-537-7697.

Para recibir información nuestra de una manera que le funcione a usted, llame a Servicios para Miembros (los números de teléfono están impresos en la contraportada de este manual).

Nuestro plan tiene personas y servicios de interpretación de idiomas gratuitos para contestar preguntas de miembros que no hablan inglés. También podemos darle información otros formatos alternativos, si lo necesita. Estamos obligados a ofrecerle información de los beneficios del plan en un formato que sea accesible y apropiado para usted. Para recibir información de parte nuestra de una manera que le funcione a usted, llame a Servicios para Miembros (los números de teléfono están impresos en la contraportada de este manual) o llame al Coordinador de SelecHealth 504/Derechos Civiles al 1-844-208-9012.

Si tiene problemas para recibir información de nuestro plan en un formato que sea accesible o apropiado para usted, llame para presentar una queja ante SelectHealth Medicare NoRx al 1-844-208-9012. También puede presentar una queja ante Medicare llamando al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) o directamente con la Oficina de Derechos Civiles. La información de contacto se incluye en esta Evidencia de cobertura o con este correo, o puede comunicarse con el servicio de atención al cliente de SelectHealth Medicare para obtener más información.

<b>Section 1.2      We must ensure that you get timely access to your covered services</b>
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You have the right to choose a provider in the plan's network.

You have the right to get appointments and covered services from your providers *within a reasonable amount of time*. This includes the right to get timely services from specialists when you need that care.

If you think that you are not getting your medical care within a reasonable amount of time, Chapter 7, Section 9 of this document tells what you can do.

<b>Section 1.3      We must protect the privacy of your personal health information</b>
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Federal and state laws protect the privacy of your medical records and personal health information. We protect your personal health information as required by these laws.

- Your “personal health information” includes the personal information you gave us when you enrolled in this plan as well as your medical records and other medical and health information.
- You have rights related to your information and controlling how your health information is used. We give you a written notice, called a “Notice of Privacy Practice,” that tells about these rights and explains how we protect the privacy of your health information.

### **How do we protect the privacy of your health information?**

- We make sure that unauthorized people don't see or change your records.
- Except for the circumstances noted below, if we intend to give your health information to anyone who isn't providing your care or paying for your care, *we are required to get written permission from you or someone you have given legal power to make decisions for you first*.
- There are certain exceptions that do not require us to get your written permission first. These exceptions are allowed or required by law.
  - We are required to release health information to government agencies that are checking on quality of care.
  - Because you are a member of our plan through Medicare, we are required to give Medicare your health information. If Medicare releases your information for

research or other uses, this will be done according to Federal statutes and regulations; typically, this requires that information that uniquely identifies you not be shared.

### **You can see the information in your records and know how it has been shared with others**

You have the right to look at your medical records held by the plan, and to get a copy of your records. We are allowed to charge you a fee for making copies. You also have the right to ask us to make additions or corrections to your medical records. If you ask us to do this, we will work with your healthcare provider to decide whether the changes should be made.

You have the right to know how your health information has been shared with others for any purposes that are not routine.

If you have questions or concerns about the privacy of your personal health information, please call Member Services.

### **Notice of Privacy Practices**

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Please review it carefully.

We understand the importance and sensitivity of your personal health information, and we have security in place to protect it. Access to your information is limited to those who need it to perform assigned tasks. We restrict access to work areas and use locking filing cabinets and password-protected computer systems. We follow all federal and state laws that govern the use of your health information. We use your health information in written, oral, and electronic formats (and allow others to use it) only as permitted by federal and state laws. These laws give you certain rights regarding your health information.

We participate in organized healthcare arrangements (OHCAs) with other entities including but not limited to, Intermountain Healthcare entities, The Intermountain Life and Health Benefit Plan, and the University of Utah Medical Group (with respect to certain defined pediatric specialty services). These OHCA members share information for treatment, payment and healthcare operations to improve, manage, and coordinate your care.

To learn more about activities and see a current list of all OHCA members, visit [selecthealth.org/plans/individual/services/Pages/ohca.aspx](https://selecthealth.org/plans/individual/services/Pages/ohca.aspx).

### **Your Health Information Rights**

You may:

- Review and get a paper copy of your policy or claims records as allowed by law, usually within 30 days of your request (you can also ask us to provide a copy in electronic form, and we will do that if we can readily produce it).

- Request and be provided a paper copy of our current Notice of Privacy Practices, or receive an electronic copy by email if you have agreed to receive an electronic copy.
- Ask us to contact you at a specific address or phone number if contacting you at your current address or phone number could endanger you.
- Request and receive an accounting, as specified by law, of certain situations when your information was shared without your consent.
- Receive a notice if SelectHealth or one of its Business Associates causes a breach of your unsecured information.
- Report a privacy concern and be assured that we will investigate your concern thoroughly, supporting you appropriately, and not retaliate against you in any way (in fact, SelectHealth will provide you with information on how to report any privacy concerns to the SelectHealth Privacy Coordinator, the Intermountain Corporate Privacy Office, or the Office for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services).
- Request in writing other restrictions on the use of your health information or amendments to your health information if you think it is wrong, though we may not always be able to grant these requests.

## **How Your Health Information is Used**

### **Common Uses of Health Information**

As we provide health insurance benefits, we will gather some of your health information. The law allows us to use or share this health information for the following purposes.

- To receive payment of health coverage premiums and to determine and fulfill our responsibility to provide you benefits. For example, to make coverage determinations, administer claims, and coordinate benefits with other coverage you may have.
- To improve the overall Intermountain system as well as to help better manage your care. For example, Intermountain has programs in place to manage the treatment of chronic conditions, such as diabetes or asthma, and as part of these programs, we share information with affiliated providers and Intermountain Healthcare to facilitate improved coordination of the care you may receive for these conditions.
- To support healthcare providers in providing treatment.
- To share in limited circumstances health information with your plan sponsor. However, SelectHealth will only do so if the plan sponsor specifically requests health information for the administration of your health plan and agrees in writing not to use your health information for employment-related actions or decisions.
- To identify health-related services that may be beneficial to your health and then contact you about these services.
- To request your support for improving healthcare by contributing to one of Intermountain's charitable foundations. (If you don't want to be contacted for this

purpose or other fundraising communications, call Intermountain's Privacy Office at **800-442-4845** (TTY users should call **711**) to let us know).

- To improve our services to you by allowing companies with whom we contract, called "business associates," to perform certain specialized work for us. The law requires these business associates to protect your health information and obey the same privacy laws that we do.
- To perform a very limited, specific type of health-related research, where the researcher keeps any patient-identifiable information safe and confidential. Intermountain reviews every research request to make sure your privacy is appropriately protected before sharing any health information.
- To law enforcement, but only as authorized by law (e.g., to investigate a crime against SelectHealth or any of its members).

### **Required Uses of Health Information**

The law sometimes requires us to share information for specific purposes, including the following:

- To the Department of Health to report communicable diseases, traumatic injuries, or birth defects, or for vital statistics, such as a baby's birth.
- To a funeral director or an organ-donation agency when a patient dies, or to a medical examiner when appropriate to investigate a suspicious death.
- To state authorities to report child or elderly abuse.
- To law enforcement.
- To a correctional institution, if a member is an inmate, to ensure the correctional institution's safety.
- To the Secret Service or NSA to protect, for example, the country or the President.
- To a medical device's manufacturer, as required by the FDA, to monitor the safety of a medical device.
- To court officers, as required by law, in response to a court order or a valid subpoena.
- To governmental authorities to prevent serious threats to the public's health or safety.
- To governmental agencies and other affected parties, to report a breach of health-information privacy.
- To a worker's compensation program if a person is injured at work and claims benefits under that program.

### **Uses According to Your Requests**

Your preferences matter. If you let us know how you want us to disclose your information in the following situation, we will follow your directions. You decide if you want us to share any health or payment information related to your care with your family members or friends. Please let us

know what you want us to share. If you can't tell us what health or payment information you want us to share, we may use our professional judgment to decide what to share with your family or friends for them to be able to help you.

### **Uses with Your Authorization**

Any sharing of your health information, other than as explained above, requires your written authorization. For example, we will not use your health information unless you authorize us in writing to:

- Share any of your health information with marketing companies.
- Sell any of your health information.

You can change your mind at any time about sharing your health information. Simply notify us in writing. Please understand that we may not be able to get back health information that was shared before you changed your mind.

### **Special Legal Protections for Certain Health Information**

SelectHealth complies with federal laws that require extra protection for your health information if you receive treatment in an addiction treatment program, or from a psychotherapist who keeps notes on your therapy that are kept outside of your regular medical record.

SelectHealth is prohibited from using or disclosing genetic information for underwriting purposes.

### **If You Still Have Questions**

Our Privacy Coordinator can help you with any questions you may have about the privacy of your health information. He can also address any privacy concerns you may have about your health information and can help you fill out any forms that are needed to exercise your privacy rights.

This privacy notice became effective on May 26, 2015. We may change this privacy notice at any time, and we may use new ways to protect your health information. We always post our current privacy notice on [selecthealth.org](https://selecthealth.org).

You can request a copy of this notice by visiting our website or calling our Privacy Office at **801-442-7253** (TTY users should call **711**).

This notice of privacy practices describes the practices of SelectHealth and of our employees and volunteers. (For more information about the specific privacy practices of Intermountain Healthcare and its employees or volunteers working in its hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices or service departments, please contact them directly by visiting [intermountainhealthcare.org](https://intermountainhealthcare.org), or by calling Intermountain's Privacy Office at **800-442-4845** (TTY users should call **711**).)

<b>Section 1.4</b>	<b>We must give you information about the plan, its network of providers, and your covered services</b>
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As a member of *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*, you have the right to get several kinds of information from us.

If you want any of the following kinds of information, please call Member Services:

- **Information about our plan.** This includes, for example, information about the plan's financial condition.
- **Information about our network providers.** You have the right to get information about the qualifications of the providers in our network and how we pay the providers in our network.
- **Information about your coverage and the rules you must follow when using your coverage.** Chapters 3 and 4 provide information regarding medical services.
- **Information about why something is not covered and what you can do about it.** Chapter 7 provides information on asking for a written explanation on why a medical service is not covered or if your coverage is restricted. Chapter 7 also provides information on asking us to change a decision, also called an appeal.

<b>Section 1.5</b>	<b>We must support your right to make decisions about your care</b>
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**You have the right to know your treatment options and participate in decisions about your health care**

You have the right to get full information from your doctors and other health care providers. Your providers must explain your medical condition and your treatment choices *in a way that you can understand*.

You also have the right to participate fully in decisions about your health care. To help you make decisions with your doctors about what treatment is best for you, your rights include the following:

- **To know about all of your choices.** You have the right to be told about all of the treatment options that are recommended for your condition, no matter what they cost or whether they are covered by our plan.
- **To know about the risks.** You have the right to be told about any risks involved in your care. You must be told in advance if any proposed medical care or treatment is part of a research experiment. You always have the choice to refuse any experimental treatments.
- **The right to say “no.”** You have the right to refuse any recommended treatment. This includes the right to leave a hospital or other medical facility, even if your doctor advises you not to leave. Of course, if you refuse treatment, you accept full responsibility for what happens to your body as a result.



## **You have the right to give instructions about what is to be done if you are not able to make medical decisions for yourself**

Sometimes people become unable to make health care decisions for themselves due to accidents or serious illness. You have the right to say what you want to happen if you are in this situation. This means that, *if you want to*, you can:

- Fill out a written form to give **someone the legal authority to make medical decisions for you** if you ever become unable to make decisions for yourself.
- **Give your doctors written instructions** about how you want them to handle your medical care if you become unable to make decisions for yourself.

The legal documents that you can use to give your directions in advance of these situations are called “**advance directives**.” There are different types of advance directives and different names for them. Documents called “**living will**” and “**power of attorney for health care**” are examples of advance directives.

If you want to use an “advance directive” to give your instructions, here is what to do:

- **Get the form.** You can get an advance directive form from your lawyer, from a social worker, or from some office supply stores. You can sometimes get advance directive forms from organizations that give people information about Medicare. You can also contact Member Services to ask for the forms.
- **Fill it out and sign it.** Regardless of where you get this form, keep in mind that it is a legal document. You should consider having a lawyer help you prepare it.
- **Give copies to appropriate people.** You should give a copy of the form to your doctor and to the person you name on the form who can make decisions for you if you can’t. You may want to give copies to close friends or family members. Keep a copy at home.

If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, and you have signed an advance directive, **take a copy with you to the hospital.**

- The hospital will ask you whether you have signed an advance directive form and whether you have it with you.
- If you have not signed an advance directive form, the hospital has forms available and will ask if you want to sign one.

**Remember, it is your choice whether you want to fill out an advance directive** (including whether you want to sign one if you are in the hospital). According to law, no one can deny you care or discriminate against you based on whether or not you have signed an advance directive.

## **What if your instructions are not followed?**

If you have signed an advance directive, and you believe that a doctor or hospital did not follow the instructions in it, you may file a complaint with the state Department of Health or with the Department of Public Licensing.

<b>Section 1.6</b>	<b>You have the right to make complaints and to ask us to reconsider decisions we have made</b>
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If you have any problems, concerns, or complaints and need to request coverage, or make an appeal, Chapter 7 of this document tells what you can do. Whatever you do – ask for a coverage decision, make an appeal, or make a complaint – **we are required to treat you fairly.**

<b>Section 1.7</b>	<b>What can you do if you believe you are being treated unfairly or your rights are not being respected?</b>
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**If it is about discrimination, call the Office for Civil Rights**

If you believe you have been treated unfairly or your rights have not been respected due to your race, disability, religion, sex, health, ethnicity, creed (beliefs), age, sexual orientation, or national origin, you should call the Department of Health and Human Services' **Office for Civil Rights** at 1-800-368-1019 or TTY 1-800-537-7697, or call your local Office for Civil Rights.

**Is it about something else?**

If you believe you have been treated unfairly or your rights have not been respected, *and it's not* about discrimination, you can get help dealing with the problem you are having:

- You can **call Member Services** .
- You can **call the SHIP**. For details, go to Chapter 2, Section 3.
- Or, **you can call Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

<b>Section 1.8</b>	<b>How to get more information about your rights</b>
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There are several places where you can get more information about your rights:

- You can **call Member Services**.
- You can **call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program**. For details, go to Chapter 2, Section 3.
- You can contact **Medicare**.
  - You can visit the Medicare website to read or download the publication “Medicare Rights & Protections.” (The publication is available at: [www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11534-Medicare-Rights-and-Protections.pdf](http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/11534-Medicare-Rights-and-Protections.pdf).)
  - Or, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

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## **SECTION 2 You have some responsibilities as a member of the plan**

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Things you need to do as a member of the plan are listed below. If you have any questions, please call Member Services.

- **Get familiar with your covered services and the rules you must follow to get these covered services.** Use this *Evidence of Coverage* to learn what is covered for you and the rules you need to follow to get your covered services.
  - Chapters 3 and 4 give the details about your medical services.
- **If you have any other health insurance coverage in addition to our plan, or separate prescription drug coverage, you are required to tell us.** Chapter 1 tells you about coordinating these benefits.
- **Tell your doctor and other health care providers that you are enrolled in our plan.** Show your plan membership card whenever you get your medical care.
- **Help your doctors and other providers help you by giving them information, asking questions, and following through on your care.**
  - To help get the best care, tell your doctors and other health providers about your health problems. Follow the treatment plans and instructions that you and your doctors agree upon.
  - Make sure your doctors know all of the drugs you are taking, including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and supplements.
  - If you have any questions, be sure to ask and get an answer you can understand.
- **Be considerate.** We expect all our members to respect the rights of other patients. We also expect you to act in a way that helps the smooth running of your doctor's office, hospitals, and other offices.
- **Pay what you owe.** As a plan member, you are responsible for these payments:
  - You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premiums to remain a member of the plan.
  - For some of your medical services covered by the plan, you must pay your share of the cost when you get the service.
- **If you move *within* our service area, we need to know** so we can keep your membership record up to date and know how to contact you.
- **If you move outside of our plan service area, you** cannot remain a member of our plan.
- If you move, it is also important to tell Social Security (or the Railroad Retirement Board).

## CHAPTER 7:

*What to do if you have a problem or  
complaint (coverage decisions,  
appeals, complaints)*

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## **SECTION 1      Introduction**

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<b>Section 1.1      What to do if you have a problem or concern</b>
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This chapter explains two types of processes for handling problems and concerns:

- For some problems, you need to use the **process for coverage decisions and appeals**.
- For other problems, you need to use the **process for making complaints**; also called grievances.

Both of these processes have been approved by Medicare. Each process has a set of rules, procedures, and deadlines that must be followed by us and by you.

The guide in Section 3 will help you identify the right process to use and what you should do.

<b>Section 1.2      What about the legal terms?</b>
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There are legal terms for some of the rules, procedures, and types of deadlines explained in this chapter. Many of these terms are unfamiliar to most people and can be hard to understand. To make things easier, this chapter:

- Uses simpler words in place of certain legal terms. For example, this chapter generally says, “making a complaint” rather than “filing a grievance,” “coverage decision” rather than “organization determination” and “independent review organization” instead of “Independent Review Entity.”
- It also uses abbreviations as little as possible.

However, it can be helpful – and sometimes quite important – for you to know the correct legal terms. Knowing which terms to use will help you communicate more accurately to get the right help or information for your situation. To help you know which terms to use, we include legal terms when we give the details for handling specific types of situations.

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## **SECTION 2      Where to get more information and personalized assistance**

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We are always available to help you. Even if you have a complaint about our treatment of you, we are obligated to honor your right to complain. Therefore, you should always reach out to customer service for help. But in some situations, you may also want help or guidance from someone who is not connected with us. Below are two entities that can assist you.

### **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

Each state has a government program with trained counselors. The program is not connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. The counselors at this program can help you understand which process you should use to handle a problem you are having. They can also answer your questions, give you more information, and offer guidance on what to do.

The services of SHIP counselors are free. You will find phone numbers and website URLs in Chapter 2, Section 3 of this document.

### **Medicare**

You can also contact Medicare to get help. To contact Medicare:

- 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.
- You can also visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)).

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## **SECTION 3      To deal with your problem, which process should you use?**

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If you have a problem or concern, you only need to read the parts of this chapter that apply to your situation. The guide that follows will help.

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**Is your problem or concern about your benefits or coverage?**

This includes problems about whether medical care or prescription drugs are covered or not, the way they are covered, and problems related to payment for medical care or prescription drugs.

**Yes.**

Go on to the next section of this chapter, **Section 4, “A guide to the basics of coverage decisions and appeals.”**

**No.**

Skip ahead to **Section 9** at the end of this chapter: **“How to make a complaint about quality of care, waiting times, customer service or other concerns.”**

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## **COVERAGE DECISIONS AND APPEALS**

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### **SECTION 4      A guide to the basics of coverage decisions and appeals**

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<b>Section 4.1      Asking for coverage decisions and making appeals: the big picture</b>
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Coverage decisions and appeals deals with problems related to your benefits and coverage for medical services, including payment. This is the process you use for issues such as whether something is covered or not and the way in which something is covered.

#### **Asking for coverage decisions prior to receiving services**

A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we will pay for your medical services. For example, your plan network doctor makes a (favorable) coverage decision for you whenever you receive medical care from him or her or if your network doctor refers you to a medical specialist. You or your doctor can also contact us and ask for a coverage decision if your doctor is unsure whether we will cover a particular medical service or refuses to provide medical care you think that you need. In other words, if you want to know if we will cover a medical service before you receive it, you can ask us to make a coverage decision for you. In limited circumstances a request for a coverage decision will be dismissed, which means we won't review the request. Examples of when a request will be dismissed include if the request is incomplete, if someone makes the request on your behalf but isn't legally authorized to do so or if you ask for your request to be withdrawn. If we dismiss a request for a coverage decision, we will send a notice explaining why the request was dismissed and how to ask for a review of the dismissal.

We are making a coverage decision for you whenever we decide what is covered for you and how much we pay. In some cases, we might decide a service is not covered or is no longer covered by Medicare for you. If you disagree with this coverage decision, you can make an appeal.

## **Making an appeal**

If we make a coverage decision, whether before or after a service is received, and you are not satisfied, you can “appeal” the decision. An appeal is a formal way of asking us to review and change a coverage decision we have made. Under certain circumstances, which we discuss later, you can request an expedited or “fast appeal” of a coverage decision. Your appeal is handled by different reviewers than those who made the original decision.

When you appeal a decision for the first time, this is called a Level 1 appeal. In this appeal, we review the coverage decision we made to check to see if we were properly following the rules. When we have completed the review, we give you our decision. In limited circumstances a request for a Level 1 appeal will be dismissed, which means we won’t review the request. Examples of when a request will be dismissed include if the request is incomplete if someone makes the request on your behalf but isn’t legally authorized to do so or if you ask for your request to be withdrawn. If we dismiss a request for a Level 1 appeal, we will send a notice explaining why the request was dismissed and how to ask for a review of the dismissal.

If we do not dismiss your case but say no to all or part of your Level 1 appeal, you can go on to a Level 2 appeal. The Level 2 appeal is conducted by an independent review organization that is not connected to us. (Appeals for medical services and Part B drugs will be automatically sent to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal – you do not need to do anything. If you are not satisfied with the decision at the Level 2 appeal, you may be able to continue through additional levels of appeal (Section 8 in this chapter explains the Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals processes).

<b>Section 4.2</b>	<b>How to get help when you are asking for a coverage decision or making an appeal</b>
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Here are resources if you decide to ask for any kind of coverage decision or appeal a decision:

- **You can call us at Member Services.**
- **You can get free help** from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program.
- **Your doctor can make a request for you.** If your doctor helps with an appeal past Level 2, they will need to be appointed as your representative. Please call Member Services and ask for the “Appointment of Representative” form. (The form is also available on Medicare’s website at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf) or on our website at [selecthealth.org/medicare](http://selecthealth.org/medicare) .)
  - For medical care or Part B prescription drugs, your doctor can request a coverage decision or a Level 1 appeal on your behalf. If your appeal is denied at Level 1, it will be automatically forwarded to Level 2.



- **You can ask someone to act on your behalf.** If you want to, you can name another person to act for you as your “representative” to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal.
  - If you want a friend, relative, or another person to be your representative, call Member Services and ask for the “Appointment of Representative” form. (The form is also available on Medicare’s website at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf) or on our website at [selecthealth.org/medicare](http://selecthealth.org/medicare) .) The form gives that person permission to act on your behalf. It must be signed by you and by the person who you would like to act on your behalf. You must give us a copy of the signed form.
  - While we can accept an appeal request without the form, we cannot begin or complete our review until we receive it. If we do not receive the form within 44 calendar days after receiving your appeal request (our deadline for making a decision on your appeal), your appeal request will be dismissed. If this happens, we will send you a written notice explaining your right to ask the independent review organization to review our decision to dismiss your appeal.
- **You also have the right to hire a lawyer.** You may contact your own lawyer, or get the name of a lawyer from your local bar association or other referral service. There are also groups that will give you free legal services if you qualify. However, **you are not required to hire a lawyer** to ask for any kind of coverage decision or appeal a decision.

<b>Section 4.3</b> <b>Which section of this chapter gives the details for your situation?</b>
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There are three different situations that involve coverage decisions and appeals. Since each situation has different rules and deadlines, we give the details for each one in a separate section:

- **Section 5** of this chapter: “Your medical care: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal”
- **Section 6** of this chapter: “How to ask us to cover a longer inpatient hospital stay if you think the doctor is discharging you too soon”
- **Section 7** of this chapter: “How to ask us to keep covering certain medical services if you think your coverage is ending too soon” (*Applies only to these services*: home health care, skilled nursing facility care, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services)

If you’re not sure which section you should be using, please call Member Services. You can also get help or information from government organizations such as your State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

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## **SECTION 5      Your medical care: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal of a coverage decision**

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<b>Section 5.1      This section tells what to do if you have problems getting coverage for medical care or if you want us to pay you back for our share of the cost of your care</b>
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This section is about your benefits for medical care and services. These benefits are described in Chapter 4 of this document: *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*. To keep things simple, we generally refer to “medical care coverage” or “medical care” which includes medical items and services as well as Medicare Part B prescription drugs. In some cases, different rules apply to a request for a Part B prescription drug. In those cases, we will explain how the rules for Part B prescription drugs are different from the rules for medical items and services.

This section tells what you can do if you are in any of the five following situations:

1. You are not getting certain medical care you want, and you believe that this care is covered by our plan. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 5.2.**
2. Our plan will not approve the medical care your doctor or other medical provider wants to give you, and you believe that this care is covered by the plan. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 5.2.**
3. You have received medical care that you believe should be covered by the plan, but we have said we will not pay for this care. **Make an Appeal. Section 5.3.**
4. You have received and paid for medical care that you believe should be covered by the plan, and you want to ask our plan to reimburse you for this care. **Send us the bill. Section 5.5.**
5. You are being told that coverage for certain medical care you have been getting that we previously approved will be reduced or stopped, and you believe that reducing or stopping this care could harm your health. **Make an Appeal. Section 5.3.**

**Note: If the coverage that will be stopped is for hospital care, home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services, you need to read Sections 6 and 7 of this Chapter. Special rules apply to these types of care.**

<b>Section 5.2      Step-by-step: How to ask for a coverage decision</b>
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<b>Legal Terms</b>
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When a coverage decision involves your medical care, it is called an “ <b>organization determination.</b> ”
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Legal Terms
A “fast coverage decision” is called an “expedited determination.”

**Step 1: Decide if you need a “standard coverage decision” or a “fast coverage decision.”**

A “standard coverage decision” is usually made within 14 days or 72 hours for Part B drugs. A “fast coverage decision” is generally made within 72 hours, for medical services, or 24 hours for Part B drugs. In order to get a fast coverage decision, you must meet two requirements:

- You may *only ask* for coverage for medical care *you have not yet received*.
- You can get a fast coverage decision *only* if using the standard deadlines could *cause serious harm to your health or hurt your ability to function*.
- **If your doctor tells us that your health requires a “fast coverage decision,” we will automatically agree to give you a fast coverage decision.**
- **If you ask for a fast coverage decision on your own, without your doctor’s support, we will decide whether your health requires that we give you a fast coverage decision.** If we do not approve a fast coverage decision, we will send you a letter that:
  - Explains that we will use the standard deadlines.
  - Explains if your doctor asks for the fast coverage decision, we will automatically give you a fast coverage decision.
  - Explains that you can file a “fast complaint” about our decision to give you a standard coverage decision instead of the fast coverage decision you requested.

**Step 2: Ask our plan to make a coverage decision or fast coverage decision**

- Start by calling, writing, or faxing our plan to make your request for us to authorize or provide coverage for the medical care you want. You, your doctor, or your representative can do this. Chapter 2 has contact information.

**Step 3: We consider your request for medical care coverage and give you our answer.**

*For standard coverage decisions we use the standard deadlines.*

**This means we will give you an answer within 14 calendar days** after we receive your request for a medical item or service. If your request is for a **Medicare Part B prescription drug**, we will give you an answer **within 72 hours** after we receive your request.

- **However**, if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we will tell you in writing. We can’t take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.

- If you believe we should *not* take extra days, you can file a “fast complaint.” We will give you an answer to your complaint as soon as we make the decision. (The process for making a complaint is different from the process for coverage decisions and appeals. See Section 9 of this chapter for information on complaints.)

*For Fast Coverage decisions we use an expedited timeframe*

**A fast coverage decision means we will answer within 72 hours if your request is for a medical item or service. If your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug, we will answer within 24 hours.**

- **However**, if you ask for more time, or if we need more that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more days**. If we take extra days, we will tell you in writing. We can’t take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.
- If you believe we should *not* take extra days, you can file a “fast complaint.” (See Section 9 of this chapter for information on complaints.) We will call you as soon as we make the decision.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you requested**, we will send you a written statement that explains why we said no.

**Step 4: If we say no to your request for coverage for medical care, you can appeal.**

- If we say no, you have the right to ask us to reconsider this decision by making an appeal. This means asking again to get the medical care coverage you want. If you make an appeal, it means you are going on to Level 1 of the appeals process.

<b>Section 5.3</b>	<b>Step-by-step: How to make a Level 1 appeal</b>
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Legal Terms
An appeal to the plan about a medical care coverage decision is called a plan “reconsideration.”
A “fast appeal” is also called an “expedited reconsideration.”

**Step 1: Decide if you need a “standard appeal” or a “fast appeal.”**

**A “standard appeal” is usually made within 30 days. A “fast appeal” is generally made within 72 hours.**

- If you are appealing a decision, we made about coverage for care that you have not yet received, you and/or your doctor will need to decide if you need a “fast appeal.” If your doctor tells us that your health requires a “fast appeal,” we will give you a fast appeal.
- The requirements for getting a “fast appeal” are the same as those for getting a “fast coverage decision” in Section 5.2 of this chapter.

## **Step 2: Ask our plan for an Appeal or a Fast Appeal**

If you are asking for a standard appeal, submit your standard appeal in writing. Chapter 2 has contact information.

- **If you are asking for a fast appeal, make your appeal in writing or call us.** Chapter 2 has contact information.
- **You must make your appeal request within 60 calendar days** from the date on the written notice we sent to tell you our answer on the coverage decision. If you miss this deadline and have a good reason for missing it, explain the reason your appeal is late when you make your appeal. We may give you more time to make your appeal. Examples of good cause may include a serious illness that prevented you from contacting us or if we provided you with incorrect or incomplete information about the deadline for requesting an appeal.
- **You can ask for a copy of the information regarding your medical decision. You and your doctor may add more information to support your appeal.**

## **Step 3: We consider your appeal and we give you our answer.**

- When our plan is reviewing your appeal, we take a careful look at all of the information. We check to see if we were following all the rules when we said no to your request.
- We will gather more information if needed, possibly contacting you or your doctor.

### ***Deadlines for a “fast appeal”***

- For fast appeals, we must give you our answer **within 72 hours after we receive your appeal**. We will give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to.
  - However, if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, we **can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we will tell you in writing. We can't take extra time if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.
  - If we do not give you an answer within 72 hours (or by the end of the extended time period if we took extra days), we are required to automatically send your request on to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. Section 5.4 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you requested**, we must authorize or provide the coverage we have agreed to provide within 72 hours after we receive your appeal.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you requested**, we will send you our decision in writing and automatically forward your appeal to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal. The independent review organization will notify you in writing when it receives your appeal.

### *Deadlines for a “standard” appeal*

- For standard appeals, we must give you our answer **within 30 calendar days** after we receive your appeal. If your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug you have not yet received, we will give you our answer **within 7 calendar days** after we receive your appeal. We will give you our decision sooner if your health condition requires us to.
  - However, if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we will tell you in writing. We can’t take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.
  - If you believe we should *not* take extra days, you can file a “fast complaint.” When you file a fast complaint, we will give you an answer to your complaint within 24 hours. (For more information about the process for making complaints, including fast complaints, see Section 9 of this chapter.)
  - If we do not give you an answer by the deadline (or by the end of the extended time period), we will send your request to a Level 2 appeal, where an independent review organization will review the appeal. Section 5.4 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you requested**, we must authorize or provide the coverage within 30 calendar days if your request is for a medical item or service, or **within 7 calendar days** if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.
- **If our plan says no to part or all of your appeal**, we will automatically send your appeal to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal.

<b>Section 5.4</b>	<b>Step-by-step: How a Level 2 appeal is done</b>
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Legal Term
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The formal name for the “independent review organization” is the “ <b>Independent Review Entity</b> .” It is sometimes called the “ <b>IRE</b> .”
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The **independent review organization** is an independent organization hired by Medicare. It is not connected with us and is not a government agency. This organization decides whether the decision we made is correct or if it should be changed. Medicare oversees its work.

### **Step 1:The independent review organization reviews your appeal.**

- We will send the information about your appeal to this organization. This information is called your “case file.” **You have the right to ask us for a copy of your case file.**
- You have a right to give the independent review organization additional information to support your appeal.
- Reviewers at the independent review organization will take a careful look at all of the information related to your appeal.

*If you had a “fast” appeal at Level 1, you will also have a “fast” appeal at Level 2*

- For the “fast appeal” the review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 72 hours** of when it receives your appeal.
- However, if your request is for a medical item or service and the independent review organization needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days**. The independent review organization can’t take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.

*If you had a “standard” appeal at Level 1, you will also have a “standard” appeal at Level 2*

- For the “standard appeal” if your request is for a medical item or service, the review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 30 calendar days** of when it receives your appeal. If your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug, the review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 7 calendar days** of when it receives your appeal.
- However, if your request is for a medical item or service and the independent review organization needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days**. The independent review organization can’t take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.

**Step 2: The independent review organization gives you their answer.**

The independent review organization will tell you its decision in writing and explain the reasons for it.

- **If the review organization says yes to part or all of a request for a medical item or service**, we must authorize the medical care coverage within 72 hours or provide the service within 14 calendar days after we receive the decision from the review organization for standard requests. For expedited requests, we have 72 hours from the date we receive the decision from the review organization.
- **If the review organization says yes to part or all of a request for a Medicare Part B prescription drug**, we must authorize or provide the Part B prescription drug within **72 hours** after we receive the decision from the review organization for **standard requests**. For **expedited requests** we have **24 hours** from the date we receive the decision from the review organization.
- **If this organization says no to part or all of your appeal**, it means they agree with us that your request (or part of your request) for coverage for medical care should not be approved. (This is called “upholding the decision.” It is also called “turning down your appeal.”) In this case, the independent review organization will send you a letter:
  - Explaining its decision.
  - Notifying you of the right to a Level 3 appeal if the dollar value of the medical care coverage meets a certain minimum. The written notice you get from the

independent review organization will tell you the dollar amount you must meet to continue the appeals process.

- Telling you how to file a Level 3 appeal.

**Step 3: If your case meets the requirements, you choose whether you want to take your appeal further.**

- There are three additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of five levels of appeal). If you want to go to a Level 3 appeal the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal.
- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 in this chapter explains the Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals processes.

<b>Section 5.5</b>	<b>What if you are asking us to pay you for our share of a bill you have received for medical care?</b>
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Chapter 5 describes when you may need to ask for reimbursement or to pay a bill you have received from a provider. It also tells how to send us the paperwork that asks us for payment.

**Asking for reimbursement is asking for a coverage decision from us**

If you send us the paperwork asking for reimbursement, you are asking for a coverage decision. To make this coverage decision, we will check to see if the medical care you paid for is a covered service. We will also check to see if you followed all the rules for using your coverage for medical care.

- **If we say yes to your request:** If the medical care is covered and you followed all the rules, we will send you the payment for our share of the cost within 60 calendar days after we receive your request. If you haven't paid for the services, we will send the payment directly to the provider.
- **If we say no to your request:** If the medical care is not covered, or you did not follow all the rules, we will not send payment. Instead, we will send you a letter that says we will not pay for the services and the reasons why.

If you do not agree with our decision to turn you down, **you can make an appeal**. If you make an appeal, it means you are asking us to change the coverage decision we made when we turned down your request for payment.

**To make this appeal, follow the process for appeals that we describe in Section 5.3.** For appeals concerning reimbursement, please note:

- We must give you our answer within 60 calendar days after we receive your appeal. If you are asking us to pay you back for medical care you have already received and paid for, you are not allowed to ask for a fast appeal.



- If the independent review organization decides we should pay, we must send you or the provider the payment within 30 calendar days. If the answer to your appeal is yes at any stage of the appeals process after Level 2, we must send the payment you requested to you or to the provider within 60 calendar days.

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## **SECTION 6      How to ask us to cover a longer inpatient hospital stay if you think the doctor is discharging you too soon**

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When you are admitted to a hospital, you have the right to get all of your covered hospital services that are necessary to diagnose and treat your illness or injury.

During your covered hospital stay, your doctor and the hospital staff will be working with you to prepare for the day when you will leave the hospital. They will also help arrange for care you may need after you leave.

- The day you leave the hospital is called your “**discharge date**.”
- When your discharge date is decided, your doctor or the hospital staff will tell you.
- If you think you are being asked to leave the hospital too soon, you can ask for a longer hospital stay, and your request will be considered.

<b>Section 6.1      During your inpatient hospital stay, you will get a written notice from Medicare that tells about your rights</b>
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Within two days of being admitted to the hospital, you will be given a written notice called *An Important Message from Medicare about Your Rights*. Everyone with Medicare gets a copy of this notice. If you do not get the notice from someone at the hospital (for example, a caseworker or nurse), ask any hospital employee for it. If you need help, please call Member Services or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

**1. Read this notice carefully and ask questions if you don’t understand it. It tells you about:**

- Your right to receive Medicare-covered services during and after your hospital stay, as ordered by your doctor. This includes the right to know what these services are, who will pay for them, and where you can get them.
- Your right to be involved in any decisions about your hospital stay.
- Where to report any concerns, you have about the quality of your hospital care.
- Your right to **request an immediate review** of the decision to discharge you if you think you are being discharged from the hospital too soon. This is a formal, legal way to ask for a delay in your discharge date so that we will cover your hospital care for a longer time.

**2. You will be asked to sign the written notice to show that you received it and understand your rights.**

- You or someone who is acting on your behalf will be asked to sign the notice.
- Signing the notice shows *only* that you have received the information about your rights. The notice does not give your discharge date. Signing the notice **does not mean** you are agreeing on a discharge date.

**3. Keep your copy** of the notice handy so you will have the information about making an appeal (or reporting a concern about quality of care) if you need it.

- If you sign the notice more than two days before your discharge date, you will get another copy before you are scheduled to be discharged.
- To look at a copy of this notice in advance, you can call Member Services or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also see the notice online at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/HospitalDischargeAppealNotices](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/HospitalDischargeAppealNotices).

<b>Section 6.2</b>	<b>Step-by-step: How to make a Level 1 appeal to change your hospital discharge date</b>
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If you want to ask for your inpatient hospital services to be covered by us for a longer time, you will need to use the appeals process to make this request. Before you start, understand what you need to do and what the deadlines are.

- **Follow the process.**
- **Meet the deadlines.**
- **Ask for help if you need it.** If you have questions or need help at any time, please call Member Services. Or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, a government organization that provides personalized assistance.

**During a Level 1 appeal, the Quality Improvement Organization reviews your appeal.** It checks to see if your planned discharge date is medically appropriate for you.

The **Quality Improvement Organization** is a group of doctors and other health care professionals who are paid by the Federal government to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. These experts are not part of our plan.

**Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization for your state and ask for an “immediate” review of your hospital discharge. You must act quickly.**

*How can you contact this organization?*

- The written notice you received (*An Important Message from Medicare About Your Rights*) tells you how to reach this organization. (Or find the name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state in Chapter 2.

*Act quickly:*

- To make your appeal, you must contact the Quality Improvement Organization *before* you leave the hospital and **no later than midnight the day of your discharge**.
  - If you meet this deadline, you may stay in the hospital *after* your discharge date *without paying for it* while you wait to get the decision from the Quality Improvement Organization.
  - If you do *not* meet this deadline, and you decide to stay in the hospital after your planned discharge date, *you may have to pay all of the costs* for hospital care you receive after your planned discharge date.
  - If you miss the deadline for contacting the Quality Improvement Organization, and you still wish to appeal, you must make an appeal directly to our plan instead. For details about this other way to make your appeal, see Section 6.4.
- Once you request an immediate review of your hospital discharge the Quality Improvement Organization will contact us. By noon of the day after we are contacted, we will give you a **Detailed Notice of Discharge**. This notice gives your planned discharge date and explains in detail the reasons why your doctor, the hospital, and we think it is right (medically appropriate) for you to be discharged on that date.
- You can get a sample of the **Detailed Notice of Discharge** by calling Member Services or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.) Or you can see a sample notice online at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/HospitalDischargeAppealNotices](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/BNI/HospitalDischargeAppealNotices).

**Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization conducts an independent review of your case.**

- Health professionals at the Quality Improvement Organization (“the reviewers”) will ask you (or your representative) why you believe coverage for the services should continue. You don’t have to prepare anything in writing, but you may do so if you wish.
- The reviewers will also look at your medical information, talk with your doctor, and review information that the hospital and we have given to them.
- By noon of the day after the reviewers told us of your appeal, you will get a written notice from us that gives your planned discharge date. This notice also explains in detail the reasons why your doctor, the hospital, and we think it is right (medically appropriate) for you to be discharged on that date.

**Step 3: Within one full day after it has all the needed information, the Quality Improvement Organization will give you its answer to your appeal.**

*What happens if the answer is yes?*

- If the review organization says *yes*, **we must keep providing your covered inpatient hospital services for as long as these services are medically necessary.**

- You will have to keep paying your share of the costs (such as deductibles or copayments, if these apply). In addition, there may be limitations on your covered hospital services.

*What happens if the answer is no?*

- If the review organization says *no*, they are saying that your planned discharge date is medically appropriate. If this happens, **our coverage for your inpatient hospital services will end** at noon on the day *after* the Quality Improvement Organization gives you its answer to your appeal.
- If the review organization says *no* to your appeal and you decide to stay in the hospital, then **you may have to pay the full cost** of hospital care you receive after noon on the day after the Quality Improvement Organization gives you its answer to your appeal.

**Step 4: If the answer to your Level 1 appeal is no, you decide if you want to make another appeal.**

- If the Quality Improvement Organization has said *no* to your appeal, *and* you stay in the hospital after your planned discharge date, then you can make another appeal. Making another appeal means you are going on to “Level 2” of the appeals process.

<b>Section 6.3</b>	<b>Step-by-step: How to make a Level 2 appeal to change your hospital discharge date</b>
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During a Level 2 appeal, you ask the Quality Improvement Organization to take another look at their decision on your first appeal. If the Quality Improvement Organization turns down your Level 2 appeal, you may have to pay the full cost for your stay after your planned discharge date.

**Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization again and ask for another review.**

- You must ask for this review **within 60 calendar days** after the day the Quality Improvement Organization said *no* to your Level 1 appeal. You can ask for this review only if you stay in the hospital after the date that your coverage for the care ended.

**Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization does a second review of your situation.**

- Reviewers at the Quality Improvement Organization will take another careful look at all of the information related to your appeal.

**Step 3: Within 14 calendar days of receipt of your request for a Level 2 appeal, the reviewers will decide on your appeal and tell you their decision.**

*If the review organization says yes:*

- **We must reimburse you** for our share of the costs of hospital care you have received since noon on the day after the date your first appeal was turned down by the Quality

Improvement Organization. **We must continue providing coverage for your inpatient hospital care for as long as it is medically necessary.**

- You must continue to pay your share of the costs and coverage limitations may apply.

*If the review organization says no:*

- It means they agree with the decision they made on your Level 1 appeal.
- The notice you get will tell you in writing what you can do if you wish to continue with the review process.

**Step 4: If the answer is no, you will need to decide whether you want to take your appeal further by going on to Level 3.**

- There are three additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of five levels of appeal). If you want to go to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 in this chapter tells more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

<b>Section 6.4</b>	<b>What if you miss the deadline for making your Level 1 appeal?</b>
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<b>Legal Term</b>
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A “fast review” (or “fast appeal”) is also called an “ <b>expedited appeal</b> .”
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### **You can appeal to us instead**

As explained above, you must act quickly to start your Level 1 appeal of your hospital discharge. If you miss the deadline for contacting the Quality Improvement Organization, there is another way to make your appeal.

If you use this other way of making your appeal, *the first two levels of appeal are different.*

### **Step-by-Step: How to make a Level 1 *Alternate* Appeal**

#### **Step 1: Contact us and ask for a “fast review.”**

- **Ask for a “fast review.”** This means you are asking us to give you an answer using the “fast” deadlines rather than the “standard” deadlines. Chapter 2 has contact information.

**Step 2: We do a “fast” review of your planned discharge date, checking to see if it was medically appropriate.**

- During this review, we take a look at all of the information about your hospital stay. We check to see if your planned discharge date was medically appropriate. We see if the decision about when you should leave the hospital was fair and followed all the rules.

**Step 3: We give you our decision within 72 hours after you ask for a “fast review.”**

- **If we say yes to your appeal**, it means we have agreed with you that you still need to be in the hospital after the discharge date. We will keep providing your covered inpatient hospital services for as long as they are medically necessary. It also means that we have agreed to reimburse you for our share of the costs of care you have received since the date when we said your coverage would end. (You must pay your share of the costs and there may be coverage limitations that apply.)
- **If we say no to your appeal**, we are saying that your planned discharge date was medically appropriate. Our coverage for your inpatient hospital services ends as of the day we said coverage would end.
  - If you stayed in the hospital *after* your planned discharge date, then **you may have to pay the full cost** of hospital care you received after the planned discharge date.

**Step 4: If we say *no* to your appeal, your case will *automatically* be sent on to the next level of the appeals process.**

**Step-by-Step: Level 2 Alternate Appeal Process**

Legal Term
The formal name for the “independent review organization” is the “ <b>Independent Review Entity.</b> ” It is sometimes called the “ <b>IRE.</b> ”

The **independent review organization** is an independent organization hired by Medicare. It is not connected with us and is not a government agency. This organization decides whether the decision we made is correct or if it should be changed. Medicare oversees its work.

**Step 1: We will automatically forward your case to the independent review organization.**

- We are required to send the information for your Level 2 appeal to the independent review organization within 24 hours of when we tell you that we are saying no to your first appeal. (If you think we are not meeting this deadline or other deadlines, you can make a complaint. Section 9 of this chapter tells how to make a complaint.)

**Step 2: The independent review organization does a “fast review” of your appeal. The reviewers give you an answer within 72 hours.**

- Reviewers at the independent review organization will take a careful look at all of the information related to your appeal of your hospital discharge.
- **If this organization says yes to your appeal**, then we must pay you back for our share of the costs of hospital care you received since the date of your planned discharge. We must also continue the plan’s coverage of your inpatient hospital services for as long as it is medically necessary. You must continue to pay your share of the costs. If there are coverage limitations, these could limit how much we would reimburse or how long we would continue to cover your services.
- **If this organization says no to your appeal**, it means they agree that your planned hospital discharge date was medically appropriate.
  - The written notice you get from the independent review organization will tell how to start a Level 3 appeal review process, which is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator.

**Step 3: If the independent review organization turns down your appeal, you choose whether you want to take your appeal further.**

- There are three additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of five levels of appeal). If reviewers say no to your Level 2 appeal, you decide whether to accept their decision or go on to Level 3 appeal.
- Section 8 in this chapter tells more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

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**SECTION 7      How to ask us to keep covering certain medical services if you think your coverage is ending too soon**

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<b>Section 7.1</b>	<b><i>This section is only about three services : Home health care, skilled nursing facility care, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services</i></b>
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When you are getting **home health services, skilled nursing care, or rehabilitation care (Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility)**, you have the right to keep getting your covered services for that type of care for as long as the care is needed to diagnose and treat your illness or injury.

When we decide it is time to stop covering any of the three types of care for you, we are required to tell you in advance. When your coverage for that care ends, *we will stop paying our share of the cost for your care.*

If you think we are ending the coverage of your care too soon, **you can appeal our decision.** This section tells you how to ask for an appeal.

<b>Section 7.2</b>	<b>We will tell you in advance when your coverage will be ending</b>
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<p><b>“Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage.”</b> It tells you how you can request a <b>“fast-track appeal.”</b> Requesting a fast-track appeal is a formal, legal way to request a change to our coverage decision about when to stop your care.</p>
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1. **You receive a notice in writing** at least two days before our plan is going to stop covering your care. The notice tells you:
  - The date when we will stop covering the care for you.
  - How to request a “fast track appeal” to request us to keep covering your care for a longer period of time.
2. **You, or someone who is acting on your behalf, will be asked to sign the written notice to show that you received it.** Signing the notice shows *only* that you have received the information about when your coverage will stop. **Signing it does not mean you agree** with the plan’s decision to stop care.

<b>Section 7.3</b>	<b>Step-by-step: How to make a Level 1 Appeal to have our plan cover your care for a longer time</b>
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If you want to ask us to cover your care for a longer period of time, you will need to use the appeals process to make this request. Before you start, understand what you need to do and what the deadlines are.

- **Follow the process.**
- **Meet the deadlines.**
- **Ask for help if you need it.** If you have questions or need help at any time, please call Member Services. Or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, a government organization that provides personalized assistance.

**During a Level 1 appeal, the Quality Improvement Organization reviews your appeal.** It decides if the end date for your care is medically appropriate.

The **Quality Improvement Organization** is a group of doctors and other health care experts who are paid by the Federal government to check on and improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. This includes reviewing plan decisions about when it’s time to stop covering certain kinds of medical care. These experts are not part of our plan.



**Step 1: Make your Level 1 appeal: contact the Quality Improvement Organization and ask for a *fast-track appeal*. You must act quickly.**

*How can you contact this organization?*

- The written notice you received (*Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage*) tells you how to reach this organization. (Or find the name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state in Chapter 2.

*Act quickly:*

- You must contact the Quality Improvement Organization to start your appeal by noon of the day before the effective date on the Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage.

*Your deadline for contacting this organization.*

- If you miss the deadline for contacting the Quality Improvement Organization, and you still wish to file an appeal, you must make an appeal directly to us instead. For details about this other way to make your appeal, see Section 7.5.

**Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization conducts an independent review of your case.**

Legal Term
“Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage.” Notice that provides details on reasons for ending coverage.

*What happens during this review?*

- Health professionals at the Quality Improvement Organization ( “the reviewers”) will ask you, or your representative, why you believe coverage for the services should continue. You don’t have to prepare anything in writing, but you may do so if you wish.
- The review organization will also look at your medical information, talk with your doctor, and review information that our plan has given to them.
- By the end of the day the reviewers tell us of your appeal, you will get the **Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage** from us that explains in detail our reasons for ending our coverage for your services.

**Step 3: Within one full day after they have all the information they need, the reviewers will tell you their decision.**

*What happens if the reviewers say yes?*

- If the reviewers say *yes* to your appeal, then **we must keep providing your covered services for as long as it is medically necessary.**

- You will have to keep paying your share of the costs (such as deductibles or copayments if these apply). There may be limitations on your covered services.

*What happens if the reviewers say no?*

- If the reviewers say *no*, then **your coverage will end on the date we have told you.**
- If you decide to keep getting the home health care, or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services *after* this date when your coverage ends, then **you will have to pay the full cost** of this care yourself.

**Step 4: If the answer to your Level 1 appeal is no, you decide if you want to make another appeal.**

- If reviewers say *no* to your Level 1 appeal – and you choose to continue getting care after your coverage for the care has ended – then you can make a Level 2 appeal.

<b>Section 7.4</b>	<b>Step-by-step: How to make a Level 2 appeal to have our plan cover your care for a longer time</b>
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During a Level 2 appeal, you ask the Quality Improvement Organization to take another look at the decision on your first appeal. If the Quality Improvement Organization turns down your Level 2 appeal, you may have to pay the full cost for your home health care, or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services *after* the date when we said your coverage would end.

**Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization again and ask for another review.**

- You must ask for this review **within 60 days** after the day when the Quality Improvement Organization said *no* to your Level 1 appeal. You can ask for this review only if you continued getting care after the date that your coverage for the care ended.

**Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization does a second review of your situation.**

- Reviewers at the Quality Improvement Organization will take another careful look at all of the information related to your appeal.

**Step 3: Within 14 days of receipt of your appeal request, reviewers will decide on your appeal and tell you their decision.**

*What happens if the review organization says yes?*

- **We must reimburse you** for our share of the costs of care you have received since the date when we said your coverage would end. **We must continue providing coverage** for the care for as long as it is medically necessary.

- You must continue to pay your share of the costs and there may be coverage limitations that apply.

***What happens if the review organization says no?***

- It means they agree with the decision made to your Level 1 appeal.
- The notice you get will tell you in writing what you can do if you wish to continue with the review process. It will give you the details about how to go on to the next level of appeal, which is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator.

**Step 4: If the answer is no, you will need to decide whether you want to take your appeal further.**

- There are three additional levels of appeal after Level 2, for a total of five levels of appeal. If you want to go on to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3 is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 in this chapter tells more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

<b>Section 7.5</b>	<b>What if you miss the deadline for making your Level 1 appeal?</b>
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**You can appeal to us instead**

As explained above, you must act quickly to contact the Quality Improvement Organization to start your first appeal (within a day or two, at the most). If you miss the deadline for contacting this organization, there is another way to make your appeal. If you use this other way of making your appeal, *the first two levels of appeal are different*.

**Step-by-Step: How to make a Level 1 *Alternate* Appeal**

Legal Term
A “fast review” (or “fast appeal”) is also called an “ <b>expedited appeal</b> .”

**Step 1: Contact us and ask for a “fast review.”**

- **Ask for a “fast review.”** This means you are asking us to give you an answer using the “fast” deadlines rather than the “standard” deadlines. Chapter 2 has contact information.

**Step 2: We do a “fast” review of the decision we made about when to end coverage for your services.**

- During this review, we take another look at all of the information about your case. We check to see if we were following all the rules when we set the date for ending the plan’s coverage for services you were receiving.

**Step 3: We give you our decision within 72 hours after you ask for a “fast review.”**

- **If we say yes to your appeal**, it means we have agreed with you that you need services longer, and will keep providing your covered services for as long as it is medically necessary. It also means that we have agreed to reimburse you for our share of the costs of care you have received since the date when we said your coverage would end. (You must pay your share of the costs and there may be coverage limitations that apply.)
- **If we say no to your appeal**, then your coverage will end on the date we told you and we will not pay any share of the costs after this date.
- If you continued to get home health care, or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services *after* the date when we said your coverage would end, then **you will have to pay the full cost** of this care.

**Step 4: If we say *no* to your fast appeal, your case will *automatically* go on to the next level of the appeals process.**

Legal Term
The formal name for the “independent review organization” is the “ <b>Independent Review Entity</b> .” It is sometimes called the “ <b>IRE</b> .”

**Step-by-Step: Level 2 *Alternate* Appeal Process**

- During the Level 2 appeal, the **independent review organization** reviews the decision we made to your “fast appeal.” This organization decides whether the decision should be changed. **The independent review organization is an independent organization that is hired by Medicare.** This organization is not connected with our plan and it is not a government agency. This organization is a company chosen by Medicare to handle the job of being the independent review organization. Medicare oversees its work.

**Step 1: We automatically forward your case to the independent review organization.**

- We are required to send the information for your Level 2 appeal to the independent review organization within 24 hours of when we tell you that we are saying no to your first appeal. (If you think we are not meeting this deadline or other deadlines, you can make a complaint. Section 9 of this chapter tells how to make a complaint.)

**Step 2: The independent review organization does a “fast review” of your appeal. The reviewers give you an answer within 72 hours.**

- Reviewers at the independent review organization will take a careful look at all of the information related to your appeal.
- **If this organization says yes to your appeal**, then we must pay you back for our share of the costs of care you have received since the date when we said your coverage would

end. We must also continue to cover the care for as long as it is medically necessary. You must continue to pay your share of the costs. If there are coverage limitations, these could limit how much we would reimburse or how long we would continue to cover services.

- **If this organization says *no* to your appeal**, it means they agree with the decision our plan made to your first appeal and will not change it.
  - The notice you get from the independent review organization will tell you in writing what you can do if you wish to go on to a Level 3 appeal.

**Step 3: If the independent review organization says no to your appeal, you choose whether you want to take your appeal further.**

- There are three additional levels of appeal after Level 2, for a total of five levels of appeal. If you want to go on to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- A Level 3 appeal is reviewed by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 in this chapter tells more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

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## **SECTION 8      Taking your appeal to Level 3 and beyond**

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<b>Section 8.1      Appeal Levels 3, 4 and 5 for Medical Service Requests</b>
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This section may be appropriate for you if you have made a Level 1 appeal and a Level 2 appeal, and both of your appeals have been turned down.

If the dollar value of the item or medical service you have appealed meets certain minimum levels, you may be able to go on to additional levels of appeal. If the dollar value is less than the minimum level, you cannot appeal any further. The written response you receive to your Level 2 appeal will explain how to make a Level 3 appeal.

For most situations that involve appeals, the last three levels of appeal work in much the same way. Here is who handles the review of your appeal at each of these levels.

<b>Level 3 appeal    An Administrative Law Judge or an attorney adjudicator who works for the Federal government</b> will review your appeal and give you an answer.
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- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says yes to your appeal, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.** Unlike a decision at a Level 2 appeal, we have the right to appeal a Level 3 decision that is favorable to you. If we decide to appeal, it will go to a Level 4 appeal.
  - If we decide *not* to appeal, we must authorize or provide you with the service within 60 calendar days after receiving the Administrative Law Judge's or attorney adjudicator's decision.

- If we decide to appeal the decision, we will send you a copy of the Level 4 appeal request with any accompanying documents. We may wait for the Level 4 appeal decision before authorizing or providing the service in dispute.
- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says no to your appeal, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept this decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you do not want to accept the decision, you can continue to the next level of the review process. The notice you get will tell you what to do for a Level 4 appeal.

**Level 4 appeal:** The **Medicare Appeals Council** (Council) will review your appeal and give you an answer. The Council is part of the Federal government.

- **If the answer is yes, or if the Council denies our request to review a favorable Level 3 appeal decision, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.** Unlike a decision at Level 2, we have the right to appeal a Level 4 decision that is favorable to you. We will decide whether to appeal this decision to Level 5.
  - If we decide *not* to appeal the decision, we must authorize or provide you with the service within 60 calendar days after receiving the Council's decision.
  - If we decide to appeal the decision, we will let you know in writing.
- **If the answer is no or if the Council denies the review request, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept this decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you do not want to accept the decision, you may be able to continue to the next level of the review process. If the Council says no to your appeal, the notice you get will tell you whether the rules allow you to go on to a Level 5 appeal and how to continue with a Level 5 appeal.

**Level 5 appeal** A judge at the **Federal District Court** will review your appeal.

- A judge will review all of the information and decide *yes* or *no* to your request. This is a final answer. There are no more appeal levels after the Federal District Court.

## MAKING COMPLAINTS

### SECTION 9      How to make a complaint about quality of care, waiting times, customer service, or other concerns

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<b>Section 9.1</b>	<b>What kinds of problems are handled by the complaint process?</b>
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The complaint process is *only* used for certain types of problems. This includes problems related to quality of care, waiting times, and the customer service. Here are examples of the kinds of problems handled by the complaint process.

Complaint	Example
<b>Quality of your medical care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are you unhappy with the quality of the care you have received (including care in the hospital)?</li></ul>
<b>Respecting your privacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did someone not respect your right to privacy or share confidential information?</li></ul>
<b>Disrespect, poor customer service, or other negative behaviors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has someone been rude or disrespectful to you?</li><li>• Are you unhappy with our Member Services?</li><li>• Do you feel you are being encouraged to leave the plan?</li></ul>
<b>Waiting times</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are you having trouble getting an appointment, or waiting too long to get it?</li><li>• Have you been kept waiting too long by doctors or other health professionals? Or by our Member Services or other staff at the plan?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Examples include waiting too long on the phone, in the waiting or exam room.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Cleanliness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are you unhappy with the cleanliness or condition of a clinic, hospital, or doctor's office?</li></ul>
<b>Information you get from us</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did we fail to give you a required notice?</li><li>• Is our written information hard to understand?</li></ul>

Complaint	Example
<b>Timeliness</b> (These types of complaints are all related to the timeliness of our actions related to coverage decisions and appeals)	<p>If You already asked us for a coverage decision or made an appeal, and you think that we are not responding quickly enough, you can make a complaint about our slowness. Here are examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You asked us for a “fast coverage decision” or a “fast appeal,” and we have said no; you can make a complaint.</li><li>• You believe we are not meeting the deadlines for coverage decisions or appeals; you can make a complaint.</li><li>• You believe we are not meeting deadlines for covering or reimbursing you for certain medical services that were approved; you can make a complaint.</li><li>• You believe we failed to meet required deadlines for forwarding your case to the independent review organization; you can make a complaint.</li></ul>



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<b>Section 9.2</b>	<b>How to make a complaint</b>
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<b>Legal Terms</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A “<b>Complaint</b>” is also called a “<b>grievance.</b>”</li><li>• “<b>Making a complaint</b>” is also called “<b>filing a grievance.</b>”</li><li>• “<b>Using the process for complaints</b>” is also called “<b>using the process for filing a grievance.</b>”</li><li>• A “<b>fast complaint</b>” is also called an “<b>expedited grievance.</b>”</li></ul> |
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<b>Section 9.3</b>	<b>Step-by-step: Making a complaint</b>
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**Step 1: Contact us promptly – either by phone or in writing.**

- **Usually, calling Member Services is the first step.** If there is anything else you need to do, Member Services will let you know.
- **If you do not wish to call (or you called and were not satisfied), you can put your complaint in writing and send it to us.** If you put your complaint in writing, we will respond to your complaint in writing.

**Grievance process**

- **You or your representative may file your concerns in writing, over the telephone, in person, or online at [selecthealth.org/medicare](https://selecthealth.org/medicare).** Please follow the grievance process described below:
  - When filing a grievance, please provide the following information:

Your name, address, telephone number, and member identification number; you or your authorized representative’s signature and the date signed; a summary of the grievance and any previous contact with us; and a description of the action you are requesting. If you or your authorized representative require assistance in preparing and submitting your grievance, contact our Appeals and Grievances Department at the number shown in Chapter 2 of this booklet.
  - You may request an expedited (fast) grievance if:
    - You disagree with our decision to extend the timeframe to make an initial (standard) organization/coverage determination or reconsideration.

- We deny your request for a 72-hour/fast (expedited) organization/coverage determination or reconsiderations/redeterminations.
- We deny your request for a 72-hour/fast (expedited) appeal.
- If you mail the request for an expedited grievance, we will provide oral acknowledgement upon receipt. We will make a determination within 24 hours of receipt of your request.
- The **deadline** for making a complaint is 60 calendar days from the time you had the problem you want to complain about.

**Step 2: We look into your complaint and give you our answer.**

- **If possible, we will answer you right away.** If you call us with a complaint, we may be able to give you an answer on the same phone call.
- **Most complaints are answered within 30 calendar days.** If we need more information and the delay is in your best interest or if you ask for more time, we can take up to 14 more calendar days (44 calendar days total) to answer your complaint. If we decide to take extra days, we will tell you in writing.
- **If you are making a complaint because we denied your request for a “fast coverage decision” or a “fast appeal,” we will automatically give you a “fast complaint.”** If you have a “fast complaint,” it means we will give you **an answer within 24 hours.**
- **If we do not agree** with some or all of your complaint or don’t take responsibility for the problem you are complaining about, we will include our reasons in our response to you.

<b>Section 9.4</b>	<b>You can also make complaints about quality of care to the Quality Improvement Organization</b>
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When your complaint is about *quality of care*, you also have two extra options:

**You can make your complaint directly to the Quality Improvement Organization.**

- The Quality Improvement Organization is a group of practicing doctors and other health care experts paid by the Federal government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients. Chapter 2 has contact information.

*Or*

- **You can make your complaint to both the Quality Improvement Organization and us at the same time.**

<b>Section 9.5</b>	<b>You can also tell Medicare about your complaint</b>
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You can submit a complaint about SelectHealth Medicare NoRx directly to Medicare. To submit a complaint to Medicare, go to [www.medicare.gov/MedicareComplaintForm/home.aspx](http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareComplaintForm/home.aspx). You may also call

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY/TDD users can call 1-877-486-2048.

## CHAPTER 8:

*Ending your membership in the plan*

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## **SECTION 1 Introduction to ending your membership in our plan**

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Ending your membership in SelectHealth Medicare NoRx may be **voluntary** (your own choice) or **involuntary** (not your own choice):

- You might leave our plan because you have decided that you *want* to leave. Sections 2 and 3 provide information on ending your membership voluntarily.
- There are also limited situations where you do not choose to leave, but we are required to end your membership. Section 5 tells you about situations when we must end your membership.

If you are leaving our plan, our plan must continue to provide your medical care and you will continue to pay your cost share until your membership ends.

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## **SECTION 2 When can you end your membership in our plan?**

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<b>Section 2.1</b>	<b>You can end your membership during the Annual Enrollment Period</b>
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You can end your membership in our plan during the **Annual Enrollment Period** (also known as the “Annual Open Enrollment Period”). During this time, review your health and drug coverage and decide about coverage for the upcoming year.

- **The Annual Enrollment Period** is from **October 15 to December 7**.
- **Choose to keep your current coverage or make changes to your coverage for the upcoming year.** If you decide to change to a new plan, you can choose any of the following types of plans:

- Another Medicare health plan, with or without prescription drug coverage.
- Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare prescription drug plan.

*OR*

- Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare prescription drug plan.
- Your membership will end when your new plan’s coverage begins on January 1.

<b>Section 2.2</b>	<b>You can end your membership during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period</b>
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You have the opportunity to make *one* change to your health coverage during the **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period**.

- **The annual Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** is from January 1 to March 31.
- **During the annual Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** you can:
  - Switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan with or without prescription drug coverage.
  - Disenroll from our plan and obtain coverage through Original Medicare. If you choose to switch to Original Medicare during this period, you can also join a separate Medicare prescription drug plan at that time.
- **Your membership will end** on the first day of the month after you enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan or we get your request to switch to Original Medicare. If you also choose to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, your membership in the drug plan will begin the first day of the month after the drug plan gets your enrollment request.

<b>Section 2.3</b>	<b>In certain situations, you can end your membership during a Special Enrollment Period</b>
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In certain situations, members of SelectHealth Medicare NoRx may be eligible to end their membership at other times of the year. This is known as a **Special Enrollment Period**.

- **You may be eligible to end your membership during a Special Enrollment Period** if any of the following situations apply to you. These are just examples, for the full list you can contact the plan, call Medicare, or visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)):
  - Usually, when you have moved.
  - If you have Medicaid.
  - If we violate our contract with you.
  - If you get care in an institution, such as a nursing home or long-term care (LTC) hospital.

**The enrollment time periods vary** depending on your situation.

**To find out if you are eligible for a Special Enrollment Period**, please call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. If you are eligible to end your membership because of a special situation, you can choose to change both your Medicare health coverage and prescription drug coverage. You can choose:

- Another Medicare health plan with or without prescription drug coverage.
- Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare prescription drug plan;

*OR*

- Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare prescription drug plan.
- **When will your membership end?** Your membership will usually end on the first day of the month after your request to change your plan is received.

<b>Section 2.4</b>	<b>Where can you get more information about when you can end your membership?</b>
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If you have any questions about ending your membership you can:

- **Call Member Services**
- You can find the information in the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook.
- Contact **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

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## **SECTION 3    How do you end your membership in our plan?**

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The table below explains how you should end your membership in our plan.

<b>If you would like to switch from our plan to:</b>	<b>This is what you should do:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Another Medicare health plan.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enroll in the new Medicare health plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> when your new plan's coverage begins.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Original Medicare <i>with</i> a separate Medicare prescription drug plan.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> when your new plan's coverage begins.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Original Medicare <i>without</i> a separate Medicare prescription drug plan.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Send us a written request to disenroll.</b> Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this.</li><li>• You can also contact <b>Medicare</b>, 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.</li><li>• You will be disenrolled from <i>SelectHealth Medicare NoRx</i> when your coverage in Original Medicare begins.</li></ul>

**Note:** If you also have creditable prescription drug coverage (e.g., standalone PDP) and disenroll from that coverage, you may have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you join a Medicare drug plan later after going without creditable prescription drug coverage for 63 days or more in a row.

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## **SECTION 4    Until your membership ends, you must keep getting your medical services through our plan**

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Until your membership ends, and your new Medicare coverage begins, you must continue to get your medical care through our plan.

- **Continue to use our network providers to receive medical care.**

- **If you are hospitalized on the day that your membership ends, your hospital stay will be covered by our plan until you are discharged** (even if you are discharged after your new health coverage begins).

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## **SECTION 5   SelectHealth Medicare NoRx must end your membership in the plan in certain situations**

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<b>Section 5.1      When must we end your membership in the plan?</b>
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**SelectHealth Medicare NoRx must end your membership in the plan if any of the following happen:**

- If you no longer have Medicare Part A and Part B.
- If you move out of our service area.
- If you are away from our service area for more than six months.
  - If you move or take a long trip, call Member Services to find out if the place you are moving or traveling to is in our plan's area.
- If you become incarcerated (go to prison).
- If you are no longer a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States.
- If you intentionally give us incorrect information when you are enrolling in our plan and that information affects your eligibility for our plan. (We cannot make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
- If you continuously behave in a way that is disruptive and makes it difficult for us to provide medical care for you and other members of our plan. (We cannot make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
- If you let someone else use your membership card to get medical care. (We cannot make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
  - If we end your membership because of this reason, Medicare may have your case investigated by the Inspector General.

### **Where can you get more information?**

If you have questions or would like more information on when we can end your membership call Member Services.

<b>Section 5.2      We <u>cannot</u> ask you to leave our plan for any health-related reason</b>
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*SelectHealth Medicare NoRx* is not allowed to ask you to leave our plan for any health-related reason.



### **What should you do if this happens?**

If you feel that you are being asked to leave our plan because of a health-related reason, you should call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

<b>Section 5.3</b>	<b>You have the right to make a complaint if we end your membership in our plan</b>
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If we end your membership in our plan, we must tell you our reasons in writing for ending your membership. We must also explain how you can file a grievance or make a complaint about our decision to end your membership.

# CHAPTER 9:

## *Legal notices*

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## **SECTION 1 Notice about governing law**

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The principal law that applies to this *Evidence of Coverage* document is Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the regulations created under the Social Security Act by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or CMS. In addition, other Federal laws may apply and, under certain circumstances, the laws of the state you live in. This may affect your rights and responsibilities even if the laws are not included or explained in this document.

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## **SECTION 2 Notice about non-discrimination**

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**We don't discriminate** based on race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, sex, gender, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, health status, claims experience, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability, or geographic location within the service area. All organizations that provide Medicare Advantage plans, like our plan, must obey Federal laws against discrimination, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, all other laws that apply to organizations that get Federal funding, and any other laws and rules that apply for any other reason.

If you want more information or have concerns about discrimination or unfair treatment, please call the Department of Health and Human Services' **Office for Civil Rights** at 1-800-368-1019 (TTY 1-800-537-7697) or your local Office for Civil Rights. You can also review information from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights at [www.hhs.gov/ocr/index](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/index).

If you have a disability and need help with access to care, please call us at Member Services. If you have a complaint, such as a problem with wheelchair access, Member Services can help.

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## **SECTION 3 Notice about Medicare Secondary Payer subrogation rights**

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We have the right and responsibility to collect for covered Medicare services for which Medicare is not the primary payer. According to CMS regulations at 42 CFR sections 422.108 and 423.462, *SelectHealth Medicare NoRx*, as a Medicare Advantage Organization, will exercise the same rights of recovery that the Secretary exercises under CMS regulations in subparts B through D of part 411 of 42 CFR and the rules established in this section supersede any State laws.

# CHAPTER 10:

*Definitions of important words*

**Advanced Imaging** – Computed Tomography Imaging (CT/CAT) Scan, Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan.

**Allowed Amount** – The amount that providers are paid for covered services. The allowed amount is the amount that a network provider has agreed to accept as payment in full for services provided and is usually less than the provider’s billed charges. For out-of-network providers, the allowed amount is the amount Original Medicare would pay for the services provided.

**Ambulatory Surgical Center** – An Ambulatory Surgical Center is an entity that operates exclusively for the purpose of furnishing outpatient surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and whose expected stay in the center does not exceed 24 hours.

**Annual Enrollment Period** – The time period of October 15 until December 7 of each year when members can change their health or drug plans or switch to Original Medicare.

**Appeal** – An appeal is something you do if you disagree with our decision to deny a request for coverage of health care services or payment for services you already received. You may also make an appeal if you disagree with our decision to stop services that you are receiving.

**Balance Billing** – When a provider (such as a doctor or hospital) bills a patient more than the plan’s allowed cost-sharing amount. As a member of SelectHealth Medicare NoRx, you only have to pay our plan’s cost-sharing amounts when you get services covered by our plan. We do not allow providers to “balance bill” or otherwise charge you more than the amount of cost sharing your plan says you must pay.

**Benefit Period** – The way that Original Medicare measures your use of hospital and skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. A benefit period begins the day you go into a hospital or skilled nursing facility. The benefit period ends when you have not received any inpatient hospital care (or skilled care in a SNF) for 60 days in a row. If you go into a hospital or a skilled nursing facility after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods. SelectHealth Medicare does not use benefit periods for inpatient hospital stays, but does use them for SNF services.

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** – The Federal agency that administers Medicare.

**Chronic-Care Special Needs Plan** – C-SNPs are SNPs that restrict enrollment to special needs individuals with specific severe or disabling chronic conditions, defined in 42 CFR 422.2. A C-SNP must have specific attributes that go beyond the provision of basic Medicare Parts A and B services and care coordination that is required of all Medicare Advantage Coordinated Care Plans, in order to receive the special designation and marketing and enrollment accommodations provided to C-SNPs.

**Coinsurance** – An amount you may be required to pay, expressed as a percentage (for example 20%) as your share of the cost for services.

**Combined Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount** – This is the most you will pay in a year for all services from both network (preferred) providers and out-of-network (non-preferred) providers. See Chapter 4, Section 1.2 for information about your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount.

**Complaint** – The formal name for “making a complaint” is “filing a grievance.” The complaint process is used *only* for certain types of problems. This includes problems related to quality of care, waiting times, and the customer service you receive. It also includes complaints if your plan does not follow the time periods in the appeal process.

**Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF)** – A facility that mainly provides rehabilitation services after an illness or injury, including physical therapy, social or psychological services, respiratory therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services, and home environment evaluation services.

**Copayment (or “copay”)** – An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for a medical service or supply, like a doctor’s visit, hospital outpatient visit, or a prescription. A copayment is a set amount (for example \$10), rather than a percentage.

**Cost Sharing** – Cost sharing refers to amounts that a member has to pay when services are received. Cost sharing includes any combination of the following three types of payments: (1) any deductible amount a plan may impose before services are covered; (2) any fixed “copayment” amount that a plan requires when a specific service is received; or (3) any “coinsurance” amount, a percentage of the total amount paid for a service, that a plan requires when a specific service is received.

**Covered Services** – The term we use in this EOC to mean all of the health care services and supplies that are covered by our plan.

**Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage** – Prescription drug coverage (for example, from an employer or union) that is expected to pay, on average, at least as much as Medicare’s standard prescription drug coverage. People who have this kind of coverage when they become eligible for Medicare can generally keep that coverage without paying a penalty if they decide to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage later.

**Custodial Care** – Custodial care is personal care provided in a nursing home, hospice, or other facility setting when you do not need skilled medical care or skilled nursing care. Custodial care provided by people who do not have professional skills or training, includes help with activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, eating, getting in or out of a bed or chair, moving around, and using the bathroom. It may also include the kind of health-related care that most people do themselves, like using eye drops. Medicare doesn’t pay for custodial care.

**Deductible** – The amount you must pay for health care before our plan pays.

**Disenroll or Disenrollment** – The process of ending your membership in our plan.

**Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP)** – D-SNPs enroll individuals who are entitled to both Medicare (title XVIII of the Social Security Act) and medical assistance from a state plan

under Medicaid (title XIX). States cover some Medicare costs, depending on the state and the individual's eligibility.

**Durable Medical Equipment (DME)** – Certain medical equipment that is ordered by your doctor for medical reasons. Examples include: walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress systems, diabetic supplies, IV infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, or hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home.

**Emergency** – A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life (and, if you are a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child) loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb, or loss of or serious impairment to a bodily function. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.

**Emergency Care** – Covered services that are: 1) provided by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services; and 2) needed to treat, evaluate, or stabilize an emergency medical condition.

**Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and Disclosure Information** – This document, along with your enrollment form and any other attachments, riders, or other optional coverage selected, which explains your coverage, what we must do, your rights, and what you have to do as a member of our plan.

**Extra Help** – A Medicare or a State program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare prescription drug program costs, such as premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

**Grievance** – A type of complaint you make about our plan or providers including a complaint concerning the quality of your care. This type of complaint does not involve coverage or payment disputes.

**Home Health Aide** – A person who provides services that do not need the skills of a licensed nurse or therapist, such as help with personal care (e.g., bathing, using the toilet, dressing, or carrying out the prescribed exercises).

**Hospice** – A benefit that provides special treatment for a member who has been medically certified as terminally ill, meaning having a life expectancy of 6 months or less. We, your plan, must provide you with a list of hospices in your geographic area. If you elect hospice and continue to pay premiums you are still a member of our plan. You can still obtain all medically necessary services as well as the supplemental benefits we offer.

**Hospital Inpatient Stay** – A hospital stay when you have been formally admitted to the hospital for skilled medical services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an “outpatient.”

**Initial Enrollment Period** – When you are first eligible for Medicare, the period of time when you can sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B. If you're eligible for Medicare when you turn

65, your Initial Enrollment Period is the 7-month period that begins 3 months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65.

**In-Network Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount** – The most you will pay for covered services received from network (preferred) providers. After you have reached this limit, you will not have to pay anything when you get covered services from network providers for the rest of the contract year. However, until you reach your combined out-of-pocket amount, you must continue to pay your share of the costs when you seek care from an out-of-network (non-preferred) provider.

**Low Income Subsidy (LIS)** – See “Extra Help.”

**Medicaid (or Medical Assistance)** – A joint Federal and state program that helps with medical costs for some people with low incomes and limited resources. State Medicaid programs vary but most health care costs are covered if you qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

**Medically Necessary** – Services, supplies, or drugs that are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.

**Medicare** – The Federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (generally those with permanent kidney failure who need dialysis or a kidney transplant).

**Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** – The time period from January 1 until March 31 when members in a Medicare Advantage plan can cancel their plan enrollment and switch to another Medicare Advantage plan, or obtain coverage through Original Medicare. If you choose to switch to Original Medicare during this period, you can also join a separate Medicare prescription drug plan at that time. The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period is also available for a 3-month period after an individual is first eligible for Medicare.

**Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan** – Sometimes called Medicare Part C. A plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide you with all your Medicare Part A and Part B benefits. A Medicare Advantage Plan can be an i) HMO, ii) PPO, a iii) Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) plan, or a v) Medicare Medical Savings Account (MSA) plan. Besides choosing from these types of plans, a Medicare Advantage HMO or PPO plan can also be a Special Needs Plan (SNP). In most cases, Medicare Advantage Plans also offer Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage). These plans are called **Medicare Advantage Plans with Prescription Drug Coverage**.

**Medicare-Covered Services** – Services covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. All Medicare health plans, must cover all of the services that are covered by Medicare Part A and B. The term Medicare-Covered Services does not include the extra benefits, such as vision, dental or hearing, that a Medicare Advantage plan may offer.

**Medicare Health Plan** – A Medicare health plan is offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide Part A and Part B benefits to people with Medicare who enroll in the plan. This term includes all Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Cost Plans, Special Needs



Plans, Demonstration/Pilot Programs, and Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

**Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Medicare Part D)** – Insurance to help pay for outpatient prescription drugs, vaccines, biologicals, and some supplies not covered by Medicare Part A or Part B.

**“Medigap” (Medicare Supplement Insurance) Policy** – Medicare supplement insurance sold by private insurance companies to fill “gaps” in Original Medicare. Medigap policies only work with Original Medicare. (A Medicare Advantage Plan is not a Medigap policy.)

**Member (Member of our Plan, or “Plan Member”)** – A person with Medicare who is eligible to get covered services, who has enrolled in our plan and whose enrollment has been confirmed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

**Member Services** – A department within our plan responsible for answering your questions about your membership, benefits, grievances, and appeals.

**Network Provider** – “Provider” is the general term for doctors, other health care professionals, hospitals, and other health care facilities that are licensed or certified by Medicare and by the State to provide health care services. “**Network providers**” have an agreement with our plan to accept our payment as payment in full, and in some cases to coordinate as well as provide covered services to members of our plan. Network providers are also called “plan providers.”

**Organization Determination**—A decision our plan makes about whether items or services are covered or how much you have to pay for covered items or services. Organization determinations are called “coverage decisions” in this document.

**Original Medicare** (“Traditional Medicare” or “Fee-for-service” Medicare) – Original Medicare is offered by the government, and not a private health plan such as Medicare Advantage Plans and prescription drug plans. Under Original Medicare, Medicare services are covered by paying doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers payment amounts established by Congress. You can see any doctor, hospital, or other health care provider that accepts Medicare. You must pay the deductible. Medicare pays its share of the Medicare-approved amount, and you pay your share. Original Medicare has two parts: Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) and is available everywhere in the United States.

**Out-of-Network Provider or Out-of-Network Facility** – A provider or facility that does not have a contract with our plan to coordinate or provide covered services to members of our plan. Out-of-network providers are providers that are not employed, owned, or operated by our plan.

**Out-of-Pocket Costs** – See the definition for “cost sharing” above. A member’s cost-sharing requirement to pay for a portion of services received is also referred to as the member’s “out-of-pocket” cost requirement.

**Part C** – see “Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan.”

**Part D** – The voluntary Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program.

**Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plan** – A Preferred Provider Organization plan is a Medicare Advantage Plan that has a network of contracted providers that have agreed to treat plan members for a specified payment amount. A PPO plan must cover all plan benefits whether they are received from network or out-of-network providers. Member cost sharing will generally be higher when plan benefits are received from out-of-network providers. PPO plans have an annual limit on your out-of-pocket costs for services received from network (preferred) providers and a higher limit on your total combined out-of-pocket costs for services from both in-network (preferred) and out-of-network (non-preferred) providers.

**Premium** – The periodic payment to Medicare, an insurance company, or a health care plan for health or prescription drug coverage.

**Primary Care Provider (PCP)** – The doctor or other provider you see first for most health problems. In many Medicare health plans, you must see your primary care provider before you see any other health care provider.

**Prior Authorization** – Approval in advance to get covered services. In the network portion of a PPO, some in-network medical services are covered only if your doctor or other network provider gets “prior authorization” from our plan. In a PPO, you do not need prior authorization to obtain out-of-network services. However, you may want to check with the plan before obtaining services from out-of-network providers to confirm that the service is covered by your plan and what your cost sharing responsibility is. Covered services that need prior authorization are marked in the Benefits Chart in Chapter 4.

**Prosthetics and Orthotics** – Medical devices including but are not limited to: arm, back and neck braces; artificial limbs; artificial eyes; and devices needed to replace an internal body part or function, including ostomy supplies and enteral and parenteral nutrition therapy.

**Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)** – A group of practicing doctors and other health care experts paid by the Federal government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients.

**Rehabilitation Services** – These services include physical therapy, speech and language therapy, and occupational therapy.

**Service Area** – A geographic area where you must live to join a particular health plan. For plans that limit which doctors and hospitals you may use, it’s also generally the area where you can get routine (non-emergency) services. The plan must disenroll you if you permanently move out of the plan’s service area.

**Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care** – Skilled nursing care and rehabilitation services provided on a continuous, daily basis, in a skilled nursing facility. Examples of care include physical therapy or intravenous injections that can only be given by a registered nurse or doctor.

**Special Enrollment Period** – A set time when members can change their health or drug plans or return to Original Medicare. Situations in which you may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period include: if you move outside the service area, if you move into a nursing home, or if we violate our contract with you.

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**Special Needs Plan** – A special type of Medicare Advantage Plan that provides more focused health care for specific groups of people, such as those who have both Medicare and Medicaid, who reside in a nursing home, or who have certain chronic medical conditions.

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** – A monthly benefit paid by Social Security to people with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind, or age 65 and older. SSI benefits are not the same as Social Security benefits.

**Urgently Needed Services** – Covered services that are not emergency services, provided when the network providers are temporarily unavailable or inaccessible or when the enrollee is out of the service area. For example, you need immediate care during the weekend. Services must be immediately needed and medically necessary.

## SelectHealth Medicare NoRx Member Services

Method	Member Services – Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	855-442-9900 Calls to this number are free. <b>October 1 to March 31:</b> Weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. <b>April 1 to September 30:</b> 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.) Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b>  This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. The hours of operation are the same as listed above.
<b>WRITE</b>	SelectHealth Medicare Attn: Member Services PO Box 30196 Salt Lake City, UT 84130
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.selecthealth.org/medicare">www.selecthealth.org/medicare</a>

## State Health Insurance Assistance Program: Nevada's SHIP

The SHIP is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

Method	Contact Information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>800-307-4444</b>
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b>
<b>WRITE</b>	Aging and Disability Services Division Administration Office 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132 Carson City, NV 89706
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Seniors/SHIP/SHIP_Prog">adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Seniors/SHIP/SHIP_Prog</a>

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