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with prescription drugs

# Annual notice of changes 2022

Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO)



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## **Find updates to your plan for next year**

This notice provides information about updates to your plan, but it doesn't include all of the details. Throughout this notice you will be directed to **[www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com)** to review the details online. All of the below documents will be available online by **October 15, 2021.**

### **Provider Directory**

Review the 2022 Provider Directory online to make sure your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) and pharmacies will be in the network next year.

### **Drug List (Formulary)**

You can look up which drugs will be covered by your plan next year and review any new restrictions on our website.

### **Evidence of Coverage (EOC)**

Review your 2022 EOC for details about plan costs and benefits. The EOC 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. It also has information about the quality program, how medical coverage decisions are made and your Rights and Responsibilities as a member.

### **Would you rather get paper copies?**

If you want a paper copy of what is listed above, please contact our Member Services at 1-800-222-8600 (TTY users should call 711). Hours are 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. local time, 7 days a week.

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**You are currently enrolled as a member of Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).**

Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. **This booklet tells about the changes.**

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.
  - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
  - Do the changes affect the services you use?
  - Look in Section 1 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
  - Will your drugs be covered?
  - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost sharing?
  - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
  - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
  - Review the 2022 Drug List and look in Section 1.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
- Your drug costs may have risen since last year. Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year. To get additional information on drug prices visit [go.medicare.gov/drugprices](https://www.go.medicare.gov/drugprices), and click the "dashboards" link in the middle of the second Note toward the bottom of the page. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price information. Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.

- Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
  - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
  - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in Section 1.3 for information about our Provider Directory.
- Think about your overall health care costs.
  - How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
  - How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
  - How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?
- 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 personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website.
  - Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You 2022 handbook.
  - Look in Section 2.2 to learn more about your choices.
- 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, 2021, you will be enrolled in Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).
- To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.

## 4. **Enroll:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2021**

- If you **don't join another plan by December 7, 2021**, you will be enrolled in Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).
- If you **join another plan by December 7, 2021**, your new coverage will start on January 1, 2022. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

## Additional Resources

- UnitedHealthcare does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in health programs and activities.
- UnitedHealthcare provides free services to help you communicate with us such as letters in other languages, Braille, large print, audio, or you can ask for an interpreter. Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-222-8600 for additional information (TTY users should call 711). Hours are 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. local time, 7 days a week.

- UnitedHealthcare ofrece servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a que se comunique con nosotros. Por ejemplo, cartas en otros idiomas, braille, letra grande, audio o bien, usted puede pedir un intérprete. Comuníquese con nuestro número de Servicio al Cliente al 1-800-222-8600, para obtener información adicional (los usuarios de TTY deben comunicarse al 711). Los horarios de atención son de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m., hora local, los 7 días de la semana.
- **Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC)** and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

### **About Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO)**

- Plans are insured through UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or one of its affiliated companies, a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in the plan depends on the plan's contract renewal with Medicare.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or one of its affiliates. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).

## Summary of important costs for 2022

The table below compares the 2021 costs and 2022 costs for Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the Evidence of Coverage is located on our website at [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Monthly Plan Premium*</b> *Your premium may be higher than this amount. (See Section 1.1 for details.)	\$0	\$0
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	\$6,700	\$6,700
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: You pay a \$0 copayment per visit.  Specialist visits: You pay a \$35 copayment per visit.	Primary care visits: You pay a \$0 copayment per visit.  Specialist visits: You pay a \$30 copayment per visit.
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.	You pay a \$195 copayment each day for days 1 to 10.  \$0 copayment for additional Medicare covered days.  Out-of-pocket costs are limited to \$1,950 for each inpatient admission.	You pay a \$195 copayment each day for days 1 to 10 for Medicare covered hospital care each time you are admitted.  \$0 copayment for additional Medicare covered days.



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Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.6 for details.) To find out which drugs are Select Insulin Drugs, review the most recent Drug List we provided electronically. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call Customer Service.</p>	<p>Deductible: Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.</p> <p>Copays/Coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 1: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$0 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 2: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$10 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 3: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$45 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Select Insulin Drugs<sup>1</sup>: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$35 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 4: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$100 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 5: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) 33% of the total cost</li> </ul>	<p>Deductible: Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.</p> <p>Copays/Coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 1: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$0 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 2: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$10 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 3: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$45 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Select Insulin Drugs<sup>1</sup>: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$35 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 4: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) \$100 copayment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug Tier 5: Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network) 33% of the total cost</li> </ul>



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<sup>1</sup> For 2022, this plan participates in the Part D Senior Savings Model which offers lower, stable, and predictable out of pocket costs for covered insulin through the different Part D benefit coverage stages. You will pay a maximum of \$35 for a 1-month supply of Part D select insulin drugs during the deductible, initial coverage and coverage gap or "donut hole" stages of your benefit. You will pay 5% of the cost of your insulin in the catastrophic stage. This cost-sharing only applies to members who do not qualify for a program that helps pay for your drugs ("Extra Help").

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## Section 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

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### Section 1.1 Changes to the Monthly Premium

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Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Monthly Premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0

- 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 Amount

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To protect you, Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay “out-of-pocket” during 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	2021 (this year)	2022 (next plan year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>	\$6,700	\$6,700
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.	Once you have paid \$6,700 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.	Once you have paid \$6,700 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 1.3 Changes to the Provider Network

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There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com). You may also call Member Services for

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updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2022 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan, but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan, you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, we must furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.

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#### **Section 1.4                      Changes to the Pharmacy Network**

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.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com). You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2022 Provider Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

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#### **Section 1.5                      Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services**

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, **Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)**, in your **2022 Evidence of Coverage**. A copy of the Evidence of Coverage is located on our website at [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

#### **Opioid treatment program services**

Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can receive coverage of services to treat OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) which includes the following services:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications.
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)
- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Acupuncture for chronic low back pain (Medicare-covered)</b>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for services provided by a primary care physician.</p> <p>You pay a \$35 copayment for services provided by a specialist.</p> <p>See Chapter 4 of the Evidence of Coverage for details.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for services provided by a primary care physician.</p> <p>You pay a \$30 copayment for services provided by a specialist.</p> <p>See Chapter 4 of the Evidence of Coverage for details.</p>
<b>Ambulance Services</b>	<p>You pay a \$250 copayment for each one-way Medicare-covered ground trip.</p> <p>You pay a \$250 copayment for each one-way Medicare-covered air trip.</p>	<p>You pay a \$280 copayment for each one-way Medicare-covered ground trip.</p> <p>You pay a \$280 copayment for each one-way Medicare-covered air trip.</p>
<b>Continuous Glucose Monitor and Supplies</b>	<p>You pay 20% of the total cost.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment.</p>
<b>Fitness Program</b>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment. Your provider may need to obtain prior authorization.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Health Education</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment. Your provider may need to obtain prior authorization.	You pay a \$0 copayment.
<b>Inpatient Hospital Care</b>	<p>You pay a \$195 copayment each day for days 1 to 10.</p> <p>\$0 copayment for additional Medicare covered days.</p> <p>Out-of-pocket costs are limited to \$1,950 for each inpatient admission.</p>	<p>You pay a \$195 copayment each day for days 1 to 10 for Medicare covered hospital care each time you are admitted.</p> <p>\$0 copayment for additional Medicare covered days.</p>
<b>Inpatient Mental Health Care</b>	<p>You pay a \$195 copayment each day for days 1 to 9.</p> <p>\$0 copayment each day for days 10 to 90.</p> <p>Out-of-pocket costs are limited to \$1,755 for each inpatient admission.</p>	<p>You pay a \$195 copayment each day for days 1 to 9 for Medicare-covered hospital care each time you are admitted.</p> <p>\$0 copayment each day for days 10 to 90.</p>
<b>Medicare Part B Prescription Drugs</b>	You pay 20% of the total cost.	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for Medicare-covered Part B allergy antigens.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the total cost otherwise.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Medicare Part B Prescription Drugs - Step Therapy</b></p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>There may be effective, lower-cost drugs that treat the same medical condition. If you are prescribed a new Part B medication or have not recently filled the medication under Part B, you may be required to try one or more of these other drugs before the plan will cover your drug. If you have already tried other drugs or your doctor thinks they are not right for you, you or your doctor can ask the plan to cover the Part B drug.</p>
<p><b>NurseLine</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment Your provider may need to obtain prior authorization.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Opioid treatment program services</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for the following Medicare-covered services from programs that treat opioid use disorder (OUD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FDA-approved medications to treat OUD, and the dispensing and administration of these medications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Substance use counseling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Individual and group therapy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug tests</li> </ul>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for the following Medicare-covered services from programs that treat opioid use disorder (OUD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FDA-approved medications to treat OUD, and the dispensing and administration of these medications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Substance use counseling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Individual and group therapy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drug tests</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Intake activities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assessments to review your progress and treatment plan</li> </ul>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies - Laboratory Tests</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for each Medicare-covered lab service at a lab provider or outpatient hospital contracted to provide lab services.</p> <p>You pay a \$10 copayment for each Medicare-covered lab service at a primary care provider office.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copayment for Medicare-covered lab services at a specialist office.</p> <p>You pay 30% of the total cost for each Medicare-covered lab service at an outpatient hospital facility not contracted to provide lab services.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for Medicare-covered lab services.</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies - X-rays</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$10 copayment for each Medicare-covered standard X-ray service at a physician office.</p> <p>You pay a \$30 copayment for each Medicare-covered standard X-ray service at an outpatient facility.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment for each Medicare-covered standard X-ray service at a radiology facility.</p> <p>You pay a \$15 copayment for each Medicare-covered standard X-ray service at all other locations.</p>



Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies - Other Diagnostic tests - Non-Radiological Diagnostic Services</b>	<p>You pay a \$10 copayment for each Medicare-covered non-radiological diagnostic service at an outpatient facility.</p> <p>You pay a \$40 copayment for each Medicare-covered non-radiological diagnostic service at a physician office.</p>	<p>You pay a \$10 copayment for Medicare-covered non-radiological diagnostic services.</p>
<b>Physician/Practitioner Services, Including Doctor's Office Visits - Specialists</b>	<p>You pay a \$35 copayment.</p>	<p>You pay a \$30 copayment.</p>
<b>Physician/Practitioner Services, Medicare-covered Remote Monitoring Services</b>	<p>Your cost share depends on the service you receive. You may pay the amount for non-radiological diagnostic services, primary care services, or specialist physician services.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment.</p>
<b>Podiatry Services</b>	<p>You pay a \$35 copayment.</p>	<p>You pay a \$30 copayment.</p>
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care</b>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment each day for days 1 to 20.</p> <p>You pay a \$165 copayment each day for days 21 to 100.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment each day for days 1 to 20.</p> <p>You pay a \$188 copayment each day for days 21 to 100.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Virtual Medical Visits</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment.	You pay a \$0 copayment.  The list of services covered by your plan has changed, please see your Evidence of Coverage for a full list of covered services.

## Section 1.6 Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

### Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or “Drug List.” **You can get the complete Drug List** by calling Member Services (see the back cover) or visiting our website ([www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com)).

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.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception to cover the drug. **We encourage current members to ask for an exception before next year.**
  - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your **Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))** or call Member Services.
- Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Member Services to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a drug that is not on the Drug List (Formulary) or when it is restricted in some way in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the **Evidence of Coverage**.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

If you have obtained approval for a Drug List (Formulary) exception this year, please refer to the approved through date provided on your approval letter to determine when your approval expires. After the date of expiration on your approval letter, you may need to obtain a new approval in order for the plan to continue to cover the drug, if the drug still requires an exception and you and your

doctor feel it is needed. To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage or call Member Services.

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.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about the changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

### 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” you will receive a “LIS Rider” by September 30, 2021. If you don’t receive it, please call Member Services and ask for the "LIS Rider" to be sent to you.

There are four “drug payment stages.” How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your **Evidence of Coverage** for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year 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. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the **Evidence of Coverage**, which is located on our website at [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.com). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an **Evidence of Coverage**.)

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly (Part D) 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**

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, **Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs** in your **Evidence of Coverage**.

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b>                      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 row 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 or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <b>Evidence of Coverage</b>.</p> <p>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>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 \$10 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 - Preferred Brand Drugs:</b>                      You pay \$45 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Select Insulin Drugs<sup>1</sup>:</b>                      You pay \$35 for Select Insulins.</p> <p><b>Tier 4 - Non-Preferred Drugs:</b>                      You pay \$100 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 5 - Specialty Tier Drugs:</b>                      You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <hr/>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p><b>Tier 1 – Preferred Generic:</b>                      You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2 - Generic:</b>                      You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 3 - Preferred Brand:</b>                      You pay \$45 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Select Insulin Drugs<sup>1</sup>:</b>                      You pay \$35 for Select Insulins.</p> <p><b>Tier 4 - Non-Preferred Drug:</b>                      You pay \$100 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 5 - Specialty Tier:</b>                      You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <hr/>

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,130, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

<sup>1</sup> For 2022, this plan participates in the Part D Senior Savings Model which offers lower, stable, and predictable out of pocket costs for covered insulin through the different Part D benefit coverage stages. You will pay a maximum of \$35 for a 1-month supply of Part D select insulin drugs during the deductible, initial coverage and coverage gap or "donut hole" stages of your benefit. You will pay 5% of the cost of your insulin in the catastrophic stage. This cost-sharing only applies to members who do not qualify for a program that helps pay for your drugs ("Extra Help").

**Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages**

Our plan offers additional gap coverage for select insulins. During the Coverage Gap stage, your out-of-pocket costs for Select Insulin Drugs will be \$35 for a one month retail supply.

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

**Section 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose**

**Section 2.1 If You Want to Stay in Peoples Health Choices Gold (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 Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).

**Section 2.2 If You Want to Change Plans**

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2022 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.

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To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read **Medicare & You 2022 handbook**, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare). **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

As a reminder, UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or one of its affiliates offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare prescription drug 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 Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO).
- 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 this (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
  - **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.

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## **Section 3                      Deadline for Changing Plans**

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If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 to December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, 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 may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the **Evidence of Coverage**.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2022, 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, 2022. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the **Evidence of Coverage**.

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## Section 4 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

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

Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) 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 Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at 1-800-259-5300.

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## Section 5 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

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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. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. 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 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** Louisiana has a program called Louisiana Department of Health 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 (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Chapter 2, Section 3 of your **Evidence of Coverage**).
- 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 ADAP in your State. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call the ADAP in your State. You can find your State’s ADAP contact information in Chapter 2 of the **Evidence of Coverage**.

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## **Section 6                      Questions?**

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### **Section 6.1                      Getting Help from Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO)**

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Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-222-8600. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. local time, 7 days a week. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2022 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 2022. For details, look in the 2022 **Evidence of Coverage** for Peoples Health Choices Gold (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 [www.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.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.peopleshealth.com](http://www.peopleshealth.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).

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### **Section 6.2                      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**

You can visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans. You can find information about plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)).

#### **Read Medicare & You 2022**

You can read the **Medicare & You 2022** Handbook. Every year in the 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 booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) 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.



For more information, please call customer service at:

## Peoples Health Choices Gold (HMO) Member Services:



Call **1-800-222-8600**

Calls to this number are free. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. local time, 7 days a week. Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.

**TTY 711**

Calls to this number are free.  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. local time, 7 days a week.



Write: **Three Lakeway CTR, 3838 N Causeway BLVD, STE 2500  
Metairie, LA 70002**



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