Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO)SM offered by GHS Insurance Company (GHS)

Annual Notice of Changes for 2023

You are currently enrolled as a member of Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO)SM. 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 getbluetx.com/mapd. You may also call Customer 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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hat to do now
1. ASK: Which changes apply to you
\square 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 authorization requirements and costs
 Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing
$\hfill\square$ Check the changes in the 2023 Drug List to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
☐ Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
\square 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 www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your <i>Medicare & You 2023</i> handbook.
☐ Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

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

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- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2022, you will stay in Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO).
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2023**. This will end your enrollment with Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO).
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish.
- ATTENTION: If you speak Spanish, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call Customer Service at 1-877-774-8592 (TTY only, call 711) for more information.
- ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüítica. Llame a Servicio al Cliente al 1-877-774-8592 (TTY: 711) para recibir más información.
- Please contact our Customer Service number at 1-877-774-8592 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., local time, 7 days a week. If you are calling from April 1 through September 30, alternate technologies (for example, voicemail) will be used on weekends and holidays.
- Para obtener más información por favor póngase en contacto con nuestro número de servicio al cliente en 1-877-774-8592. (Usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711.) El horario es de 8:00 – 20:00, hora de local, 7 días a la semana. Si usted está llamando desde el 1 de abril hasta el 30 de septiembre, tecnologías alternativas (por ejemplo, correo de voz) se utilizarán los fines de semana y festivos.
- Please contact Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO) if you need this information in another language or format (Spanish, braille, large print or alternate formats).
- 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 for more information.

About Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO)

- PPO plans are provided by HCSC Insurance Services Company (HISC). PPO employer/union group plans provided by Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company (HCSC). HCSC and HISC are Independent Licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. HISC is a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in HISC's plans depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our", it means GHS Insurance Company (GHS). When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO).

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Summary of Important Costs for 2023

The table below compares the 2022 costs and 2023 costs for Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs**.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)	
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0	
Deductible	\$750 for Medicare-covered out-of-network services.	\$750 for Medicare-covered out-of-network services.	
	The deductible does not apply to the following services:	The deductible does not apply to the following services:	
	 Any covered services received from an in-network provider 	 Any covered services received from an in-network provider 	
	 Ambulance services 	 Ambulance services 	
	 Emergency Room services 	 Emergency Room services 	
	 Urgently Needed services at Urgent Care Centers 	 Urgently Needed services at Urgent Care Centers 	
Maximum out-of-pocket amounts	From network providers: \$5,900	From network providers: \$6,050	
This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$11,300	From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$11,300	

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Doctor office visits	<u>In-Network</u>	<u>In-Network</u>
	Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit	Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit
	Specialist visits: \$50 copay per visit	Specialist visits: \$31 copay per visit
	Out-of-Network	Out-of-Network
	Primary care visits: \$25 copay per visit	Primary care visits: \$30 copay per visit
	Specialist visits: \$65 copay per visit	Specialist visits: \$75 copay per visit
Inpatient hospital stays	<u>In-Network</u>	<u>In-Network</u>
	\$375 copay per day for days 1-5 \$0 copay per day for days 6-90	\$375 copay per day for days 1-5 \$0 copay per day for days 6-90
	\$0 copay per day for days 91 and beyond	\$0 copay per day for days 91 and beyond
	Out-of-Network	Out-of-Network
	50% of the total cost per stay for Medicare-covered services	\$500 copay per day for Medicare-covered services
Part D prescription drug	Deductible: \$350	Deductible: \$200
(See Section 1.5 for details.)	Copayment/ Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Copayment/ Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:
	Drug Tier 1:	Drug Tier 1:
	Standard cost sharing: \$10 copay	Standard cost sharing: \$15 copay
	Preferred cost sharing: \$0 copay	Preferred cost sharing: \$0 copay
	Drug Tier 2:	Drug Tier 2:

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
	Standard cost sharing: \$20 copay	Standard cost sharing: \$20 copay
	Preferred cost sharing: \$10 copay	Preferred cost sharing: \$5 copay
	Drug Tier 3:	Drug Tier 3:
	Standard cost sharing: \$47 copay	Standard cost sharing: \$47 copay
	Preferred cost sharing: \$47 copay	Preferred cost sharing: \$44 copay
	Drug Tier 4:	Drug Tier 4:
	Standard cost sharing: \$100 copay	Standard cost sharing: \$100 copay
	Preferred cost sharing: \$100 copay	Preferred cost sharing: \$85 copay
	Drug Tier 5:	Drug Tier 5:
	 Standard cost sharing: 27% of the total cost 	 Standard cost sharing: 29% of the total cost
	Preferred cost sharing: 27% of the total cost	Preferred cost sharing: 29% of the total cost

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 - Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Monthly premium	\$0	\$0
(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)		
Optional Supplemental Benefits	\$27.50	\$50.10
(Optional supplemental benefit available for <i>an extra premium</i>)		
See Chapter 4, Section 2.2 (Extra "optional supplemental" benefits you can buy) of the Evidence of Coverage for details.		

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

Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amounts

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

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount	\$5,900	\$6,050 Once you have paid
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		\$6,050 out-of-pocket for covered services, you will pay nothing for your covered services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.
Combined maximum	\$11,300	\$11,300
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from in-network and out-of-network providers count toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for outpatient prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.		Once you have paid \$11,300 out-of-pocket for covered services, you will pay nothing for your covered services from network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.

Section 1.3 - Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are also located on our website at getbluetx.com/mapd. You may also call Customer Service for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. Please review the 2023 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2023 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network**.

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) and pharmacies that are part of your plan during the year.

If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Customer Service so we may assist.

Section 1.4 - 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	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain (Medicare-covered)	In-Network \$50 copay for each Medicare-covered visit. Out-of-Network \$65 copay for each Medicare-covered services.	In-Network \$31 copay for each Medicare-covered visit. Out-of-Network \$75 copay for each Medicare-covered services.
Ambulance Services	In- and-Out-of-Network \$300 copay for each one-way Medicare-covered ground service.	In- and-Out-of-Network \$250 copay for each one-way Medicare-covered ground service.
Annual Physical exam	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for an annual physical exam.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for an annual physical exam.
Annual wellness visit	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Bone mass measurement	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Breast cancer screening (mammograms)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Cardiac rehabilitation services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered cardiac rehab services and Medicare-covered intensive cardiac rehab services.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered cardiac rehab services and Medicare-covered intensive cardiac rehab services.
Cardiovascular disease risk reduction visit (therapy for cardiovascular disease)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Cardiovascular disease testing	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Cervical and vaginal cancer screening	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Chiropractic services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Colorectal cancer screening	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered colorectal services and Medicare-covered barium enema.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered colorectal services and Medicare-covered barium enema.

Cost **2022 (this year)** 2023 (next year) **Dental Services** The following optional In- and-Out-of-Network (Non-Medicare-covered supplemental dental \$1,000 maximum plan Comprehensive) benefits are available for coverage amount for inan extra premium: and out-of-network In- and-Out-of-Network comprehensive dental \$1,000 maximum plan benefits per year. 0% of the total cost for coverage amount for inand out-of-network **Basic Restorative Services** comprehensive dental and Non-Surgical Periodontal Services. benefits per year. 20% of the total cost for 50% of the total cost for Basic Restorative Services, Non-Surgical Extractions Non-Surgical Extractions, and Adjunctive Services. Non-Surgical Periodontal The following optional Services and Adjunctive supplemental dental Services. benefits are available for 50% of the total cost for an extra premium: Endodontic Services, Oral In- and Out-of-Network Surgery Services, Surgical \$1,000 maximum plan Periodontal Services, coverage amount for in-Major Restorative and out-of-network Services, Prosthodontic comprehensive dental Services and benefits per year. Miscellaneous Restorative 20% of the total cost for and Prosthodontic Endodontic Services, Oral Services. Surgery Services, Surgical Periodontal Services, Major Restorative Services, Prosthodontic Services, Miscellaneous Restorative and Prosthodontic Services. **Dental Services Out-of-Network Out-of-Network** 50% of the total cost for (Medicare-covered) \$75 copay for Medicare-covered Medicare-covered services. services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Depression screening	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Diabetes screening	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered diabetes self-management training services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered diabetes self-management training services.
Hearing services (Medicare-covered services)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered hearing exam.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered hearing exam.
HIV screening	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Home Infusion Therapy	In-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.	In-Network 20% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.
Immunizations	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Inpatient hospital care	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost per stay for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$500 copay per day for Medicare-covered services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Inpatient Mental Health care	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost per day for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$500 copay per day for Medicare-covered services.
Medical nutrition therapy	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Obesity screening and therapy to promote sustained weight loss	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Opioid Treatment Program Services	In-Network \$50 copay for each Medicare-covered opioid treatment service. Out-of-Network \$65 copay for each Medicare-covered opioid treatment service.	In-Network \$35 copay for each Medicare-covered opioid treatment service. Out-of-Network \$75 copay for each Medicare-covered opioid treatment service.
Outpatient Lab Services	In-Network \$5 - \$50 copay (\$5 copay with a PCP, \$50 copay with a Specialist, \$5 copay at a free-standing Lab, or \$50 copay at an Outpatient Hospital) Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered Outpatient Lab services.	In-Network \$0 - \$50 copay (\$0 copay with a PCP, \$31 copay with a Specialist, \$5 copay at a free-standing Lab, or \$50 copay at an Outpatient Hospital) Out-of-Network \$200 copay for Medicare-covered Outpatient Lab services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Outpatient hospital observation	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$400 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Outpatient hospital services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services.	Out-of-Network \$400 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services. \$350 copay for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services.
Outpatient mental health care	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered individual psychiatric services. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered group psychiatric services. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered individual visits with a different type of specialist and 50% of the total cost for group therapy visits.	Out-of-Network \$50 copay for Medicare-covered individual psychiatric services. \$50 copay for Medicare-covered group psychiatric services. \$50 copay for Medicare-covered individual visits with a different type of specialist and \$50 copay for group therapy visits.
Outpatient rehabilitation services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered occupational therapy services. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered speech and physical therapy services.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered occupational therapy services. \$75 copay for Medicare-covered speech and physical therapy services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Outpatient Diagnostic Procedures/Tests	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered Outpatient Diagnostic Procedures/Tests services.	Out-of-Network \$200 copay for Medicare-covered Outpatient Diagnostic Procedures/Tests services.
Outpatient Diagnostic Radiological services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered Outpatient Diagnostic Radiological services.	Out-of-Network \$400 copay for Medicare-covered Outpatient Diagnostic Radiological services.
Outpatient X-ray Services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered Outpatient X-ray services.	Out-of-Network \$200 copay for Medicare-covered Outpatient X-ray services.
Outpatient substance abuse services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse treatment. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered group substance abuse treatment. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.	Out-of-Network \$100 copay for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse treatment. \$100 copay for Medicare-covered group substance abuse treatment. \$75 copay for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.
Outpatient surgery, including services provided at hospital outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgical centers	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered	Out-of-Network \$350 copay for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services. \$400 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
	outpatient hospital services. 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered observation services.	\$400 copay for Medicare-covered observation services.
Over-the-counter items	\$25 allowance every three months for specific over-the-counter drugs and health-related products.	\$50 allowance every three months for specific over-the-counter drugs and health-related products.
Partial Hospitalization services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.
Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits	In-Network \$50 copay for Medicare-covered physician specialist services. Out-of-Network \$25 copay for Medicare-covered primary care physician services. \$65 copay for Medicare-covered physician specialist services.	In-Network \$31 copay for Medicare-covered physician specialist services. Out-of-Network \$30 copay for Medicare-covered primary care physician services. \$75 copay for Medicare-covered physician specialist services.
Podiatry services	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Prostate cancer screening exams	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services. 50% of the total cost for an annual Medicare-covered digital rectal exam.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services. \$0 copay for an annual Medicare-covered digital rectal exam.
Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services	In-Network \$30 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehab services. Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehab services.	In-Network \$20 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehab services. Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehab services.
Screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and counseling to prevent STIs	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Services to treat kidney disease	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered kidney disease education.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered kidney disease education.
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care	In-Network \$0 copay per day for days 1-20 and a \$188 copay per	In-Network \$0 copay per day for days 1-20, \$196 copay per day

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
	day for days 21-100 for each Medicare-covered SNF stay. Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost per stay for Medicare-covered services.	for days 21-59 and \$0 copay per day for days 60-100 for each Medicare-covered SNF stay. Out-of-Network \$250 copay per day for Medicare-covered services.
Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.
Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET)	In-Network \$30 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy services. Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy services.	In-Network \$25 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy services. Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy services.
Vision Care (Medicare-covered)	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered eye exam to diagnose and diseases and conditions of the eye. 50% of the total cost for an annual glaucoma screening. 50% of the total cost for 1 pair of Medicare-covered eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses after cataract surgery.	Out-of-Network \$75 copay for Medicare-covered eye exam to diagnose and diseases and conditions of the eye. \$0 copay for an annual glaucoma screening. \$75 copay for 1 pair of Medicare-covered eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses after cataract surgery.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
"Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit	Out-of-Network 50% of the total cost for Medicare-covered services.	Out-of-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.

Section 1.5 - 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.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

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

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

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

There are four "drug payment stages."

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

Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines

Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you, even if you haven't paid your deductible. Call Customer Service for more information.

Important Message About What You Pay for Insulin

You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on, even if you haven't paid your deductible.

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible	The deductible is \$350.	The deductible is \$200.
Stage During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 3 Preferred Brand, Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug and Tier 5 Specialty drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.	During this stage, you pay \$0-\$20 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 Preferred Generic and Tier 2 Generic and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3 Preferred Brand, Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug and Tier 5 Specialty until you have reached the yearly deductible.	During this stage, you pay \$0-\$20 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 Preferred Generic and Tier 2 Generic and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3 Preferred Brand, Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug and Tier 5 Specialty until you have reached the yearly deductible.

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage	Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy:	Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy:
Once you pay the yearly deductible, you	Tier 1 - Preferred Generic:	Tier 1 - Preferred Generic:
move to the Initial Coverage Stage.	Standard cost sharing:	Standard cost sharing:
During this stage, the plan pays its share of	You pay \$10 copay per prescription.	You pay \$15 copay per prescription.
the cost of your drugs,	Preferred cost sharing:	Preferred cost sharing:
and you pay your share of the cost. The costs in this row	You pay \$0 copay per prescription.	You pay \$0 copay per prescription.
are for a one-month	Tier 2 - Generic:	Tier 2 - Generic:
(30-day) supply when you fill your	Standard cost sharing:	Standard cost sharing:
prescription at a network pharmacy.	You pay \$20 copay per prescription.	You pay \$20 copay per prescription.

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
For information about	Preferred cost sharing:	Preferred cost sharing:
the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order	You pay \$10 copay per prescription.	You pay \$5 copay per prescription.
prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of	Tier 3 - Preferred Brand:	Tier 3 - Preferred Brand:
your Evidence of	Standard cost sharing:	Standard cost sharing:
Coverage. We changed the tier	You pay \$47 copay per prescription.	You pay \$47 copay per prescription.
for some of the drugs	Preferred cost sharing:	Preferred cost sharing:
on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a different tier,	You pay \$47 copay per prescription.	You pay \$44 copay per prescription.
look them up on the Drug List.	Tier 4 - Non-Preferred Drug:	Tier 4 - Non-Preferred Drug:
	Standard cost sharing:	Standard cost sharing:
	You pay \$100 copay per prescription.	You pay \$100 copay per prescription.
	Preferred cost sharing:	Preferred cost sharing:
	You pay \$100 copay per prescription.	You pay \$85 copay per prescription.
	Tier 5 - Specialty:	Tier 5 - Specialty:
	Standard cost sharing:	Standard cost sharing:
	You pay 27% of the total cost.	You pay 29% of the total cost.
	Preferred cost sharing:	Preferred cost sharing:
	You pay 27% of the total cost.	You pay 29% of the total cost.
	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

Description	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Service area	The service area for this plan includes these counties: Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, La Salle, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Webb, and Willacy.	The service area for this plan includes these counties: Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Maverick, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, and Willacy.
Online Bill Pay	Not applicable	Starting January 1, 2023 you will be able to make your premium payments online. To find out more information, please call Customer Service using the phone number on the back of your ID card.
Automated Clearning House (ACH) Monthly Recurring Draft	Not applicable	Starting with the January 2023 recurring monthly ACH premium draft, the entire balance due will be drafted from your bank account rather than the current monthly premium amount. This means if 2 months of premiums are owed, then 2 months of premiums will be drafted. If you owe multiple months of premiums, and cannot afford for the entire balance on the account to be drafted in January 2023, please call Customer Service using the phone number on the back of your ID card to switch to

Description	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
		statement pay or to set up SSA premium withhold.
SilverSneakers	Stay active, healthy and connected with SilverSneakers	Stay active, healthy and connected with SilverSneakers
	As a Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO) member, you have SilverSneakers® at no additional cost. SilverSneakers is more than a fitness program. It's a way to improve your health, gain confidence and connect with your community. Whether you play tennis, swim laps, lift weights, visit the gym or take live classes from home, SilverSneakers has you covered. Movement, exercise and social connections are essential to your health, and SilverSneakers supports you in all these ways.	As a Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO) member, you have SilverSneakers® at no additional cost. SilverSneakers is more than a fitness program. It's a way to improve your health, gain confidence and connect with your community. Whether you play tennis, swim laps, lift weights, visit the gym or take live classes from home, SilverSneakers has you covered. Movement, exercise and social connections are essential to your health, and SilverSneakers supports you in all these ways.
	SilverSneakers gives you access to:	SilverSneakers gives you access to:
	 SilverSneakers LIVE™ classes and workshops taught by instructors trained in senior fitness 	 SilverSneakers LIVE™ classes and workshops taught by instructors trained in senior fitness
	 200+ workout videos in the SilverSneakers On-Demand[™] online library 	 200+ workout videos in the SilverSneakers On-Demand[™] online library

Description	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
	 SilverSneakers GO[™] mobile app with digital workout programs 	 SilverSneakers GO[™] mobile app with digital workout programs
	 Thousands of participating gyms¹, with group fitness classes² at select locations 	 Thousands of participating gyms¹, with group fitness classes² at select locations
	 SilverSneakers FLEX Community classes offered in local neighborhood locations 	 SilverSneakers FLEX Community classes offered in local neighborhood locations
	 Online fitness and nutrition tips 	 Online fitness and nutrition tips
	 GetSetUp³, with thousands of live online classes to ignite your interests in topics like cooking, technology and art. 	 GetSetUp³, with thousands of live online classes to ignite your interests in topics like cooking, technology and art.
	Stay active at the gym, from home and at locations around your community. With SilverSneakers, you have more options than ever.	Stay active at the gym, from home and at locations around your community. With SilverSneakers, you have more options than ever.
	Create an account and unlock your full SilverSneakers benefits today.	Create an account and unlock your full SilverSneakers benefits today.
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	Footnotes:	Footnotes:

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SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO)

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 Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO).

Section 3.2 - If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change plans for 2023 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 1.1 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), read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO).
- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer 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 4 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, 2023.

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, 2023, 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, 2023.

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

SECTION 5 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 Texas, the SHIP is called Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP) 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 Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-252-9240. You can learn more about Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP) by visiting their website (https://www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/hicap/).

SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

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

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

Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS
 Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals
 living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must
 meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low
 income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare
 Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription
 cost-sharing assistance through the Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP). For
 information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program,
 please call 1-800-255-1090.

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Service at 1-877-774-8592. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., local time, 7 days a week. If you are calling from April 1 through September 30, alternate technologies (for example, voicemail) will be used on weekends and holidays. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your *2023 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 2023. For details, look in the 2023 Evidence of Coverage for Blue Cross Medicare Advantage Classic (PPO). 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 getbluetx.com/mapd. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at <u>getbluetx.com/mapd</u>. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

Section 7.2 - Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

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

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

Visit the Medicare Website

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

Read Medicare & You 2023

Read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook. Every fall, this booklet 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.