



## The University of Texas System

# 2026 Summary of Benefits

### **UT CARE Medicare (PPO)**<sup>SM</sup>

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

This booklet gives you a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It doesn't list every service that we cover or list every limitation or exclusion. To get a complete list of services we cover, call us and ask for the *Evidence of Coverage*.

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#### **Pre-Enrollment Checklist**

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a Customer Service representative at 1-877-842-7562 (TTY: 711). We are open October 1 – March 31, daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday. If you are calling from April 1 through September 30, alternate technologies (for example, voicemail) will be used on weekends and holidays.

Unders	standing the Benefits
	Review the full list of benefits found in the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> (EOC), especially for those services for which you routinely see a doctor. Visit <a href="https://www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-tools">www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-tools</a> or call 1-877-842-7562 (TTY: 711) to request a copy of the EOC.
	Check with your current providers to confirm that they accept Medicare. Review the <i>Provider Finder</i> for a list of doctors in our network.
	Review the <i>Pharmacy Directory</i> to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicine is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
Unde	rstanding Important Rules
	Effect on Current Coverage. If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, your current Medicare Advantage healthcare coverage will end once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. If you have Tricare, your coverage may be affected once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. Please contact Tricare for more information. If you have a Medigap plan, once your Medicare Advantage coverage starts, you may want to drop your Medigap policy because you will be paying for coverage you cannot use.
	You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
	Benefits, premiums and/or copayments/co-insurance may change on January 1, 2027.
	Our plan allows you to see providers outside of our network (non-contracted providers). However, while we will pay for covered services provided by a non-contracted provider, the provider must agree to treat you. Except in an emergency or urgent situation, non-contracted providers may deny care. In addition, you will pay a higher co-pay for services received by non-contracted providers.

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# SECTION I - INTRODUCTION TO SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

The benefit information provided is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It does not list every service that we cover or list every limitation or exclusion. To get a complete list of services we cover, call us and ask for the *Evidence of Coverage*. You can also see the *Evidence of Coverage* on our website, www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-tools.

#### You have choices about how to get your Medicare benefits

- One choice is to get your Medicare benefits through Original Medicare (fee-for-service Medicare). Original Medicare is run directly by the Federal government.
- Another choice is to get your Medicare benefits by joining a Medicare health plan (such as UT CARE Medicare (PPO)).

#### **Tips for comparing your Medicare choices**

This Summary of Benefits booklet gives you a summary of what **UT CARE Medicare (PPO)** covers and what you pay.

- If you want to compare our plan with other Medicare health plans, ask the other plans for their Summary of Benefits booklets. Or use the Medicare Plan Finder on <a href="www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>.
- If you want to know more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your current "Medicare & You" handbook. View it online at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a> or get 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.

#### Sections in this booklet

- Things to Know About UT CARE Medicare (PPO).
- Monthly Premium, Deductible, and Limits on How Much You Pay for Covered Services.
- Covered Medical and Hospital Benefits.

This document is available in other formats such as Braille, large print or audio.

This document may be available in a non-English language. For additional information, call us at 1-877-842-7562 (TTY: 711).

#### Things to Know About UT CARE Medicare (PPO)

#### **Hours of Operation & Contact Information**

- From October 1 to March 31, we're open 8 a.m. 8 p.m., local time, 7 days a week.
- From April 1 to September 30, we're open 8 a.m. 8 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday. If you are calling from April 1 through September 30, alternate technologies (for example, voicemail) will be used on weekends and holidays.
- If you are a member of this plan, call us at 1-877-842-7562, (TTY: 711).
- If you are not a member of this plan, call us at 1-877-842-7562, (TTY: 711).
- Our website: www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-tools.

#### Who can join?

To join **UT CARE Medicare (PPO)**, you must have both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B, meet your employer's eligibility requirements, and be retired. Our service area includes anywhere in the United States.

#### Which doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies can I use?

**UT CARE Medicare (PPO)** has a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other providers. You may seek care from any provider that accepts Medicare and agrees to bill us. Your benefit levels are the same whether or not you utilize a network provider.

You can see our plan's *Provider Finder* and/or *Pharmacy Directory* at our website (www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-tools).

Or call us at 1-877-842-7562 (TTY: 711) and we will send you a copy of the *Provider Directory* and *Pharmacy Directory*.

#### What do we cover?

Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers – and more. Some of the extra benefits are outlined in this booklet.

In addition, we cover Part B drugs including chemotherapy and some drugs administered by your provider.

If you have any questions about this plan's benefits or costs, please contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas

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# **SECTION II - SUMMARY OF BENEFITS**

**UT CARE Medicare (PPO)**SM

MONTHLY PREMIUM, DEDUCTIBLE, AND LIMITS ON HOW MUCH YOU PAY FOR COVERED SERVICES

Monthly Plan Premium	For information concerning the actual premiums you will pay, please contact your employer or your employer group benefits plan administrator. In addition, you must keep paying your Medicare Part B premium.
Deductible	This plan does not have a deductible.
Maximum Out-of- Pocket Responsibility	If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you keep getting covered hospital and medical services and we will pay the full cost for the rest of the year.  Your yearly limit(s) in this plan:  • \$0 for services you receive from in- and out-of-network providers combined.

#### COVERED MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS

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	Our plan covers unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.  In-Network:  \$0 copay per stay.	
Inpatient Hospital	Out-of-Network: \$0 copay per stay. May require prior authorization.	
Outpatient Hospital	In-Network:  \$0 copay.  Out-of-Network:  \$0 copay.  May require prior authorization.	
Ambulatory Surgical Center	In-Network:  \$0 copay.  Out-of-Network:  \$0 copay.  May require prior authorization.	
Doctor's Office Visits	In-Network:  Primary care physician visit: \$0 copay.  Specialist visit: \$0 copay.  Out-of-Network:  Primary care physician visit: \$0 copay.	

	Specialist visit: \$0 copay.
	May require prior authorization.
	In-Network:
	\$0 copay for all preventive services covered under Original Medicare at zero cost sharing.
Preventive Care (e.g., flu vaccine,	Out-of-Network:
diabetic screenings)	\$0 copay for all preventive services covered under Original Medicare at zero cost sharing.
	Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines
	Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Call Customer Service for more information.
	\$0 copay per visit.
Emergency Care	Worldwide Emergency Coverage: \$0 copay.
Urgently Needed	\$0 copay per visit.
Services	Worldwide Urgent Coverage: \$0 copay.
	In-Network:
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	The copays for hospital and skilled nursing facility (SNF) benefits are based on benefit periods. A benefit period begins the day you're admitted as an inpatient and ends when you haven't received any inpatient care (or skilled care in a SNF) for 60 days in a row. If you go into a hospital or a SNF after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. You must pay the inpatient hospital deductible for each benefit period. There's no limit to the number of benefit periods.
	In-Network:
	Inpatient Mental Health Care:
	\$0 copay per stay.
	Outpatient group therapy visit: \$0 copay.
	Outpatient Individual therapy visit: \$0 copay.
	Out-of-Network:
	Inpatient Mental Health Care:
	\$0 copay per stay.
	Outpatient group therapy visit: \$0 copay.
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	May require prior authorization.
	In-Network:
	Days 1-20: \$0 copay per day.
	Days 21-100: \$0 copay per day.
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	Out-of-Network:
Tacinty (Sivi)	Days 1-20: \$0 copay per day.
	Days 21-100: \$0 copay per day.
	May require prior authorization.
	In-Network:
	\$0 copay.
Physical Therapy	Out-of-Network:
	\$0 copay.
	May require prior authorization.
	In-Network:
Outpatient Rehabilitation	Cardiac rehab services (Maximum of 2 one-hour sessions per day up to 36 sessions in 36 weeks. Limit to 36 per year): \$0 copay.

	Occupational therapy visit: \$0 copay.
	Out-of-Network:
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	May require prior authorization.
	Ground Ambulance: \$0 copay for each one-way trip.
Ambulance	Air Ambulance: \$0 copay for each one-way trip.
	May require prior authorization.
Transportation	Not Covered
	In-Network:
	For Part B drugs such as chemotherapy drugs: 0% of the total cost.
	Other Part B drugs: 0% of the total cost.
Medicare Part B	For Part B Insulin Drugs: 0% of the total cost with a maximum copay amount per month of \$35.
Drugs	Out-of-Network:
	For Part B drugs such as chemotherapy drugs: 0% of the total cost.
	Other Part B drugs: 0% of the total cost.
	For Part B Insulin Drugs: 0% of the total cost with a maximum copay amount per month of \$35.
	May require prior authorization.

Additional Member Benefits	UT CARE Medicare (PPO) <sup>SM</sup>
Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain	In-Network:  Medicare-covered:  • \$0 copay.  Routine Acupuncture:  • Routine acupuncture: Not Covered.  Out-of-Network:  Medicare-covered:  • \$0 copay.  Routine Acupuncture:  • Routine acupuncture:  • Routine acupuncture: Not Covered.  May require prior authorization.
Chiropractic Care	Medicare-covered manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when 1 or more of the bones of your spine move out of position).  In-Network:  Medicare-covered:  • \$0 copay.  Routine Chiropractic Care:  • Routine chiropractic: \$0 copay per visit for up to 35 routine chiropractic visit(s) every year.  Out-of-Network:  Medicare-covered:  • \$0 copay.  Routine Chiropractic Care:  • Routine chiropractic: \$0 copay per visit for up to 35 routine chiropractic visit(s) every year.  May require prior authorization.

Additional Member Benefits	UT CARE Medicare (PPO) <sup>SM</sup>
	In-Network:
	Diabetes monitoring supplies
	<ul> <li>0% cost sharing is limited to diabetic testing supplies (meters and strips)         obtained through the pharmacy to Ascensia and Abbott branded products. Prior         Authorization will be required for all other diabetic testing supplies (meters and         strips) and will be subject to 0% cost sharing. All test strips will also be subject to         a quantity limit of 204 per 30 days.</li> </ul>
	Diabetes self-management training
	• \$0 copay.
	Therapeutic shoes or inserts
5.1.	0% of the total cost.
Diabetes Supplies and Services	Out-of-Network:
	Diabetes monitoring supplies
	<ul> <li>0% cost sharing is limited to diabetic testing supplies (meters and strips)         obtained through the pharmacy to Ascensia and Abbott branded products. Prior         Authorization will be required for all other diabetic testing supplies (meters and         strips) and will be subject to 0% cost sharing. All test strips will also be subject to         a quantity limit of 204 per 30 days.</li> </ul>
	Diabetes self-management training
	• \$0 copay.
	Therapeutic shoes or inserts
	0% of the total cost.
	May require prior authorization.
	In-Network:
Durable Medical	• \$0 copay.
Equipment (wheelchairs,	Out-of-Network:
oxygen, etc.)	• \$0 copay.
	May require prior authorization.
Wellness Programs	\$0 copay for SilverSneakers® Fitness Program

Additional Member Benefits	UT CARE Medicare (PPO) <sup>SM</sup>
	SilverSneakers can help you live a healthier, more active life through fitness and social connection. You are covered for a fitness benefit through SilverSneakers online and at participating locations.
	You have access to a nationwide network of participating locations where you can take classes.
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	Medicare-covered foot exams and treatment if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet certain conditions.
	In-Network:
	Medicare-covered:
	• \$0 copay.
	Routine Podiatry:
Foot Care	Routine podiatry: Not Covered.
(Podiatry services)	Out-of-Network:
	Medicare-covered:
	• \$0 copay.
	Routine Podiatry:
	Routine podiatry: Not Covered.
	May require prior authorization.
	In-Network and Out-of-Network:
Private Duty	\$10,000 Allowance per year for Non Medicare-covered services.
Nursing	For more details on benefits and benefit limitations regarding your private duty nursing coverage, please see your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> .

Additional Member Benefits	UT CARE Medicare (PPO) <sup>SM</sup>
Home Health Care	In-Network:  • \$0 copay.  Out-of-Network:
	\$0 copay.  May require prior authorization.
Opioid Treatment Program Services	In-Network:  • \$0 copay.  Out-of-Network:  • \$0 copay.  May require prior authorization.
Outpatient Substance Abuse Services	In-Network: Group therapy visit  • \$0 copay.  Individual therapy visit  • \$0 copay.  Out-of-Network: Group therapy visit  • \$0 copay.  Individual therapy visit  • \$0 copay.  May require prior authorization.
Over-the-Counter Items	Not Covered
Prosthetic Devices (braces, artificial limbs, etc.)	In-Network: Prosthetic devices  • \$0 copay.

Additional Member Benefits	UT CARE Medicare (PPO) <sup>SM</sup>
	Related medical supplies
	• \$0 copay.
	Out-of-Network:
	Prosthetic devices
	• \$0 copay.
	Related medical supplies
	• \$0 copay.
	May require prior authorization.
Meals	Not Covered
	In-Network:
	• \$0 copay.
Renal Dialysis	Out-of-Network:
	• \$0 copay.
	May require prior authorization.
Telehealth Services	<ul> <li>Virtual Urgent Care - \$0 copay (through MDLive only), Virtual Mental Health Specialty Services - \$0 copay (through MDLive only), Virtual Psychiatric Services - \$0 copay (through MDLive only)</li> </ul>
Hospice	You pay nothing for hospice care from a Medicare-certified hospice. You may have to pay part of the total costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered outside of our plan. Please contact us for more details.

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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 1-877-842-7562 (TTY: 711). Someone who speaks English can help you. This is a free service.

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You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

The formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

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To receive reasonable modifications, communication aids or language assistance free of charge, please call us at 1-877-842-7562 (TTY: 711).

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Office of Civil Rights Coordinator Phone: 1-855-664-7270 (voicemail)

Attn: Office of Civil Rights Coordinator TTY/TDD: 1-855-661-6965 300 E. Randolph St., 35th Floor Fax: 1-855-661-6960

Chicago, IL 60601 Email: civilrightscoordinator@bcbsil.com

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US Dept of Health & Human Services Phone: 1-800-368-1019 200 Independence Avenue SW TTY/TDD: 1-800-537-7697

Room 509F, HHH Building Complaint Portal:

Washington, DC 20201 ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf

Complaint Forms:

hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/index.html

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