

## WellSense Choice (HMO) offered by Boston Medical Center Health Plan, Inc.

### Annual Notice of Changes for 2025

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

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at [wellsense.org/medicare](https://wellsense.org/medicare). You can also review the separately mailed Evidence of Coverage to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you. You may also call Member Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

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#### What to do now

##### 1. **ASK:** Which changes apply to you

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
  - Review the changes to medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
  - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including coverage restrictions and cost sharing.
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
  - Check the changes in the 2025 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
  - Compare the 2024 and 2025 plan information to see if any of these drugs are moving to a different cost-sharing tier or will be subject to different restrictions, such as prior authorization, step therapy, or a quantity limit, for 2025.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers, including pharmacies, will be in our network next year.

Check if you qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” from Medicare.

Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

## 2. **COMPARE:** Learn about other plan choices

Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at the [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. For additional support, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to speak with a trained counselor.

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

## 3. **CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2024, you will stay in WellSense Choice (HMO).
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2025**. This will end your enrollment with WellSense Choice (HMO).
- If you recently moved into or currently live in an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

### **Additional Resources**

- Please contact our Member Service number at 855-833-8128 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Representatives are available 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. from October 1 – March 31). This call is free.
- Member Service also has free language interpreter services available.
- This document may be available in other formats such as braille, large print, or other alternate formats. For additional information call Member Service at 855-833-8128.
- **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)

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website at [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

### **About WellSense Choice (HMO)**

- WellSense Health Plan is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in WellSense Medicare Advantage HMO plans depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Boston Medical Center Health Plan, Inc., d/b/a/ WellSense Health Plan. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means WellSense Choice (HMO).

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2025

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for WellSense Choice (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Monthly plan premium*</b></p> <p>*Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 2.1 for details.</p>	\$19	\$29
<p><b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b></p> <p>This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out of pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 2.2 for details.)</p>	\$5,500	\$3,900
<p><b>Doctor office visits</b></p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$25 copay per visit</p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$20 copay per visit</p>
<p><b>Inpatient hospital stays</b></p>	<p>\$395 copay per day for days 1-6</p> <p>\$0 copay per day for days 7-90</p>	<p>\$395 copay per day for days 1-6</p> <p>\$0 copay per day for days 7-90</p>
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b></p> <p>(See Section 2.5 for details.)</p>	Deductible: \$0	Deductible: \$0

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p data-bbox="703 331 1034 449">Copayment/ Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul data-bbox="703 468 1003 867" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="703 468 954 499">• Drug Tier 1: \$0</li> <li data-bbox="703 518 959 550">• Drug Tier 2: \$5</li> <li data-bbox="703 569 1003 764">• Drug Tier 3: \$47 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin on this tier.</li> <li data-bbox="703 783 992 814">• Drug Tier 4: \$100</li> <li data-bbox="703 833 987 867">• Drug Tier 5: 33%</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1070 331 1401 449">Copayment/ Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul data-bbox="1070 468 1370 1119" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1070 468 1321 499">• Drug Tier 1: \$0</li> <li data-bbox="1070 518 1326 550">• Drug Tier 2: \$5</li> <li data-bbox="1070 569 1370 806">• Drug Tier 3: \$47 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</li> <li data-bbox="1070 825 1370 1062">• Drug Tier 4: \$100 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</li> <li data-bbox="1070 1081 1349 1115">• Drug Tier 5: 33%</li> </ul>
	<p data-bbox="703 1186 889 1262">Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul data-bbox="703 1281 1027 1560" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="703 1281 1027 1560">• During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing.</li> </ul>	<p data-bbox="1070 1186 1256 1262">Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul data-bbox="1070 1281 1401 1476" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1070 1281 1401 1476">• During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.</li> </ul>

## SECTION 1 Unless You Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in WellSense Choice (HMO) in 2025

**If you do nothing by December 7, 2024, we will automatically enroll you in our WellSense Choice (HMO).** This means starting January 1, 2025, you will be getting your medical and prescription drug coverage through WellSense Choice (HMO). If you want to change plans or switch to Original Medicare, you must do so between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for “Extra Help,” you may be able to change plans during other times.

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

### Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$19	\$29

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving “Extra Help” with your prescription drug costs. Please see Section 7 regarding “Extra Help” from Medicare.

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

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

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$5,500	\$3,900  Once you have paid \$3,900 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

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

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies.

Updated directories are located on our website at [wellsense.org/medicare](https://wellsense.org/medicare). You may also call Member Service for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2025 Provider Directory at [wellsense.org/find-a-provider](https://wellsense.org/find-a-provider) to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2025 Pharmacy Directory at [wellsense.org/find-a-provider](https://wellsense.org/find-a-provider) to see which pharmacies are in our network.**



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

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

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

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Inpatient psychiatric and substance use services, including detoxification, stays in a psychiatric facility</b>	You pay a \$360 copay per day for days 1-6.	You pay a \$395 copay per day for days 1-6.
	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 7-90.	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 7-90.
<b>Inpatient stay in a Skilled Nursing Facility</b>	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20.	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20.
	You pay a \$203 copay per day for days 21-100 in a benefit period.	You pay a \$214 copay per day for days 21-100 in a benefit period.
<b>Cardiac Rehabilitation</b>	You pay a \$35 copay per visit.	You pay a \$50 copay per visit.
	Prior authorization may be required.	No prior authorization required.
<b>Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation</b>	Prior authorization may be required.	No prior authorization required.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Pulmonary Rehabilitation</b>	<p>You pay a \$15 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior authorization may be required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$35 copay per visit.</p> <p>No prior authorization required.</p>
<b>Supervised Exercise Therapy for Symptomatic Peripheral Artery Disease</b>	<p>You pay a \$25 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior authorization may be required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$30 copay per visit.</p> <p>No prior authorization required.</p>
<b>Emergency Services</b>	<p>You pay a \$120 copay per visit. Copay is waived if admitted to the hospital within 24 hours of a visit to the Emergency Department of a hospital.</p>	<p>You pay a \$140 copay per visit. Copay is waived if admitted to the hospital within 24 hours of a visit to the Emergency Department of a hospital.</p>
<b>Worldwide Emergency Coverage</b>	<p>You pay a \$120 copay per visit. Copay is waived if admitted to the hospital.</p> <p>The Plan does not cover the expenses to return the member to the service area after an emergency is stabilized.</p>	<p>You pay a \$140 copay per visit. Copay is waived if admitted to the hospital.</p> <p>The Plan does not cover the expenses to return the member to the service area after an emergency is stabilized.</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Partial Hospitalization</b>	<p>You pay a \$85 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$130 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required, but not for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services.</p>
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	<p>You pay a \$45 copay per visit.</p>	<p>You pay a \$55 copay per visit.</p>
<b>Specialist Office Visits</b>	<p>You pay a \$25 copay per visit.</p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copay per visit.</p>
<b>Outpatient Mental Health, Individual Session</b>	<p>You pay a \$50 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior Authorization is required only for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services.</p>	<p>You pay a \$70 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior Authorization is required only for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services.</p>
<b>Outpatient Mental Health, Group Session</b>	<p>You pay a \$50 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior Authorization is required only for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services.</p>	<p>You pay a \$70 copay per visit.</p> <p>Prior Authorization is required only for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services.</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Physical and Speech Therapy</b>	You pay a \$60 copay per visit.	You pay a \$80 copay per visit.
<b>Opioid Treatment Program Services</b>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per visit for services provided by a PCP.</p> <p>You pay a \$50 copay per visit for services provided by Psychiatrist.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per visit for services provided by a PCP.</p> <p>You pay a \$70 copay per visit for services provided by a Psychiatrist.</p>
<b>Outpatient X-RAY</b>	You pay a \$75 copay for this benefit.	You pay a \$80 copay for this benefit.
<b>Outpatient CT Scan</b>	You pay a \$75 copay for this benefit.	You pay a \$80 copay for this benefit.
<b>Outpatient Hospital Services</b>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for hospital clinic visit.</p> <p>You pay a \$395 copay for outpatient hospital surgery services.</p> <p>Prior Authorization may be required for some services provided in outpatient hospital setting.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for hospital clinic visit.</p> <p>You pay a \$380 copay for outpatient hospital surgery services.</p> <p>Prior Authorization may be required for some services provided in the outpatient hospital setting.</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Over-the-Counter (OTC) Items</b>	Mandatory supplemental benefit of \$130 per quarter with no roll-over to the next calendar quarter of any unused amounts.	Mandatory supplemental benefit of \$125 per quarter with no roll-over to the next calendar quarter of any unused amounts.
<b>Routine Vision Exam</b>	You pay a \$0 copay for 1 routine vision exam per year.	Our plan provides an OTC + Vision Debit Card. Members have up to \$200 per calendar year to use towards the costs of eligible vision services and items. This includes routine vision exams, eyeglasses, frames, lenses, contact lenses or hardware upgrades.
<b>Vision Hardware</b>	Covered for non-Medicare covered vision hardware including eyeglasses, contact lenses or hardware upgrades up to a maximum of \$150 every calendar year.	Our plan provides an OTC + Vision Debit Card. Members have up to \$200 per calendar year to use towards the costs of eligible vision services and items including routine vision exams, eyeglasses, frames, lenses, contact lenses or hardware upgrades.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Comprehensive Dental</b>	\$2,500 maximum benefit per year.  You pay 50% coinsurance for covered services.	\$5,000 maximum benefit per year.  You pay 10% coinsurance for covered services.
<b>Medicare-covered Hearing Exam</b>	You pay a \$25 copay for this benefit.	You pay a \$20 copay for this benefit.
<b>Medicare-covered Hearing Exam</b>	You pay a \$25 copay for this benefit.	You pay a \$20 copay for this benefit.

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

### Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or Drug List. A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically. The Drug List includes many—but not all—of the drugs that we will cover next year. If you don't see your drug on this list, it might still be covered. **You can get the complete Drug List** by calling Member Service (see the back cover) or visiting our website [wellsense.org/medicare](https://wellsense.org/medicare).

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

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the plan year. We update our online Drug List at least monthly to provide the most up-to-date list of drugs. If we make a change that will affect your access to a drug you are taking, we will send you a notice about the change.

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

### Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits and Costs

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

Beginning in 2025, there are three **drug payment stages:** the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. The Coverage Gap Stage and the Coverage Gap Discount Program will no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program will also be replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan’s full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Initial Coverage Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b>	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

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

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and <b>you pay your share of the cost.</b></p> <p>The costs in this chart are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost sharing.</p> <p>For information about the costs for a long-term supply, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>. We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our "Drug List." To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the "Drug List."</p> <p>Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</p> <p><b>Tier 1 (Preferred Generic) Drugs:</b> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2 (Generic) Drugs:</b> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 (Preferred Brand) Drugs:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Brand) Drugs:</b> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 5 (Specialty) Drugs:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</p> <p><b>Tier 1 (Preferred Generic) Drugs:</b> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2 (Generic) Drugs:</b> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 (Preferred Brand) Drugs:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Brand) Drugs:</b> You pay \$100 per prescription. You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p><b>Tier 5 (Specialty) Drugs:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <hr/> <p>Once you have paid \$2,000 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next</p>



Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	Coverage Gap Stage). OR you have paid \$8,000 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).	stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

### Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage

The Catastrophic Coverage Stage is the third and final stage. Beginning in 2025, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

**If you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.**

For specific information about your costs in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, look at Chapter 6, Section 6 in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

## SECTION 3 Administrative Changes

Description	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Medicare Prescription Payment Plan</b>	Not applicable	<p>The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option that works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across <b>monthly payments that vary throughout the year</b> (January – December).</p> <p>To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 866-845-1803 or visit Medicare.gov.</p>

## SECTION 4 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 4.1 – If you want to stay in WellSense Choice (HMO)

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

### Section 4.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change plans for 2025 follow these steps:

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

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

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder ([www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)), read the *Medicare & You 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 6), or call Medicare (see Section 8.2).

As a reminder, Boston Medical Center Health Plan, Inc. (WellSense) offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

## Step 2: Change your coverage

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

## SECTION 5 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

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

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2025, and don’t like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) between January 1 and March 31, 2025.

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

## SECTION 6 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In New Hampshire, the SHIP is called ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center at 866-634-9412. You can learn more about ServiceLink Aging and Disability Resource Center by visiting their website [servicelink.nh.gov](http://servicelink.nh.gov).

## SECTION 7 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

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

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
  - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778; or
  - Your State Medicaid Office.
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals

living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your State, individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the New Hampshire Ryan White CARE Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program or if you are currently enrolled how to continue receiving assistance, call 800-852-3345, ext. 4502. Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.

- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option to help you manage your out-of-pocket drug costs, starting in 2025. This new payment option works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across **monthly payments that vary throughout the year** (January – December). **This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.**

"Extra Help" from Medicare and help from your SPAP and ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in this payment option, regardless of income level, and all Medicare drug plans and Medicare health plans with drug coverage must offer this payment option. To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 855-833-8128 or visit Medicare.gov.

## SECTION 8 Questions?

### Section 8.1 – Getting Help from WellSense Choice (HMO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Service at 855-833-8128. (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (from October 1 to March 31, representatives are available 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Calls to this number is free.

#### **Read your 2025 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)**

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2025. For details, look in the *2025 Evidence of Coverage* for WellSense Choice (HMO). The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan

benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [wellsense.org/medicare](https://wellsense.org/medicare). You can also review the separately mailed Evidence of Coverage to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you. You may also call Member Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [wellsense.org/medicare](https://wellsense.org/medicare). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs (Formulary/Drug List)*.

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## **Section 8.2 – Getting Help from Medicare**

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To get information directly from Medicare:

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

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

### **Visit the Medicare Website**

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

### **Read *Medicare & You 2025***

Read the *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. Every fall, this document is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.