

# Summary of Benefits



## Thank you for your interest in our Medicare Advantage plans

Anthem Blue Cross offers benefits to help you stay healthy while protecting you from unexpected costs. This plan includes your hospital and medical benefits in one plan.

### Medicare Advantage

**Plan year:** January 1 – December 31, 2024

**New York**

Saratoga county

**Anthem Veteran (HMO)<sup>†</sup>**

**<sup>†</sup> This plan has no prescription drug coverage.**

# Anthem Veteran (HMO)

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

Our service area includes this county in NY: Saratoga.

### Do you have questions?

You can learn more on our website, <https://shop.anthem.com/medicare>. Or call us toll-free **1-800-809-7328** (TTY: **711**). Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30.

The *Summary of Benefits* does not include every service, limit, or exclusion, but the *Evidence of Coverage* does. Just give us a call to request a copy.

Anthem Veteran (HMO) is a Medicare Advantage plan. It includes hospital and medical benefits in one plan. To join this plan, the following must apply to you:

- You're entitled to Medicare Part A.
- You're enrolled in Medicare Part B.
- You live in our service area.

You need to visit doctors and facilities in this plan's network. This is very important. If you go outside the network, the services may not be covered.

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## Medicare coverage that goes beyond Original Medicare

- ❑ Medicare Advantage plans cover everything that Original Medicare covers — Part A (hospital services) and Part B (medical services) — plus more.
- ❑ Medicare Advantage plans cover Medicare Part B drugs. However, this plan does not cover Part D prescription drugs.

## This is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan. That means:

- ❑ You must choose a primary care physician (PCP) in the plan's network of doctors for covered services. Your PCP provides most of your medical care, including routine care and hospitalizations. They can help you save time and money by directing you to specialists when needed.
- ❑ Before you visit a specialist, we recommend you talk to your PCP first. They know your health history and can help you find the right care.

## Is your PCP in our plan's network of doctors?

If you need to change your primary care physician (PCP), give us a call and we'll help. Doctors can join or leave the network at any time, so check if they're in-network with our Find a Doctor tool online. Just follow the steps below.

## How to find a doctor/PCP in our plan:

- Go to <https://shop.anthem.com/medicare>
  1. Select **Useful Tools** and choose **Find a Doctor**.
  2. Enter your ZIP code, county and the date you want your coverage to begin.
  3. Fill in the details (city, doctor's name, distance, etc.).
  4. Be sure to check that the doctor is listed as "In-Network" for this plan.
- Or you can ask us for the *Provider Directory*. The phone number is on page 2.



## Optional supplemental dental and/or vision benefits

You can add an Optional Supplemental Benefits (OSB) package to the plan for an additional monthly premium. Optional Supplemental Benefits may not be available with every Medicare Advantage plan in this enrollment guide. See the *Optional Supplemental Dental and Vision Plans* section of the medical benefits chart for more details.



# Summary of 2024 medical benefits

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### How much is my premium (monthly payment)?

**\$0.00** per month

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

### How much is my deductible?

This plan does not have a medical deductible.

### Is there a limit on how much I will pay for my covered medical services? (does not include Part D drugs)

**\$6,500.00** per year from doctors and facilities in our plan

Like all Medicare health plans, our plan protects you by having yearly limits on your out-of-pocket costs for medical and hospital care.

Services you receive from doctors or facilities in our plan go toward your yearly limit. If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you will not have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

### Inpatient Hospital<sup>1</sup>

Facilities in our plan: Days 1-5: **\$400.00** per day, per admission / Days 6-90: **\$0.00** per day, per admission

Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.

Per-day cost sharing applies to each new inpatient admission (Note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost sharing per day applies).

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### Outpatient Hospital<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **30%** coinsurance

What you will pay may depend on the service and where you are treated.

### Ambulatory Surgical Center<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

### Doctor's Office Visits

#### **Primary care physician (PCP) visit:**

PCPs in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

#### **Specialist visit:**<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

### Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams

#### **Preventive care screenings:**

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

#### **Annual physical exam:**

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

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### Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams

#### Covered preventive care screenings:

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
- Annual “wellness” visit
- Bone mass measurement
- Breast cancer screening (mammogram)
- Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy)
- Cardiovascular screening
- Cervical and vaginal cancer screening
- Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy)
- Depression screening
- Diabetes prevention program
- Diabetes screenings and monitoring
- Hepatitis C Screening
- High Intensity Behavioral Counseling
- HIV screening
- Lung cancer screenings
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Obesity screenings and counseling
- Prostate cancer screenings (PSA)
- Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling
- Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease)
- Vaccines, including flu, hepatitis B, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 shots
- “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time)

Any extra preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered. When you use doctors in our plan, **100%** of the cost of preventive care screenings and annual physical exams is covered.



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### Emergency Care

**\$90.00** copay

#### **Emergency and Urgent Care Worldwide Coverage**

**\$90.00** copay

This plan covers urgent care and emergency services when traveling outside of the United States for less than six months. This benefit is limited to **\$100,000.00** per year.

### Urgently Needed Services

**\$55.00** copay

### Diagnostic Services, Labs, and Imaging<sup>1,2</sup>

#### **Diagnostic Radiology Services** (such as MRIs, CT scans)

Doctors' offices in our plan:

\$200.00 copay

Outpatient facilities in our plan:

\$250.00 copay

#### **Diagnostic Tests and Procedures**

Doctors' offices in our plan:

\$60.00 copay

Outpatient facilities in our plan:

\$150.00 copay

#### **Lab Services**

Doctors' offices in our plan:

\$0.00 copay

Outpatient facilities in our plan:

\$0.00 copay

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## Diagnostic Services, Labs, and Imaging<sup>1,2</sup>

### Outpatient X-rays

Doctors' offices in our plan:

\$60.00 copay

Outpatient hospitals or facilities in our plan:

\$100.00 copay

Freestanding facility or at-home portable x-ray services in our plan:

\$60.00 copay

### Therapeutic Radiology Services (such as radiation treatment for cancer)

Doctors and facilities in our plan:

20% coinsurance

## Hearing Services

**Medicare-covered hearing services** (Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues):<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

### Routine hearing services:

Not Covered

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### Dental Services

**Medicare-covered dental services** (this does not include services for care, treatment, filling, removal or replacement of teeth):<sup>1</sup>

Doctors and dentists in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

### **Preventive and Comprehensive<sup>1</sup> Dental Combined Allowance**

This plan covers up to **\$3,000** for covered preventive and comprehensive dental services every year.

We cover more dental care than what Original Medicare covers. You can use our coverage for these services and more: exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, X-rays, fillings and repairs, root canals (endodontics), dental crowns (caps), bridges, implants, and dentures.

Any amount not used at the end of the calendar year will expire.

#### **Preventive dental services:**

Dentists in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

#### **Comprehensive dental services:**

Doctors and dentists in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

To find a dental provider in our plan, follow the same steps as the "How to find a doctor/PCP in our plan" box at the beginning of this booklet. Then select **Dental Provider** under **Provider Type**.

### Vision Services

#### **Medicare-covered vision services:**

#### **Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye**

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

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### Vision Services

#### **Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery**

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

#### **Routine vision services:**

##### **Routine vision exam**

This plan covers 1 routine eye exam(s) every year.

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

##### **Routine eyewear** (lenses and frames)

Not Covered

To find a vision provider in our plan, follow the same steps as the "How to find a doctor/PCP in our plan" box at the beginning of this booklet. Then select **Vision Provider** under **Provider Type**.

### Mental Health Care

#### **Inpatient visit:**<sup>1</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: Days 1-4: **\$465.00** per day, per admission / Days 5-90: **\$0.00** per day, per admission

Our plan covers unlimited inpatient days.

Per day cost sharing applies to each new inpatient admission. (Note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost sharing per day applies).

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### Mental Health Care

#### **Outpatient individual and group therapy services:**<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

### Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)<sup>1</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: SNF Days 1 - 20: **\$0.00** per day / Days 21 - 100: **\$196.00** per day

Our plan covers up to 100 days in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

Your copays for SNF benefits are based on benefit periods. A benefit period starts on the first day you go into a hospital or SNF and ends when you haven't had any inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row. If you go into a SNF after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period starts. There's no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have.

### Physical Therapy<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

### Ambulance<sup>1</sup>

#### **Ground/Water Ambulance:**

Emergency transportation services in our plan: **\$265.00** copay per trip

#### **Air Ambulance:**

Emergency transportation services in our plan: **\$265.00** copay per trip

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### Transportation

Not Covered

### Medicare Part B Drugs

#### **Insulin furnished through an insulin pump:**

Drugs obtained from doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$35.00** copay

#### **Other Part B Drugs:<sup>1</sup>**

Drugs obtained from doctors and facilities in our plan: **0%** coinsurance - **20%** coinsurance

Our plan does not cover Part D prescription drugs.

#### **Chemotherapy drugs:<sup>1</sup>**

Drugs obtained from doctors and facilities in our plan: **0%** coinsurance - **20%** coinsurance

# Additional benefits

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### Chiropractic Care<sup>1,2</sup>

#### Medicare-covered chiropractic services:

Providers in our plan: **\$15.00** copay

Medicare coverage includes manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position).

### Foot Care (podiatry services)<sup>1,2</sup>

#### Medicare-covered podiatry:

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

Foot exams and treatment are covered if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet certain conditions.

### Home Health Care<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

### LiveHealth<sup>®</sup> Online

Lets you talk to a board-certified doctor or licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, or therapist by live, two-way video on a computer, smartphone, or tablet.

LiveHealth Online is the trade name of Health Management Corporation, a separate company, providing telehealth services on behalf of our plan.

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### Medical Equipment/Supplies

#### **Durable Medical Equipment** (wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.):<sup>1</sup>

Suppliers in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

#### **Medical supplies and prosthetic devices** (braces, artificial limbs, etc.):<sup>1</sup>

Suppliers in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

#### **Diabetic supplies and services:**

Suppliers in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Covered diabetic supplies include: glucose monitors, test strips, and lancets. See your *Evidence of Coverage* for all supplies covered.

### Outpatient Rehabilitation

#### **Cardiac (heart) rehab services** (with a limit of two, one-hour sessions per day and a maximum of 36 sessions within a 36-week period):<sup>1</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$30.00** copay

#### **Pulmonary (lung) rehab services** (with a limit of two, one-hour sessions per day and a maximum of 36 sessions):<sup>1</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$15.00** copay

#### **Occupational therapy visit:**<sup>1,2</sup>

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay



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### Outpatient Substance Abuse<sup>1,2</sup>

#### Individual & Group therapy visit:

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

### Over-the-Counter Items

This benefit provides a spending allowance of **\$150** every quarter for over-the-counter (OTC) health and wellness products like vitamins, first aid supplies, pain-relievers, and more.

You have a variety of convenient ways to use the benefit:

- Shop in-store at participating retailers near you.
- Shop online on the approved vendor website.
- Shop on the approved vendor mobile app.
- Call to place an order.
- Order by mail.

### Renal Dialysis

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

### SilverSneakers<sup>®†</sup> Fitness program

When you become our member, you can sign up for SilverSneakers. It's included in our plan. To learn more details, go to **[www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com)** or call SilverSneakers at 1-855-741-4985 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### 24/7 Nurseline

24-hour access to a nurse line, seven days a week, 365 days a year

Services with a 1 may need prior authorization (preapproval) from the plan.

Services with a 2 may need a referral from your doctor or Primary Care Physician (PCP).



## Optional supplemental dental and vision plans

# Package 1: Preventive Dental Package

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### How much is the monthly payment?

An extra **\$16.00** per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B monthly payment.

### How much is the deductible?

This package does not have a deductible.

### Is there a limit on how much the plan will pay?

#### Doctors in our plan:

- The plan will pay up to **\$500.00** for the following preventive dental benefits each year (benefit maximum).

Talk to your doctor and confirm all coverage, costs and codes before you receive services.

### Benefits included:

#### Doctors in our plan:

You pay no copay for:

- Two exams
- Two cleanings
- Dental X-rays: include one full-mouth **or** panoramic X-ray **and** one set/series of bitewing X-rays each year **and** up to seven periapical images per calendar year
- Two fluoride treatments

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### Benefits included:

Since these services are not normally covered under Original Medicare, we offer them as a Supplemental Benefit for an extra monthly payment through this Optional Supplemental Package.

# Package 2: Dental and Vision Package

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### How much is the monthly payment?

An extra **\$26.00** per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B monthly payment.

### How much is the deductible?

This package does not have a deductible.

### Is there a limit on how much the plan will pay?

#### Doctors in our plan:

- The plan will pay up to **\$1,000.00** for the following preventive dental benefits each year (benefit maximum).

Talk to your doctor and confirm all coverage, costs, and codes before you receive services.

### Benefits included:

#### Dental:

#### Doctors in our plan:

You pay no copay for:

- Two exams
- Two cleanings

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### Benefits included:

- Dental X-rays: include one full-mouth **or** panoramic X-ray **and** one set/series of bitewing X-rays each year **and** up to seven periapical images per calendar year
- Two fluoride treatments

You pay **20%** of the covered charges for certain restorative dental services (fillings).

You pay **50%** of the covered charges for certain endodontic, periodontic, and oral surgery dental services which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Root canal treatment
- Periodontal scaling and root planing
- Simple and surgical extractions

Exclusions & Limits for this benefit package:

- Dentures and crowns are excluded.
- Coverage is only available from network providers.

### Vision:

This package offers a **\$150.00** reimbursement allowance toward the purchase of eyewear. The benefit applies to corrective (prescription) glasses, lenses, frames, and/or contact lenses.

Talk to your provider and confirm all coverage, costs, and codes prior to services being rendered.

Exclusions & limits for this benefit package:

- Safety eyewear, non-prescription sunglasses, glass lenses, non-prescription lenses or contacts, or lens treatments are not covered.
- Coverage is only available from network providers.

Since these services are not normally covered under Original Medicare, we offer them as a Supplemental Benefit for an extra monthly payment through this Optional Supplemental Package.

# Package 3: Enhanced Dental and Vision Package

## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### How much is the monthly payment?

An extra **\$47.00** per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B monthly payment.

### How much is the deductible?

This package does not have a deductible.

### Is there a limit on how much the plan will pay?

#### Doctors in our plan:

- The plan will pay up to **\$2,000.00** for the following preventive dental benefits each year (benefit maximum).

Talk to your doctor and confirm all coverage, costs and codes before you receive services.

### Benefits included:

#### Dental:

#### Doctors in our plan:

You pay no copay for:

- Two exams
- Two cleanings
- Dental X-rays: include one full-mouth **or** panoramic X-ray **and** one set/series of bitewing X-rays each year **and** up to seven periapical images per calendar year
- Two fluoride treatments



## Anthem Veteran (HMO)

### Benefits included:

You pay **20%** of the covered charges for certain restorative dental services (fillings).

You pay **50%** of the covered charges for certain endodontic, periodontic, prosthodontic and oral surgery dental services which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Root canal treatment
- Periodontal scaling and root planing
- Simple and surgical extractions
- Crowns (once per tooth every five years)
- Complete denture, immediate denture, or partial denture (one set of dentures every five years)
- Denture adjustment, repair, replacement, rebasing and relining
- Local anesthesia (a drug to numb a part of the body) or regional block anesthesia
- Dental implants

### Vision

This package offers a **\$200.00** reimbursement allowance toward the purchase of eyewear. The benefit applies to corrective (prescription) glasses, lenses, frames, and/or contact lenses.

Talk to your provider and confirm all coverage, costs, and codes prior to services being rendered.

Exclusions & limits for this benefit package:

- Safety eyewear, non-prescription sunglasses, glass lenses, non-prescription lenses or contacts, or lens treatments are not covered.
- Coverage is only available from network providers.

Since these services are not normally covered under Original Medicare, we offer them as a Supplemental Benefit for an extra monthly payment through this Optional Supplemental Package.

If you need emergency or urgent care, call 911 or go to the nearest doctor or facility that can help you. Most times, you must use doctors in our plan to receive covered medical care, except for emergencies and urgently needed care when doctors in our plan are not available or dialysis services when you are out of the service area. If you receive routine care from doctors outside our plan, neither Medicare nor Anthem Blue Cross will pay for it.

Anthem Blue Cross is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Anthem Blue Cross depends on contract renewal.

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## Multi-Language Insert

### Multi-language Interpreter Services

**English:** 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 **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Someone who speaks English can help you. This is a free service.

**Spanish:** Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

**Chinese Mandarin:** 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险计划的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**)。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

**Chinese Cantonese:** 您對我們的健康或藥物保險計劃可能存有疑問，為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務，請致電 **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**)。我們講粵語的工作人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

**Tagalog:** Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

**French:** Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

**Vietnamese:** Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**) sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

**German:** Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

**Korean:** 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 대해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**) 번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와 드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.

**Russian:** Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

**Arabic:** إننا نقدم خدمات الترجمة الفورية المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالخطة الصحية أو الأدوية. للحصول على مترجم، فوريًا عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على الرقم **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**) يمكن لشخص يتحدث الإنجليزية أن يساعدك. هذه خدمة مجانية.

**Hindi:** हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं। एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**) पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

**Portuguese:** Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

**French Creole:** Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal oswa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

**Polish:** Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

**Japanese:** 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするために、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、**1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**) にお電話ください。日本語を話す人者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

2023 Medicare Star Ratings

Official U.S.  
Government  
Medicare  
Information



Empire BlueCross BlueShield - H8432

**For 2023, Empire BlueCross BlueShield - H8432 received the following Star Ratings from Medicare:**

**Overall Star Rating:** ★★★★★

**Health Services Rating:** ★★★★★

**Drug Services Rating:** ★★★★★

**Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.**

### Why Star Ratings Are Important

Medicare rates plans on their health and drug services.

This lets you easily compare plans based on quality and performance.

Star Ratings are based on factors that include:

- Feedback from members about the plan's service and care
- The number of members who left or stayed with the plan
- The number of complaints Medicare got about the plan
- Data from doctors and hospitals that work with the plan

More stars mean a better plan – for example, members may get better care and better, faster customer service.

**The number of stars show how well a plan performs.**

★★★★★ EXCELLENT

★★★★☆ ABOVE AVERAGE

★★★☆☆ AVERAGE

★★☆☆☆ BELOW AVERAGE

★☆☆☆☆ POOR

### Get More Information on Star Ratings Online

Compare Star Ratings for this and other plans online at [medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

### Questions about this plan?

Contact Empire BlueCross BlueShield 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30 at 1-800-809-7328 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY). Current members please call 1-800-499-9554 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY).

Empire BlueCross is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Empire BlueCross depends on contract renewal.

Plan Star Ratings

## 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 **1-800-809-7328** TTY: **711**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30.

### Understanding the Benefits

- The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) provides a complete list of all coverage and services. It is important to review plan coverage, costs, and benefits before you enroll. Visit <https://shop.anthem.com/medicare> or call **1-800-809-7328** to view a copy of the EOC.
- Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
- Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicines is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.

### Understanding 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.
- In addition to your monthly plan premium, 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, 2025.
- Except in emergency or urgent situations, we do not cover services by out-of-network providers (doctors who are not listed in the provider directory).