

Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan (HMO I-SNP) offered by Provider Partners Health Plans

Annual Notice of Changes for 2024

You are currently enrolled as a member of *Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan*. 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 www.pphealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

What to do now

1. ASK: Which changes apply to you

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
 - Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
 - 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.
- Check the changes in the 2024 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2024* handbook.

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

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

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2023, you will stay in *Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan*.
- *To change to a different plan, 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.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-405-9681 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., seven days a week from October 1 through March 31; 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday to Friday from April 1 through September 30. This call is free.
- *This material may be available in an alternate format such as braille and large print.*
- **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 Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan

- *Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) Special Needs Plan (SNP) with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Provider Partners Medicare Advantage Plan depends on contract renewal.*
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our", it means Provider Partners Health Plans. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan.

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Summary of Important Costs for 2024

The table below compares the 2023 costs and 2024 costs for *Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan* in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|--|--|
| Monthly plan premium* * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 2.1 for details. | \$25.00 | \$28.40 |
| Deductible | \$226 | \$240 <i>except for insulin furnished through an item of durable medical equipment.</i> |
| Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered services. (See Section 2.2 for details.) | \$8,300 | \$8,850 |
| Doctor office visits | <i>Primary care visits: 20% of the total cost per visit</i> <i>Specialist visits: 20% of the total cost per visit</i> | <i>Primary care visits: 20% of the total cost per visit</i> <i>Specialist visits: 20% of the total cost per visit</i> |
| Inpatient hospital stays | <i>\$1,600 deductible for each benefit period</i> <i>Days 1–60 \$0 copay for each benefit period</i> <i>Days 61–90: \$400 copay per day of each benefit period</i> | <i>\$1,632 deductible for each benefit period</i> <i>Days 1–60 \$0 copay for each benefit period</i> <i>Days 61–90: \$408 copay per day of each benefit period</i> <i>Days 91 and beyond:</i> |

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|--|--|--|
| | <p><i>Days 91 and beyond: \$800 copay per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90 for each benefit period (up to 60 days over your lifetime)</i></p> <p><i>Beyond lifetime reserve days: You pay all costs</i></p> | <p><i>\$816 copay per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90 for each benefit period (up to 60 days over your lifetime)</i></p> <p><i>Beyond lifetime reserve days: You pay all costs</i></p> |
| <p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 2.5 for details.)</p> | <p>Deductible: \$505 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines.</p> <p>Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: 25% of the total cost <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs. • For each prescription, you pay whichever of these is larger: a payment equal to 5% of the cost of the drug (this is called coinsurance), or a copayment (\$4.15 for a generic drug or a drug that is treated like a generic, and \$10.35 for all other drugs.). | <p>Deductible: \$545 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines.</p> <p>Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: 25% of the total cost. <p>You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing. |

SECTION 1 Unless you Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan in 2024

If you do nothing by December 7, 2023, we will automatically enroll you in our Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan. This means starting January 1, 2024, you will be getting your medical and prescription drug coverage through Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan. If you want to change plans or switch to Original Medicare, you must do so between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for “Extra Help,” you may be able to change plans during other times.

SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.) | \$25.00 | \$28.40 |

- 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 services for the rest of the year.

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|------------------|---|
| Maximum out-of-pocket amount | \$8,300 | \$8,850 |
| Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays and deductibles) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. | | <i>Once you have paid \$8,850 services, you will pay nothing for your covered services for the rest of the calendar year.</i> |

Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

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

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

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

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

Section 2.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|--|---|---|
| <i>Additional Telehealth Services</i> | <i>Medicare Part B Insulin Drugs was not covered under the Additional Telehealth Services Benefits.</i> | <i>You pay 20% coinsurance for the Medicare-covered benefits that may have Additional telehealth benefits available below: Medicare Part B Insulin Drugs.</i> |
| <i>Deductible</i> | <i>The In-Network Deductible does not apply to all In-Network Medicare-covered plan services.</i> | <i>The In-Network Deductible does apply to all In-Network Medicare-covered plan services.</i> |
| <i>Dental Services</i> | <i>You pay \$0 copay for Preventive and Supplemental Comprehensive dental services. The annual benefit is \$1,500.</i> | <i>You pay \$0 copay for Preventive and Supplemental Comprehensive dental services. The annual benefit is \$5,000.</i> |
| <i>Diabetic Supplies and Services and Diabetic Therapeutic Shoes or Inserts</i> | <i>No prior authorization is required.</i> | <i>Prior authorization is required for billed charges in excess of \$750.</i> |
| <i>DME Non-Medicare covered wheelchairs</i> | <i>You pay \$0 copayment for a \$1000 allowance for covered wheelchairs once every 5 years. Prior authorization is required</i> | <i>DME – Non-Medicare covered Wheelchairs are not covered.</i> |
| <i>Emergency Services</i> | <i>You pay 20% of the total cost (up to \$95 maximum) per visit.</i> | <i>You pay 20% of the total cost (up to \$100 maximum) per visit.</i> |
| <i>Mental Health Specialist Services</i> | <i>No prior authorization is required.</i> | <i>Prior authorization is required.</i> |

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|--|--|
| <i>Medicare Part B Rx Drugs and Home Infusion Drugs</i> | <i>You pay 20% of the total cost of the Medicare Part B RX Drug and Home Infusion Drugs.</i> | <i>You can pay from 0% to 20% for Medicare Part B Chemotherapy/ Radiation Drugs and Medicare Part B Drugs. You can pay from 0% to 20% of the total cost (with a \$35 maximum) for insulin per month.</i> |
| <i>Occupational Therapy Services</i> | <i>No prior authorization is required.</i> | <i>Prior authorization is required.</i> |
| <i>Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiological Services</i> | <i>Prior Authorization is required for Nuclear Medicine Scans.</i> | <i>Prior Authorization is required for Nuclear Medicine Scans. No prior authorization is required for CT scans and MRIs. If multiple services are done at the same location on the same day, you must pay per service.</i> |
| <i>Over-the-Counter (OTC) Items</i> | <i>Limited to \$60 allowance every quarter for specific over-the-counter drugs and other health related products, as listed in the OTC catalog</i> | <i>Limited to \$110 allowance every quarter for specific over-the-counter drugs and other health related products, as listed in the OTC catalog</i> |
| <i>Psychiatric Services</i> | <i>No prior authorization is required.</i> | <i>Prior authorization is required.</i> |
| <i>Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI)</i> | <i>Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill were not covered.</i> | <i>The Beauty Shop visit provides an annual maximum allowance of \$100 to a beauty/ barber shop annually.</i> |

| Cost | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Transportation Services</i> | <i>A health aid benefit applies to the transportation benefit. This benefit allows you to be accompanied by a health aid during transportation, if you choose so.</i> | <i>The health aid benefit is not covered.</i> |
| <i>Urgently Needed Services</i> | <i>You pay 20% of the total cost (up to \$60 maximum) per visit.</i> | <i>You pay 20% of the total cost (up to \$55 maximum) per visit.</i> |

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.

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

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

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.** We sent you a separate insert, called the “Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for

Prescription Drugs” (also called the Low-Income Subsidy Rider or the LIS Rider), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive “Extra Help” and you haven’t received this insert by October 15, please call Member Services and ask for the LIS Rider.

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

Changes to the Deductible Stage

| Stage | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <p>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</p> <p>During this stage, you pay the full cost of your drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible. The deductible doesn’t apply to covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines, including shingles, tetanus and travel vaccines.</p> | <p>The deductible is \$505.</p> | <p>The deductible is \$545.</p> |

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

| Stage | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|--|--|
| <p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</p> <p>Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. During this stage, the plan pays its share</p> | <p><i>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</i></p> <p><i>Tier 1:</i></p> <p><i>You pay 25% of the total cost.</i></p> | <p><i>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</i></p> <p><i>Tier 1:</i></p> <p><i>You pay 25% of the total cost. You pay \$35 per month supply of each</i></p> |

| Stage | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|---|---|---|
| of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share of the cost. | | <i>covered insulin product on this tier.</i> |
| Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you. | <i>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage</i> | <i>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage</i> |
| The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost sharing. For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your Evidence of Coverage. | <i>(the Coverage Gap Stage).</i> | <i>(the Coverage Gap Stage).</i> |

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

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

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

SECTION 3 Administrative Changes

| Description | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Mailing address</i> | <i>All mail was being submitted to Provider Partners Health Plans P.O Box 94290 Lubbock, TX 794793</i> | <i>All mail should be submitted to Provider Partners Health Plans P.O. Box 21063 Eagan, MN 55121</i> |

| Description | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>Service Areas covered</i> | <i>Anderson, Angelina, Bandera, Bexar, Cherokee, Concho, Delta, Denton, Ector, El Paso, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Goliad, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Limestone, Madison, Navarro, Orange, Palo Pinto, Refugio, Robertson, Runnels, Smith, Somervell, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Wise, Young, Brazos, Brown, Burnet, Collingsworth, Comanche, Dallas, Gray, Hall, Harris, Hutchinson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Matagorda, Maverick, Moore, Nacogdoches, Potter, Randall, Sabine, San Saba, Tarrant, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wichita</i> | <i>Anderson, Angelina, Bandera, Bexar, Cass, Cherokee, Concho, Cookie, Crane, Delta, Denton, Ector, El Paso, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Goliad, Gregg, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Limestone, Madison, Navarro, Orange, Palo Pinto, Refugio, Robertson, Runnels, Smith, Somervell, Titus, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Wise, Young, Brazos, Brown, Burnet, Collingsworth, Comanche, Dallas, Gray, Hall, Harris, Hutchinson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Matagorda, Maverick, Moore, Nacogdoches, Potter, Randall, San Saba, Tarrant, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wichita, Cass, Cooke, Crane, Hamilton, Henderson, Lavaca, Midland, Parker, Red River, Shelby</i> |

Part D Mailing Address Change

*Coverage Decisions for Part D prescription drugs are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
8921 Canyon Falls Blvd. Suite 100
Twinsburg, OH 44087*

*Coverage Decisions for Part D prescription drugs are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
7835 Freedom Avenue
NW North Canton, OH 44720*

*Part D Appeals are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
8921 Canyon Falls Blvd. Suite 100
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Attn: Appeals Department*

*Part D Appeals are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
7835 Freedom Avenue
NW North Canton, OH 44720
Attn: Appeals Department*

*Part D Complaints/ Grievances are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
8921 Canyon Falls Blvd. Suite 100
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Attn: Grievance Department
Fax: 1-866-250-5178*

*Part D Complaints/ Grievances are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
7835 Freedom Avenue
NW North Canton, OH 44720
Attn: Grievance Department
Fax: 1-877-503-7231*

*Pharmacy Payment Requests are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
8935 Darrow Rd. P.O. Box 1208
Twinsburg, OH 44087*

*Pharmacy Payment Requests are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
7835 Freedom Avenue
NW North Canton, OH 44720*

*Claims are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
8921 Canyon Falls Blvd. Suite 100
Twinsburg, OH 44087
Direct Member*

*Claims are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans
7835 Freedom Avenue
NW North Canton, OH 44720
Direct Member*

| Description | 2023 (this year) | 2024 (next year) |
|-------------|---|---|
| | <p><i>Reimbursements are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans 8935 Darrow Rd. P.O. Box 1208 Twinsburg, OH 44087 Attention: DMR Department</i></p> | <p><i>Reimbursements are to be mailed to: Elixir C/O Provider Partners Health Plans 7835 Freedom Avenue NW North Canton, OH 44720 Attention: DMR Department</i></p> |

SECTION 4 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 4.1 – If you want to stay in *Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan*

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 Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan.

Section 4.2 – If you want to change plans

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

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

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

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder (www.medicare.gov/plan-compare), read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 6), or call Medicare (see Section 8.2). As a reminder, Provider Partners Health Plans, Inc. 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 *Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan*.

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

SECTION 5 Deadline for Changing Plans

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 6 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In *Texas*, the SHIP is called *Texas Health Information Counseling & 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. *Texas Health Information Counseling & 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 *Texas Health Information Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP)* at 1-800-252-9240. You can learn more about *Texas Health Information Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP)* by visiting their website <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicare>.

SECTION 7 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

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

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
 - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
 - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
 - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** *Texas* has a program called *Kidney Health Care Program* 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*. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call 1-800-255-1090.

SECTION 8 Questions?

Section 8.1 – Getting Help from Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-405-9681 (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., seven days a week from October 1 through March 31: 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday to Friday from April 1 through September 30. Calls to these numbers are free.

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

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2024. For details, look in the *2024 Evidence of Coverage for Provider Partners Texas Advantage Plan. 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 www.pphealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

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

Section 8.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

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

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

Visit the Medicare Website

Visit the Medicare website (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.

Read *Medicare & You 2024*

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