Your 2026 Evidence of Coverage

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Thanks for being a Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) member. We value your membership, and we're dedicated to helping you be the best you want to be.

This Evidence of Coverage contains important information about your plan. This book is a very detailed document with the full, legal description of your benefits and costs. You should keep this document for reference throughout the plan year.

Humana cares about your well-being.

We look forward to being your partner in health for many years to come. If you have any questions, we're here to help.

2026

Evidence of Coverage

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS)

Multi-Market VA
Select Counties in Virginia

Humana®

January 1 - December 31, 2026

Evidence of Coverage for 2026:

Your Medicare Health Benefits and Services as a Member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS)

This document gives the details of your Medicare health coverage from January 1 - December 31, 2026. **This is an important legal document. Keep it in a safe place.**

This document explains your benefits and rights. Use this document to understand:

- Our plan premium and cost sharing
- Our medical benefits
- How to file a complaint if you're not satisfied with a service or treatment
- How to contact us
- Other protections required by Medicare law

For questions about this document, call Customer Care 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week from Oct. 1 - Mar. 31 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday - Friday from Apr. 1 - Sept. 30. This call is free.

This plan, Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS), is offered by Humana Insurance Company. (When this *Evidence of Coverage* says "we," "us," or "our," it means Humana Insurance Company. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS).)

This document is available for free in Spanish. This information is available in a different format, including Braille, large print, and audio. Please call Customer Care at the number listed above if you need plan information in another format.

Benefits, premiums, deductibles, and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1, 2027.

Our pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You'll get notice about any changes that may affect you at least 30 days in advance.

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CHAPTER 1:
Get started as a member

SECTION 1 You're a member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS)

Section 1.1 You are enrolled in Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS), which is a Medicare Private Fee-for-Service Plan

You're covered by Medicare, and you chose to get your Medicare health through our plan, Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS). Our plan covers all Part A and Part B services. However, cost sharing and provider access in this plan are different from Original Medicare.

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) is a Medicare Advantage Private-Fee-for-Service (PFFS) Plan. This plan doesn't include Part D drug coverage. Like all Medicare health plans, this Medicare PFFS plan is approved by Medicare and run by a private company.

Section 1.2 Legal information about the *Evidence of Coverage*

This *Evidence of Coverage* is part of our contract with you about how Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) covers your care. Other parts of this contract include your enrollment form and any notices you get from us about changes to your coverage or conditions that affect your coverage. These notices are sometimes called *riders* or *amendments*.

The contract is in effect for the months you're enrolled in Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

Medicare allows us to make changes to our plans we offer each calendar year. This means we can change the costs and benefits of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) after December 31, 2026. We can also choose to stop offering the plan in your service area, after December 31, 2026.

Medicare (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) must approve Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) each year. You can continue to get Medicare coverage as a member of our plan as long as we choose to continue offering our plan and Medicare renews approval of our plan.

SECTION 2 Plan eligibility requirements

Section 2.1 Eligibility requirements

You're eligible for membership in our plan as long as you meet all these conditions:

- You have both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B.
- You live in our geographic service area (described Section 2.2 below). People who are incarcerated aren't considered to be living in the geographic service area, even if they're physically located in it.

- You're a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States.

Section 2.2 Plan service area for Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS)

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) is only available to people who live in our plan service area. To stay a member of our plan, you must continue to live in our service area. The service area is described below.

Our service area includes the following county/counties in Virginia: Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Brunswick, Buckingham, Carroll, Chesapeake City, Chesterfield, Craig, Emporia City, Essex, Floyd, Galax City, Giles, Gloucester, Goochland, Greensville, Hampton City, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, Lancaster, Middlesex, Newport News City, Norfolk City, Northumberland, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Petersburg City, Portsmouth City, Powhatan, Radford City, Richmond, Richmond City, Roanoke, Roanoke City, Salem City, Southampton, Suffolk City, Virginia Beach City, Williamsburg City, York Counties, VA.

If you move out of our plan's service area, you can't stay a member of this plan. Call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) to see if we have a plan in your new area. When you move, you'll have a Special Enrollment Period to either switch to Original Medicare or enroll in a Medicare health or drug plan in your new location.

If you move or change your mailing address, it's also important to call Social Security. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users call 1-800-325-0778).

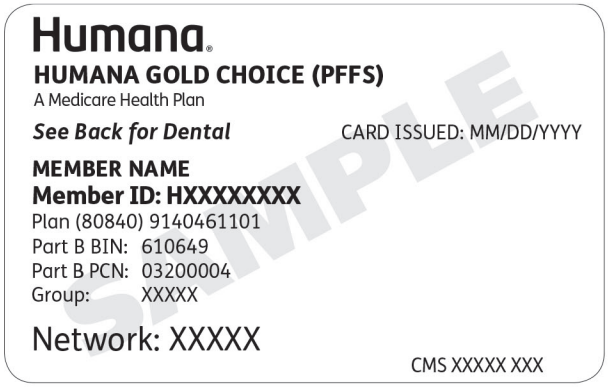
Section 2.3 U.S. citizen or lawful presence

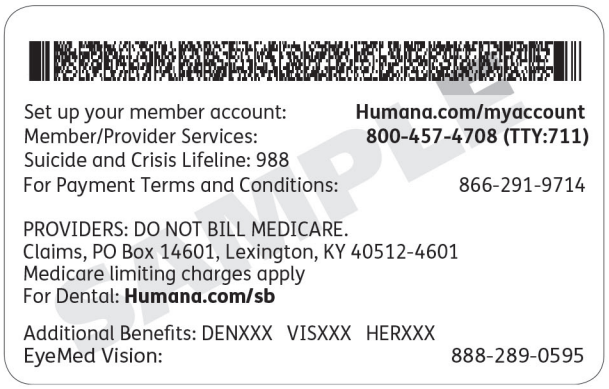
You must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully present in the United States to be a member of a Medicare health plan. Medicare (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) will notify Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) if you're not eligible to stay a member of our plan on this basis. Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) must disenroll you if you don't meet this requirement.

SECTION 3 Important membership materials

Section 3.1 Our plan membership card

Use your membership card whenever you get services covered by our plan. You should also show the provider your Medicaid card, if you have one. Sample membership card:





DON'T use your red, white, and blue Medicare card for covered medical services while you're a member of this plan. If you use your Medicare card instead of your Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) membership card, you may have to pay the full cost of medical services yourself. Keep your Medicare card in a safe place. You may be asked to show it if you need hospital services, hospice services, or participate in Medicare-approved clinical research studies (also called clinical trials).

If our plan membership card is damaged, lost, or stolen, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) right away and we'll send you a new card.

Section 3.2 Provider Directory

The *Provider Directory* (**Humana.com/PlanDocuments**) lists our current network providers and durable medical equipment suppliers.

Network providers are the doctors and other health care professionals, medical groups, durable medical equipment suppliers, hospitals, and other health care facilities we have agreements with to deliver covered services to members in our plan. These providers have already agreed to see members of our plan. See Chapter 3, Section 1.2 for information about the rules for getting your covered services under our plan.

We have network providers for all services covered under Original Medicare. You can still get covered services from out-of-network providers (those who do not have an agreement with our plan), as long as those providers agree to accept our plan's terms and conditions of payment, as described in Chapter 3, Section 1.2.

There are several reasons why it is important for you to know whether our plan uses a network and if so, which providers are part of the plan's network:

- A network provider must furnish you care while an out-of-network provider has the right to refuse to treat you.
- A network provider will charge less cost-sharing than an out-of-network provider. The amount of cost-sharing you pay a provider who is not one of our network providers may be more than the cost-sharing you pay a network provider. In the plan's Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 of this document, we indicate the services for which the cost-sharing amount differs between network providers and out-of-network providers.
- Our plan will pay for all services that you receive from a network provider (including services you receive from an out-of-network provider when you are directed to see that provider by the plan or a network provider). If you decide to see an out-of-network provider who accepts our plan's terms and conditions of payment on your own, you and the provider have the right to request a written coverage decision from us before you get the service in order to confirm that the service is medically necessary and a covered service, and therefore, will be paid for by our plan. Chapter 7 has more information about what to do if you want a coverage decision from us or want to appeal a decision we have already made.
- In our plan's network, we must provide a sufficient number and range of providers to meet your needs.

If you don't have a *Provider Directory*, you can ask for a copy (electronically or in hardcopy form) from Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). Requested paper *Provider Directories* will be mailed to you within 3 business days. You can also find this information on our website at **Humana.com/PlanDocuments.** The website can give you the most up-to-date information about changes in our network providers.

SECTION 4 Summary of Important Costs for 2026

	Your Costs in 2026	
	In-Network	**Out-of-Network**
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium can be higher than this amount. Please continue to review section 4 for details.	**$0**	
Deductible	Not Applicable	**$150**
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you'll pay out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services. (Go to Chapter 4 Section 1 for details.)	**$5,900** combined in-network and out-of-network	**$5,900** combined in-network and out-of-network
Primary care office visits	**$0** copayment per visit	**$0** copayment per visit
Specialist office visits	**$30** copayment per visit	**$30** copayment per visit
Inpatient hospital stays	**$345** copayment per day for days 1 – 7 **$0** copayment per day for days 8 – 90	**$345** copayment per day for days 1 – 7 **$0** copayment per day for days 8 – 90

Your costs may include the following:
- Plan Premium (Section 4.1)
- Monthly Medicare Part B Premium (Section 4.2)

Section 4.1 Plan Premium

You don't pay a separate monthly plan premium for Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS).

Section 4.2 Monthly Medicare Part B Premium

Many members are required to pay other Medicare premiums

You must continue paying your Medicare premiums to remain a member of our plan. This includes your premium for Part B. You may also pay a premium for Part A if you aren't eligible for premium-free Part A.

SECTION 5 More information about your monthly plan premium

Section 5.1 Our monthly plan premium won't change during the year

We're not allowed to change our plan's monthly plan premium during the year. If the monthly plan premium changes for next year, we'll tell you in September and the new premium will take effect on January 1.

SECTION 6 Keep our plan membership record up to date

Your membership record has information from your enrollment form, including your address and phone number. It shows your specific plan coverage.

The doctors, hospitals, and other providers in our plan's network **use your membership record to know what services are covered and your cost-sharing amounts**. Because of this, it's very important you help to keep your information up to date.

If you have any of these changes, let us know:

- Changes to your name, address, or phone number
- Changes in any other health coverage you have (such as from your employer, your spouse or domestic partner's employer, workers' compensation, or Medicaid)
- Any liability claims, such as claims from an automobile accident
- If you're admitted to a nursing home
- If you get care in an out-of-area or out-of-network hospital or emergency room
- If your designated responsible party (such as a caregiver) changes
- If you participate in a clinical research study (**Note:** You're not required to tell our plan about clinical research studies you intend to participate in, but we encourage you to do so)

If any of this information changes, please let us know by calling Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).

It's also important to contact Social Security if you move or change your mailing address. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users call 711).

SECTION 7 How other insurance works with our plan

Medicare requires us to collect information about any other medical or drug coverage you have so we can coordinate any other coverage with your benefits under our plan. This is called **Coordination of Benefits**.

Once a year, we'll send you a letter that lists any other medical or drug coverage we know about. Read over this information carefully. If it's correct, you don't need to do anything. If the information isn't correct, or if you have other coverage that's not listed, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). You may need to give

our plan member ID number to your other insurers (once you confirm their identity) so your bills are paid correctly and on time.

When you have other insurance (like employer group health coverage), Medicare rules decide whether our plan or your other insurance pays first. The insurance that pays first ("the primary payer") pays up to the limits of its coverage. The insurance that pays second, ("secondary payer") only pays if there are costs left uncovered by the primary coverage. The secondary payer may not pay the uncovered costs. If you have other insurance, tell your doctor, hospital, and pharmacy.

These rules apply for employer or union group health plan coverage:

- If you have retiree coverage, Medicare pays first.
- If your group health plan coverage is based on your or a family member's current employment, who pays first depends on your age, the number of people employed by your employer, and whether you have Medicare based on age, disability, or End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):
  - If you're under 65 and disabled and you (or your family member) are still working, your group health plan pays first if the employer has 100 or more employees or at least one employer in a multiple employer plan has more than 100 employees.
  - If you're over 65 and you (or your spouse or domestic partner) are still working, your group health plan pays first if the employer has 20 or more employees or at least one employer in a multiple employer plan has more than 20 employees.
- If you have Medicare because of ESRD, your group health plan will pay first for the first 30 months after you become eligible for Medicare.

These types of coverage usually pay first for services related to each type:

- No-fault insurance (including automobile insurance)
- Liability (including automobile insurance)
- Black lung benefits
- Workers' compensation

Medicaid and TRICARE never pay first for Medicare-covered services. They only pay after Medicare, employer group health plans, and/or Medigap have paid.

CHAPTER 2:
Phone numbers and resources

SECTION 1 Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) contacts

For help with claims, billing, or member card questions, call or write to Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) Customer Care 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). We'll be happy to help you.

Customer Care – Contact Information	
Call	800-457-4708 Calls to this number are free. You can call us seven days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm. However, please note that our automated phone system may answer your call during weekends and holidays from April 1 to September 30. Customer Care (TTY users call 711) also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Hours of operation are the same as above.
Fax	877-837-7741
Write	Humana P.O. Box 14168 Lexington, KY 40512-4168
Website	**Humana.com/customer-support** Live chat available through **Humana.com**, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

How to ask for a coverage decision or appeal about your medical care

A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we'll pay for your medical services. An appeal is a formal way of asking us to review and change a coverage decision. For more information on how to ask for coverage decisions or appeals about your medical care, go to Chapter 7.

Coverage Decisions for Medical Care – Contact Information	
Call	800-457-4708 Calls to this number are free. You can call us seven days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm. However, please note that our automated phone system may answer your call during weekends and holidays from April 1 to September 30. For fast (expedited) coverage decisions, call 1-866-737-5113.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Hours of operation are the same as above.
Fax	888-200-7440 for expedited coverage decisions only
Write	Humana P.O. Box 14168 Lexington, KY 40512-4168
Website	**Humana.com/medicare-support/member-guidelines/exceptions-and-appeals** Live chat available through **Humana.com**, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

Method	Appeals For Medical Care – Contact Information
Call	800-457-4708 Calls to this number are free. You can call us seven days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm. For expedited appeals please call 1-800-867-6601.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Hours of operation are the same as above.
Fax	888-556-2128
Write	Humana Grievances and Appeals Dept. P.O. Box 14165 Lexington, KY 40512-4165
Website	**Humana.com/denial** Live chat available through **Humana.com**, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

How to make a complaint about your medical care

You can make a complaint about us or one of our network providers, including a complaint about the quality of your care. This type of complaint doesn't involve coverage or payment disputes. For more information on how to make a complaint about your medical care, go to Chapter 7.

Complaints about Medical Care – Contact Information	
Call	800-457-4708 Calls to this number are free. You can call us seven days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm. For expedited grievances please call 1-800-867-6601.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Hours of operation are the same as above.
Fax	877-889-9934
Write	Humana Grievances and Appeals Dept. P.O. Box 14165 Lexington, KY 40512-4165
Medicare Website	To submit a complaint about Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) directly to Medicare, go to www.Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint.

How to ask us to pay our share of the cost for medical care you got

If you got a bill or paid for services (like a provider bill) you think we should pay for, you may need to ask us for reimbursement or to pay the provider bill. Go to Chapter 5 for more information.

If you send us a payment request and we deny any part of your request, you can appeal our decision. Go to Chapter 7 for more information.

Payment Requests – Contact Information	
Call	800-457-4708 Calls to this number are free. You can call us seven days a week, from 8 am to 8 pm. However, please note that our automated phone system may answer your call during weekends and holidays from April 1 to September 30.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Hours of operation are the same as above.

Payment Requests – Contact Information	
Write	Humana P.O. Box 14168 Lexington, KY 40512-4168
Website	**Humana.com** Live chat available through **Humana.com**, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

SECTION 2 Get help from Medicare

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

The federal agency in charge of Medicare is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This agency contracts with Medicare Advantage organizations including our plan.

Medicare – Contact Information	
Call	800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) Calls to this number are free. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
TTY	877-486-2048 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free.
Chat Live	Chat live at www.Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone.
Write	Write to Medicare at PO Box 1270, Lawrence, KS 66044

Medicare – Contact Information	
Website	www.Medicare.gov • Get information about the Medicare health and drug plans in your area, including what they cost and what services they provide. • Find Medicare-participating doctors or other health care providers and suppliers. • Find out what Medicare covers, including preventive services (like screenings, shots or vaccines, and yearly "Wellness" visits). • Get Medicare appeals information and forms. • Get information about the quality of care provided by plans, nursing homes, hospitals, doctors, home health agencies, dialysis facilities, hospice centers, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals. • Look up helpful websites and phone numbers. You can also visit Medicare.gov to tell Medicare about any complaints you have about Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS). **To submit a complaint to Medicare,** go to www.Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint. Medicare takes your complaints seriously and will use this information to help improve the quality of the Medicare program.

SECTION 3 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state that offers free help, information, and answers to your Medicare questions. Contact information for your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can be found in "Exhibit A" in the back of this document.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent state program (not connected with any insurance company or health plan) that gets money from the Federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

SHIP counselors can help you understand your Medicare rights, help you make complaints about your medical care or treatment, and straighten out problems with your Medicare bills. SHIP counselors can also help you with Medicare questions or problems, help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans.

SECTION 4 Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)

A designated Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) serves people with Medicare in each state. Contact information for your state Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) can be found in "Exhibit A" in the back of this document.

The Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) has a group of doctors and other health care professionals paid by Medicare to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. The QIO is an independent organization. It's not connected with our plan.

Contact your QIO in any of these situations:

- You have a complaint about the quality of care you got. Examples of quality-of-care concerns include getting the wrong medication, unnecessary tests or procedures, or a misdiagnosis.
- You think coverage for your hospital stay is ending too soon.
- You think coverage for your home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services is ending too soon.

SECTION 5 Social Security

Social Security determines Medicare eligibility and handles Medicare enrollment.

If you move or change your mailing address, contact Social Security to let them know.

Social Security – Contact Information	
Call	800-772-1213 Calls to this number are free. Available 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Use Social Security's automated telephone services to get recorded information and conduct some business 24 hours a day.
TTY	800-325-0778 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Available 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.
Website	www.SSA.gov

SECTION 6 Medicaid

Medicaid is a joint federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people with limited incomes and resources. Some people with Medicare are also eligible for Medicaid. Medicaid offers programs to help people with Medicare pay their Medicare costs, such as their Medicare premiums. These **Medicare Savings Programs** include:

- **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB):** Helps pay Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, and other cost sharing (like deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments). (Some people with QMB are also eligible for full Medicaid benefits (QMB+).)
- **Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB):** Helps pay Part B premiums. (Some people with SLMB are also eligible for full Medicaid benefits (SLMB+).)

- **Qualifying Individual (QI):** Helps pay Part B premiums.
- **Qualified Disabled & Working Individuals (QDWI):** Helps pay Part A premiums.

To find out more about Medicaid and Medicare Savings Programs, contact your state Medicaid office. Contact information for your state Medicaid Office can be found in "Exhibit A" in the back of this document.

What is the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)? What if you have coverage from an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)?

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also on the ADAP formulary qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the ADAP operating in your State.

Note: To be eligible for the ADAP in your state, people must meet certain criteria, including proof of state residence and HIV status, low income (as defined by the state), and uninsured/under-insured status. If you change plans, notify your local ADAP enrollment worker so you can continue to get help. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, call the ADAP operating in your State. Contact information for your AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) can be found in “Exhibit A” in the back of this document.

SECTION 7 Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)

The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is an independent federal agency that administers comprehensive benefit programs for the nation’s railroad workers and their families. If you get Medicare through the Railroad Retirement Board, let them know if you move or change your mailing address. For questions about your benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, contact the agency.

Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) – Contact Information	
Call	1-877-772-5772 Calls to this number are free. Press “0” to speak with an RRB representative from 9 am to 3:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 9 am to 12 pm on Wednesday. Press “1” to access the automated RRB HelpLine and get recorded information 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays.
TTY	1-312-751-4701 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number aren't free.
Website	https://RRB.gov

SECTION 8 If you have group insurance or other health insurance from an employer

If you (or your spouse or domestic partner) get benefits from your (or your spouse or domestic partner's) employer or retiree group as part of this plan, call the employer/union benefits administrator or Customer Care 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) with any questions. You can ask about your (or your spouse or domestic partner's) employer or retiree health benefits, premiums, or the enrollment period. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) with questions about your Medicare coverage under this plan. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

CHAPTER 3:
Using our plan for your medical services

SECTION 1 How to get medical care as a member of our plan

This chapter explains what you need to know about using our plan to get medical care coverage.

For details on what medical care our plan covers and how much you pay when you get care, go to the Medical Benefits Chart in, Chapter 4.

Section 1.1 Network providers and covered services

- **Providers** are doctors and other health care professionals licensed by the state to provide medical services and care. The term providers also includes hospitals and other health care facilities.
- **Network providers** are the doctors and other health care professionals, medical groups, hospitals, and other health care facilities that have an agreement with us to accept our payment and your cost-sharing amount as payment in full. We arranged for these providers to deliver covered services to members in our plan. The providers in our network bill us directly for care they give you. When you see a network provider, you pay only your share of the cost for their services. Section 1.2 describes the rules for getting covered services using our network providers.
- **Covered services** include all the medical care, health care services, supplies, and equipment that are covered by our plan. Your covered services for medical care are listed in the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4.

Section 1.2 Basic rules for medical care to be covered by our plan

As a Medicare health plan, Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) must cover all services covered by Original Medicare and follow Original Medicare's coverage rules.

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) will generally cover your medical care as long as:

- **The care you get is included in our plan's Medical Benefits Chart** in Chapter 4.
- **The care you get is considered medically necessary.** Medically necessary means that the services, supplies, equipment, or drugs are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.
- **You get your care from a provider in the United States who (1) agrees to accept our plan's terms and conditions of payment prior to providing services to you and (2) is eligible to provide services under Original Medicare** or eligible to be paid by Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) for benefits that aren't covered under Original Medicare.

You're in a full network PFFS plan

- We have a network of providers (that is, providers who have agreements with our plan) for all services covered under Original Medicare. These providers have already agreed to see members of our plan.
- You can still receive covered services from out-of-network providers (those who don't have an agreement with our plan), as long as those providers agree to accept our plan's terms and conditions of payment, as described earlier in this section.
- If your provider is not one of our network providers, then the provider is not required to accept the plan's terms and conditions of payment and they may choose not to provide health care services to you, except in emergencies. If this happens, you'll need to find another provider who will accept our terms and conditions of payment.
- Providers can find the plan's terms and conditions of payment on our website at: **https://www.humana.com/medicare/medicare-advantage-plans/humana-choice-pffs**
- A provider is considered to have agreed to accept the terms and conditions of payment if the provider was aware that you're a member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) before providing services to you (for example: if you showed them our plan membership card); the provider had reasonable access to our terms and conditions of payment; and the provider provided covered services to you. The provider doesn't have to actually read the terms and conditions of payment - if the provider had the opportunity to read them and treats you, the law deems this provider to have agreed to accept our plan's terms and conditions of payment for that specific visit.
  - > You must show our plan membership card every time you visit a provider. A provider can decide at every visit whether to accept our plan’s terms and conditions and thus treat you. After accepting the terms and conditions of payment, a provider can’t change their mind and charge you more than our plan cost sharing.
- If you need emergency care, it's covered whether a provider agrees to accept the plan's payment terms or not.
- Our plan has agreements with some providers to deliver covered services to members in our plan. These providers are our network providers. If you don't have your copy of the *Provider Directory*, you can request a copy from Customer Care.
- We have network providers for all services covered under Original Medicare as well as other services not covered by Original Medicare. You can still receive covered services from out-of-network providers (those who don't have a signed contract with our plan), as long as those providers agree to accept our plan's terms and conditions of payment, as described earlier in this section.

- **You're required to pay only the copayment or coinsurance amount allowed by our plan at the time of the visit.** You should ask the provider to bill our plan for your covered services. If a provider asks you to pay the full amount of the services, then send the bill or a copy of the bill to us to pay you back, remind the provider that you're only responsible for the cost-sharing amount. If the provider wants further information on payment for covered services, have the provider contact us at 1-866-777-1569, TTY 1-800-833-3302. Humana, P. O. Box 14168, Lexington, KY 40512-4168.
- Our plan will pay for all services that you get from a network provider (including services you get from an out-of-network provider when you’re directed to see that provider by the plan or a network provider). If you decide to see an out-of-network provider who accepts our plan’s terms and conditions of payment on your own, you and the provider have the right to ask for a written coverage decision from us before you get the service in order to confirm that the service is medically necessary and a covered service, and therefore, will

be paid for by our plan. Chapter 7 has more information about what to do if you want a coverage decision from us or want to appeal a decision we have already made.

- Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) doesn't require you or your providers to get prior authorization or a referral from our plan as a condition for covering medically necessary services. If you have any questions about whether we'll pay for any medical service or care that you're considering, ask us whether we'll cover it before you get it.

SECTION 2 Use network and out-of-network providers to get medical care

Section 2.1 How to get care from network providers

We encourage you to select a doctor to act as your Primary Care Provider (PCP). A PCP can focus on your needs and coordinate your care with other providers when needed. Your PCP can check or consult with other network providers about your care and how it's going.

We list providers who participate with our plan in our *Provider Directory*. While you're a member of our plan, you can use either network providers or out-of-network providers. However, your out-of-pocket costs may be higher with out-of-network providers, except for emergency care or out-of-network dialysis services. See Chapter 4 (*Medical Benefits Chart, what is covered and what you pay*) for details on your costs.

You don't need to get a referral or prior authorization when you get care for covered services. However, before getting services, you may want to confirm with us that we cover the services and that they're medically necessary.

If an out-of-network provider sends you a bill you think we should pay, refer to Chapter 5 (*Asking the plan to pay its share of a bill you have received for covered services*). This explains how to ask us to pay that bill for you. We'll pay your doctor for our share of the bill and will let you know what, if anything, you must pay. You won't have to pay an out-of-network provider more than if you had been covered with Original Medicare.

It's best to ask an out-of-network provider to bill us first. But if you've already paid for the covered services, we'll pay you for our share of the cost. (Please note that we can't pay a provider who has opted out of the Medicare program. Check with your provider before receiving services to confirm they haven't opted out of Medicare.) If we later determine the services aren't covered or weren't medically necessary, we may deny coverage. If this happens, you'll have to pay the entire cost.

When a specialist or another network provider leaves our plan

We may make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) that are part of our plan during the year. If your doctor or specialist leaves our plan, you have certain rights and protections:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, Medicare requires that you have uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We'll notify you that your provider is leaving our plan, so you have time to select a new provider.
  - If your primary care or behavioral health provider leaves our plan, we'll notify you if you visited that provider within the past 3 years.
  - If any of your other providers leave our plan, we'll notify you if you're assigned to the provider, currently get care from them, or have seen them within the past 3 months.

- We'll assist you in selecting a new qualified in-network provider you may access for continued care.
- If you're currently undergoing medical treatment or therapies with your current provider, you have the right to ask for, and we'll work to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment or therapies you're getting continues.
- We'll provide you with information about the different enrollment periods available to you and options you may have for changing plans.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving our plan, contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.
- 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 a quality-of-care complaint to the QIO, a quality-of-care grievance to our plan, or both. Go to Chapter 7.

Contact Customer Care at 800-457-4708, TTY 711 for assistance with selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.

SECTION 3 How to get covered services when you have an emergency or urgent need for care or during a disaster

Section 3.1 Get care if you have a medical emergency

A **medical emergency** is when you believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent your loss of life (and if you're a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb or function of a limb, or loss of or serious impairment to a bodily function. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.

If you have a medical emergency:

- **Get help as quickly as possible.** Call 911 for help or go to the nearest emergency room or hospital. Call for an ambulance if you need it. You don't need to get approval from our plan. You don't need to use a network doctor. You can get covered emergency medical care whenever you need it, anywhere in the United States or its territories, and from any provider with an appropriate state license even if they're not part of our network.
- **As soon as possible, make sure our plan has been told about your emergency.** We need to follow up on your emergency care. You or someone else should call to tell us about your emergency care, usually within 48 hours. Call Customer Care using the phone number printed on the back cover of this document.

Covered services in a medical emergency

Our plan covers ambulance services in situations where getting to the emergency room in any other way could endanger your health. We also cover medical services during the emergency.

The doctors giving you emergency care will decide when your condition is stable, and when the medical emergency is over.

After the emergency is over, you're entitled to follow-up care to be sure your condition continues to be stable. Your doctors will continue to treat you until your doctors contact us and make plans for additional care. Your follow-up care will be covered by our plan.

What if it wasn't a medical emergency?

Sometimes it can be hard to know if you have a medical emergency. For example, you might go in for emergency care–thinking that your health is in serious danger–and the doctor may say that it wasn't a medical emergency after all. If it turns out that it wasn't an emergency, as long as you reasonably thought your health was in serious danger, we'll cover your care.

Section 3.2 Get care when you have an urgent need for services

A service that requires immediate medical attention (but isn't an emergency) is an urgently needed service if you're either temporarily outside our plan's service area, or it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network providers. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries, or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. However, medically necessary routine provider visits such as annual checkups aren't considered urgently needed even if you're outside our plan's service area or our plan network is temporarily unavailable. Urgently needed services may be furnished by network providers or by out of-network providers when network providers are temporarily unavailable or inaccessible.

What providers should you use when you have an urgent need for care?

Our plan covers urgently needed services you get from a network provider or from any out-of-network provider willing to furnish services as a deemed provider.

What if you're in the plan's service area when you have an urgent need for services?

The plan's *Provider Directory* will tell you which facilities in your area are in-network. This information can also be found online at **Humana.com/findadoctor**. For any other questions regarding urgently needed services, please contact Customer Care.

What if you're outside the plan's service area when you have an urgent need for care?

When you're outside the service area and cannot get care from a network provider, our plan will cover urgently needed services that you get from any provider. Our plan does not cover urgently needed services or any other non-emergency care if you receive the care outside of the United States.

Our plan covers worldwide emergency and urgent care services outside of the United States under the following circumstances. If you have an emergency or an urgent need for care outside of the U.S. and its territories, you'll be responsible to pay for those services upfront and request reimbursement from us. We'll reimburse you for covered out-of-network emergency and urgent care services outside of the U.S. and its territories. However, the reimbursement rates will be no greater than the rates at which Original Medicare would pay for such services had the services been performed in the United States in the locality where you reside. The amount we pay you, if any, will be reduced by any applicable cost-sharing. Because we'll reimburse at rates no greater than the rates at which Original Medicare would reimburse, and because foreign providers might charge more for services than the rates at which Original Medicare would pay, the total of our reimbursement plus the applicable cost-sharing may be less than the amounts you pay the foreign provider. This is a supplemental benefit not generally covered by Medicare. You must submit proof of payment to Humana for reimbursement. See Chapter 4 *(Medical Benefits Chart, what is covered and what you pay)* for more information. If you have already paid for the covered services, we'll reimburse you for our share of the cost for covered services. You can send the bill with medical records to us for payment

consideration. See Chapter 5 *(Asking us to pay our share of a bill you have received for covered medical services)* for information about what to do if you receive a bill or if you need to ask for reimbursement. Transportation back to the United States from another country is NOT covered. Pre-scheduled, pre-planned treatments (including treatment for an ongoing condition) and/or elective procedures are NOT covered.

Section 3.3 Get care during a disaster

If the Governor of your state, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the President of the United States declares a state of disaster or emergency in your geographic area, you're still entitled to care from our plan.

Visit: **Humana.com/alert** for information on how to get needed care during a disaster.

If you can't use a network provider during a disaster, our plan will allow you to get care from out-of-network providers at in-network cost sharing.

SECTION 4 What if you're billed directly for the full cost of covered services?

If you paid more than our plan cost sharing for covered services, or if you get a bill for the full cost of covered medical services, you can ask us to pay our share of the cost of covered services. Go to Chapter 5 for information about what to do.

Section 4.2 If services aren't covered by our plan, you must pay the full cost

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) covers all medically necessary services as listed in the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4. If you get services that aren't covered by our plan or you get services out of network without authorization, you're responsible for paying the full cost of services.

Our plan will pay for all services that you get from a network provider (including services you get from an out-of-network provider when you're directed to see that provider by our plan or a network provider). If you decide to see an out-of-network provider who accepts our plan's terms and conditions of payment on your own, you and the provider have the right to ask for a written coverage decision from us before you get the service in order to confirm that the service is medically necessary and a covered service, and therefore, will be paid for by our plan.

If we say we won't cover your services, you have the right to appeal our decision not to cover your care.

Chapter 7 has more information about what to do if you want a coverage decision from us or want to appeal a decision we've already made.

For covered services that have a benefit limitation, you also pay the full cost of any services you get after you use up your benefit for that type of covered service. Paying for costs once a benefit limit has been reached will **not** count toward your out-of-pocket maximum. You can call Customer Care when you want to know how much of your benefit limit you have already used.

SECTION 5 Medical services in a clinical research study

Section 5.1 What is a clinical research study

A clinical research study (also called a *clinical trial*) is a way that doctors and scientists test new types of medical care, like how well a new cancer drug works. Certain clinical research studies are approved by Medicare. Clinical research studies approved by Medicare typically ask for volunteers to participate in the study. When you're in a clinical research study, you can stay enrolled in our plan and continue to get the rest of your care (care that's not related to the study) through our plan.

If you participate in a Medicare-approved study, Original Medicare pays most of the costs for covered services you get as part of the study. If you tell us you're in a qualified clinical trial, you're only responsible for the in-network cost sharing for the services in that trial. If you paid more—for example, if you already paid the Original Medicare cost-sharing amount, we'll reimburse the difference between what you paid and the in-network cost sharing. You'll need to provide documentation to show us how much you paid.

If you want to participate in any Medicare-approved clinical research study, you don't need to tell us or get approval from us or your PCP. The providers that deliver your care as part of the clinical research study don't need to be part of our plan's network (This doesn't apply to covered that require a clinical trial or registry to assess the benefit, including certain benefits requiring coverage with evidence development (NCDs-CED) and investigational device exemption (IDE) studies. These benefits may also be subject to prior authorization and other plan rules.)

While you don't need our plan's permission to be in a clinical research study, we encourage you to notify us in advance when you choose to participate in Medicare-qualified clinical trials.

If you participate in a study not approved by Medicare or our plan, you'll be responsible for paying all costs for your participation in the study.

Section 5.2 Who pays for services in a clinical research study

Once you join a Medicare-approved clinical research study, Original Medicare covers the routine items and services you get as part of the study, including:

- Room and board for a hospital stay that Medicare would pay for even if you weren't in a study.
- An operation or other medical procedure if it's part of the research study.
- Treatment of side effects and complications of the new care.

After Medicare pays its share of the cost for these services, our plan will pay the difference between the cost sharing in Original Medicare and your in-network cost sharing as a member of our plan. This means you'll pay the same amount for services you get as part of the study as you would if you got these services from our plan. However, you must submit documentation showing how much cost sharing you paid. Go to Chapter 7 for more information for submitting requests for payments.

Example of cost sharing in a clinical trial: Let's say you have a lab test that costs $100 as part of the research study. Your share of the costs for this test is $20 under Original Medicare, but the test would be $10 under our plan. In this case, Original Medicare would pay $80 for the test, and you would pay the $20 copay required under Original Medicare. You would notify our plan that you got a qualified clinical trial service and submit

documentation (like a provider bill) to our plan. Our plan would then directly pay you $10. This makes your net payment for the test $10, the same amount you'd pay under our plan's benefits.

When you're in a clinical research study, **neither Medicare nor our plan will pay for any of the following:**

- Generally, Medicare won't pay for the new item or service the study is testing unless Medicare would cover the item or service even if you weren't in a study.
- Items or services provided only to collect data, and not used in your direct health care. For example, Medicare won't pay for monthly CT scans done as part of a study if your medical condition would normally require only one CT scan.
- Items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for people in the trial.

Get more information about joining a clinical research study

Get more information about joining a clinical research study in the Medicare publication *Medicare and Clinical Research Studies*, available at www.Medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2019-09/02226-medicare-and-clinical-research-studies.pdf.) You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 6 Rules for getting care in a religious non-medical health care institution

Section 6.1 A religious non-medical health care institution

A religious non-medical health care institution is a facility that provides care for a condition that would ordinarily be treated in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. If getting care in a hospital or a skilled nursing facility is against a member's religious beliefs, we'll instead cover care in a religious non-medical health care institution. This benefit is provided only for Part A inpatient services (non-medical health care services).

Section 6.2 How to get care from a religious non-medical health care institution

To get care from a religious non-medical health care institution, you must sign a legal document that says you're conscientiously opposed to getting medical treatment that is **non-excepted**.

- **Non-excepted** medical care or treatment is any medical care or treatment that's *voluntary* and *not required* by any federal, state, or local law.
- **Excepted** medical treatment is medical care or treatment you get that's *not* voluntary or *is required* under federal, state, or local law.

To be covered by our plan, the care you get from a religious non-medical health care institution must meet the following conditions:

- The facility providing the care must be certified by Medicare.
- Our plan only covers non-religious aspects of care.
- If you get services from this institution provided to you in a facility, the following conditions apply:

- You must have a medical condition that would allow you to get covered services for inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing facility care.
- *and* – you must get approval in advance from our plan before you're admitted to the facility, or your stay won't be covered.

Medicare Inpatient Hospital coverage limits apply (please refer to the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4).

SECTION 7 Rules for ownership of durable medical equipment

Section 7.1 You won't own some durable medical equipment after making a certain number of payments under our plan

Durable medical equipment (DME) includes items like oxygen equipment and supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, powered mattress systems, crutches, diabetic supplies, speech generating devices, IV infusion pumps, nebulizers, and hospital beds ordered by a provider for some members to use in the home. The member always owns some DME items, like prosthetics. Other types of DME you must rent.

In Original Medicare, people who rent certain types of DME own the equipment after paying copayments for the item for 13 months. **As a member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS), you usually won't get ownership of rented DME items no matter how many copayments you make for the item while a member of our plan.** You won't get ownership even if you made up to 12 consecutive payments for the DME item under Original Medicare before you joined our plan. Under some limited circumstances we'll transfer ownership of the DME item to you. Call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) for more information.

What happens to payments you made for durable medical equipment if you switch to Original Medicare?

If you didn't get ownership of the DME item while in our plan, you'll have to make 13 new consecutive payments after you switch to Original Medicare to own the DME item. The payments you made while enrolled in our plan don't count towards these 13 payments.

Example 1: You made 12 or fewer consecutive payments for the item in Original Medicare and then joined our plan. The payments you made in Original Medicare don't count. You'll have to make 13 payments to our plan before owning the item.
Example 2: You made 12 or fewer consecutive payments for the item in Original Medicare and then joined our plan. You didn't get ownership of the item while in our plan. You then go back to Original Medicare. You'll have to make 13 consecutive new payments to own the item once you rejoin Original Medicare. Any payments you already made (whether to our plan or to Original Medicare) don't count.

Section 7.2 Rules for oxygen equipment, supplies, and maintenance

If you qualify for Medicare oxygen equipment coverage Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) will cover:

- Rental of oxygen equipment
- Delivery of oxygen and oxygen contents
- Tubing and related oxygen accessories for the delivery of oxygen and oxygen contents
- Maintenance and repairs of oxygen equipment

If you leave Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) or no longer medically require oxygen equipment, the oxygen equipment must be returned to the owner.

What happens if you leave our plan and return to Original Medicare?

Original Medicare requires an oxygen supplier to provide you services for 5 years. During the first 36, months you rent the equipment. For the remaining 24 months, the supplier provides the equipment and maintenance (you're still responsible for the copayment for oxygen). After 5 years, you can choose to stay with the same company or go to another company. At this point, the 5-year cycle starts over again, even if you stay with the same company, and you're again required to pay copayments for the first 36 months. If you join or leave our plan, the 5-year cycle starts over.

CHAPTER 4: Medical Benefits Chart (what's covered and what you pay)

SECTION 1 Understanding your out-of-pocket costs for covered services

This Medical Benefits Chart lists your covered services and shows how much you pay for each covered service as a member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS). This section also gives information about medical services that aren't covered. Also, see exclusions and limitations pertaining to certain supplemental benefits in the Medical Benefits Chart in this chapter.

Section 1.1 Out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered services

Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered services include:

- **Deductible:** the amount you must pay for medical services before our plan begins to pay its share. (Section 1.2 tells you more about our plan deductible.)
- **Copayment:** the fixed amount you pay each time you get certain medical services. You pay a copayment at the time you get the medical service. (The Medical Benefits Chart tells you more about your copayments.)
- **Coinsurance:** the percentage you pay of the total cost of certain medical services. You pay a coinsurance at the time you get the medical service. (The Medical Benefits Chart tells you more about your coinsurance.)
- **Balance billing** is when providers, like doctors or hospitals, charge and bill you up to 15% more than our plan's payment amount for services. The *balance billing* amount is collected in addition to your regular plan cost-sharing amount. Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) doesn't allow providers who provide plan-covered services to balance bill members of our plan. (For more information, go to Section 1.4 of this chapter.)

Most people who qualify for Medicaid or for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program don't pay deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance. If you're in one of these programs, be sure to show your proof of Medicaid or QMB eligibility to your provider.

Section 1.2 Our plan deductible

Your deductible is **$150** for out-of-network services. Until you've paid the deductible amount, you must pay the full cost of your covered services from out-of-network providers. After you pay your deductible, we'll start to pay our share of the costs for covered medical services from out-of-network providers and you'll pay your share (your copayment or coinsurance amount) for the rest of the calendar year.

The deductible doesn't apply to some services. This means that we pay our share of the costs for these services even if you haven't paid your deductible yet.

The following services listed are excluded from the out-of-network deductible:

Ambulance Services
Chemotherapy Drugs and Administration
Continuous Glucose Monitor
Diabetic Monitoring Supplies
Diagnostic Colonoscopy
Diagnostic Mammography
Durable Medical Equipment
Emergency Room Services
Medicare Covered Preventive Services
Medicare Part B Insulin Drugs
Other Medicare Part B Drugs
Outpatient Blood Services
Services not covered by Original Medicare (i.e., Supplemental Benefits)
Urgently Needed Services at Urgent Care Centers

- Supplemental benefits covered by the plan are described in the Medical Benefits Chart within this chapter, Section 2. Benefits are identified with an asterisk (*).

Section 1.3 What's the most you'll pay for Medicare Part A and Part B covered medical services?

Medicare Advantage Plans have limits on the amount you have to pay out of pocket each year for medical services covered under Medicare Part A and Part B. This limit is called the maximum out-of-pocket (MOOP) amount for medical services. **For calendar year 2026 the MOOP amount is $5,900**.

The amounts you pay for copayments and coinsurance for covered services count toward this maximum out-of-pocket amount. If you reach the maximum out-of-pocket amount of and **$5,900**, you won't have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for the rest of the year for covered Part A and Part B services. However, you must continue to pay the Medicare Part B premium (unless your Part B premium is paid for you by Medicaid or another third party).

Section 1.4 How does balance billing affect your costs?

Our plan doesn't allow balance billing. This means a provider is allowed to collect only our plan cost-sharing amounts from you and isn't allowed to charge or bill you more for services. Balance billing is prohibited by providers who provide plan-covered services to Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) members.

There is an additional type of balance billing that physicians who don't participate with Medicare and who aren't in our plan's network have a right to collect. However, you'll never have to pay this type of balance billing. The provider will collect this balance billing amount from us, and you'll only pay your cost-sharing amount. If you have any questions about how much you would have to pay a provider, please contact Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).

SECTION 2 The Medical Benefits Chart shows your medical benefits and costs

The Medical Benefits Chart on the next pages lists the services Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) covers and what you pay out of pocket for each service. The services listed in the Medical Benefits Chart are covered only when these requirements are met:

- Your Medicare-covered services must be provided according to the Medicare coverage guidelines.
- Your services (including medical care, services, supplies, equipment, and Part B drugs) *must* be medically necessary. Medically necessary means that the services, supplies, or drugs are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.
- No prior authorization, prior notification, or referral is required as a condition of coverage when medically necessary, plan-covered services are provided to our members.

Other important things to know about our coverage:

- Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers. For some of these benefits, you pay *more* in our plan than you would in Original Medicare. For others, you pay *less*. (To learn more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, go to your *Medicare & You 2026* handbook. View it online at www.Medicare.gov or ask for a copy by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048).
- For preventive services covered at no cost under Original Medicare, we also cover those services at no cost to you. However, if you're also treated or monitored for an existing medical condition during the visit when you get the preventive service, a copayment will apply for the care you got for the existing medical condition.
- If Medicare adds coverage for any new services during 2026, either Medicare or our plan will cover those services.

This apple shows preventive services in the Medical Benefits Chart.

*** This asterisk shows the supplemental benefits in the Medical Benefits Chart.**

Medical Benefits Chart	
Covered Service	**What you pay**
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening A one-time screening ultrasound for people at risk. Our plan only covers this screening if you have certain risk factors and if you get a referral for it from your physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for this preventive screening. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Radiological

Covered Service	What you pay
	Facility – Outpatient Hospital
Acupuncture for chronic low back pain Covered services include: Up to 20 visits per calendar year under the following circumstances: For the purpose of this benefit, chronic low back pain is defined as: • Lasting 12 weeks or longer; • nonspecific, in that it has no identifiable systemic cause (i.e., not associated with metastatic, inflammatory, infectious disease, etc.); • not associated with surgery; and • not associated with pregnancy. Your plan allows services to be received by a provider licensed to perform acupuncture or by providers meeting the Original Medicare provider requirements. Our plan requires prior authorization for certain items and services. The following link will take you to a list of items and services that may be subject to prior authorization: **Humana.com/PAL**.	**In-Network:** **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office
Allergy shots and serum You are covered for allergy shots and serum when medically necessary.	**In-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office
Ambulance services Covered ambulance services, whether for an emergency or non-emergency situation, include fixed wing, rotary wing, and ground ambulance services, to the nearest appropriate facility that can provide care if they're furnished to a member whose medical condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health or if authorized by our plan. If the covered ambulance services aren't for an emergency situation, it should be documented that the member's condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health and that transportation by ambulance is medically required.	**In-Network:** Emergency Ambulance **$335** copayment per date of service regardless of the number of trips – Ground Ambulance – Air Ambulance Non-Emergency Ambulance **$335** copayment per date of service regardless of the number of trips – Ground Ambulance – Air Ambulance

Covered Service	What you pay
	Out-of-Network: Emergency Ambulance **$335** copayment per date of service regardless of the number of trips – Ground Ambulance – Air Ambulance Non-Emergency Ambulance **$335** copayment per date of service regardless of the number of trips – Ground Ambulance – Air Ambulance
Annual wellness visit If you've had Part B for longer than 12 months, you can get an annual wellness visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors. This is covered once every 12 months. **Note:** Your first annual wellness visit can't take place within 12 months of your *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit. However, you don't need to have had a *Welcome to Medicare* visit to be covered for annual wellness visits after you've had Part B for 12 months.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the annual wellness visit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Bone mass measurement For qualified people (generally, this means people at risk of losing bone mass or at risk of osteoporosis), the following services are covered every 24 months or more frequently if medically necessary: procedures to identify bone mass, detect bone loss, or determine bone quality, including a physician's interpretation of the results.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for Medicare-covered bone mass measurement. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Radiological Facility – Outpatient Hospital
Breast cancer screening (mammograms) Covered services include: • One baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 and 39 • One screening mammogram every 12 months for women aged 40 and older • Clinical breast exams once every 24 months	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for covered screening mammograms. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Radiological Facility

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	– Outpatient Hospital
Cardiac rehabilitation services Comprehensive programs of cardiac rehabilitation services that include exercise, education, and counseling are covered for members who meet certain conditions with a doctor's order. Our plan also covers intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs that are typically more rigorous or more intense than cardiac rehabilitation programs.	**In-Network:** **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Cardiovascular disease risk reduction visit (therapy for cardiovascular disease) We cover one visit per year with your primary care doctor to help lower your risk for cardiovascular disease. During this visit, your doctor may discuss aspirin use (if appropriate), check your blood pressure, and give you tips to make sure you're eating healthy.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the intensive behavioral therapy cardiovascular disease preventive benefit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Cardiovascular disease screening tests Blood tests for the detection of cardiovascular disease (or abnormalities associated with an elevated risk of cardiovascular disease) once every 5 years (60 months).	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for cardiovascular disease testing that is covered once every 5 years. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Laboratory – Outpatient Hospital
Cervical and vaginal cancer screening Covered services include: • For all women: Pap tests and pelvic exams are covered once every 24 months • If you're at high risk of cervical or vaginal cancer or you're of childbearing age and have had an abnormal Pap test within the past 3 years: one Pap test every 12 months	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for Medicare-covered preventive Pap and pelvic exams. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office
Chiropractic services Covered services include:	**In-Network:** Medicare Covered Chiropractic Services

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• We cover only manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation (one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position) • Other services performed by a chiropractor are not covered	**$15** copayment – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** Medicare Covered Chiropractic Services **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office
Chronic pain management and treatment services Covered monthly services for people living with chronic pain (persistent or recurring pain lasting longer than 3 months). Services may include pain assessment, medication management, and care coordination and planning.	Cost sharing for this service will vary depending on individual services provided under the course of treatment. **In-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office
Colorectal cancer screening The following screening tests are covered: • Colonoscopy has no minimum or maximum age limitation and is covered once every 120 months (10 years) for patients not at high risk, or 48 months after a previous flexible sigmoidoscopy for patients who aren't at high risk for colorectal cancer, and once every 24 months for high-risk patients after a previous screening colonoscopy. • Computed tomography colonography for patients 45 year and older who are not at high risk of colorectal cancer and is covered when at least 59 months have passed following the month in which the last screening computed tomography colonography was performed or 47 months have passed following the month in which the last screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or screening colonoscopy was performed. For patients at high risk for colorectal cancer, payment may be made for a screening computed tomography colonography performed after at least 23 months have passed following the month in which the last screening computed tomography colonography or the last screening colonoscopy was performed.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for a Medicare-covered colorectal cancer screening exam. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Ambulatory Surgical Center – Outpatient Hospital

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• Flexible sigmoidoscopy for patients 45 years and older. Once every 120 months for patients not at high risk after the patient got a screening colonoscopy. Once every 48 months for high-risk patients from the last flexible sigmoidoscopy or computed tomography colonography. • Screening fecal-occult blood tests for patients 45 years and older. Once every 12 months. • Multitarget stool DNA for patients 45 to 85 years of age and not meeting high risk criteria. Once every 3 years. • Blood-based Biomarker Tests for patients 45 to 85 years of age and not meeting high-risk criteria. Once every 3 years. • Colorectal cancer screening tests include a follow-on screening colonoscopy after a Medicare covered non-invasive stool-based colorectal cancer screening test returns a positive result. • Colorectal cancer screening tests include a planned screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or screening colonoscopy that involves the removal of tissue or other matter, or other procedure furnished in connection with, as a result of, and in the same clinical encounter as the screening test.	
Dental services In general, preventive dental services (such as cleaning, routine dental exams, and dental x-rays) aren't covered by Original Medicare. However, Medicare pays for dental services in a limited number of circumstances, specifically when that service is an integral part of specific treatment of a person's primary medical condition. Examples include reconstruction of the jaw after a fracture or injury, tooth extractions done in preparation for radiation treatment for cancer involving the jaw, or oral exams prior to organ transplantation. In addition, we cover **Mandatory Supplemental Dental Benefits** which include preventive and diagnostic services.	**In-Network:** Medicare Covered Dental Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** Medicare Covered Dental Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Mandatory Supplemental Dental Benefits** *You are covered for Mandatory Supplemental Dental Benefit. See the **Mandatory Supplemental Dental Benefit** description at the end of this chart for details.
Depression screening We cover one screening for depression per year. The screening must be done in a primary care setting that can provide follow-up treatment and/or referrals.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an annual depression screening visit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Diabetes screening We cover this screening (includes fasting glucose tests) if you have any of these risk factors: high blood pressure (hypertension), history of abnormal	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered diabetes

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cholesterol and triglyceride levels (dyslipidemia), obesity, or a history of high blood sugar (glucose). Tests may also be covered if you meet other requirements, like being overweight and having a family history of diabetes. You may be eligible for up to 2 diabetes screenings every 12 months following the date of your most recent diabetes screening test.	screening tests. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Laboratory – Outpatient Hospital
Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies For all people who have diabetes (insulin and non-insulin users). Covered services include: • Supplies to monitor your blood glucose: blood glucose monitor, blood glucose test strips, lancet devices and lancets, and glucose-control solutions for checking the accuracy of test strips and monitors. – These are the only covered (preferred) brands of blood glucose monitors and test strips: ACCU-CHEK® manufactured by Roche, or Trividia products sometimes packaged under your pharmacy's name. – Humana covers any blood glucose monitors and test strips specified within the preferred brand list above. In general, alternate non-preferred brand products are not covered unless your doctor provides adequate information that the use of an alternate brand is medically necessary in your specific situation. If you are new to Humana and are using a brand of blood glucose monitor and test strips that are not on the preferred brand list, you may contact us within the first 90 days of enrollment into the plan to request a temporary supply of the alternate non-preferred brand. During this time, you should talk with your doctor to decide whether any of the preferred product brands listed above are medically appropriate for you. Non-preferred brand products will not be covered following the initial 90 days of coverage without an approved prior authorization for a coverage exception. • For people with diabetes who have severe diabetic foot disease: one pair per calendar year of therapeutic custom-molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and 2 additional pairs of inserts, or one pair of depth shoes and 3 pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes). Coverage includes fitting. • Diabetes self-management training is covered under certain conditions. • For Continuous Glucose Monitors, see Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies. The (preventive service) only applies to Diabetes self-management training.	**In-Network:** Diabetes self-management training **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital Diabetic Monitoring Supplies **$0** copayment – Preferred Diabetic Supplier **20%** coinsurance – Diabetic Supplier **10%** coinsurance – Network Retail Pharmacy Diabetic Shoes and Inserts **$10** copayment – Durable Medical Equipment Provider – Prosthetics Provider **Out-of-Network:** Diabetes self-management training **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital Diabetic Monitoring Supplies **20%** coinsurance – Diabetic Supplier **10%** coinsurance – Pharmacy

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	Diabetic Shoes and Inserts **$10** copayment – Durable Medical Equipment Provider – Prosthetics Provider
Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies (For a definition of durable medical equipment, go to Chapter 10 and Chapter 3.) Covered items include, but aren't limited to, wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress systems, diabetic supplies, hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home, IV infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, continuous glucose monitors**, and walkers. We cover all medically necessary DME covered by Original Medicare. If our supplier in your area doesn't carry a particular brand or manufacturer, you can ask them if they can special order it for you. The most recent list of suppliers is available on our website **Humana.com/findadoctor**. **Preferred Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) are covered at pharmacies. Preferred CGMs are Dexcom & Freestyle Libre. Non-preferred CGMs are not covered through a pharmacy unless your doctor provides adequate information that the use of an alternate brand is medically necessary. All CGMs will continue to be covered through durable medical equipment providers (DME).	**In-Network:** Durable Medical Equipment **20%** coinsurance – Durable Medical Equipment Provider Continuous Glucose Monitor **$0** copayment – Durable Medical Equipment Provider – Pharmacy **Out-of-Network:** Durable Medical Equipment **20%** coinsurance – Durable Medical Equipment Provider Continuous Glucose Monitor **$0** copayment – Durable Medical Equipment Provider – Pharmacy
EKG screening The screening EKG, when done as a referral from the *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit, is only covered once during a beneficiary's lifetime.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an EKG screening visit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Emergency care Emergency care refers to services that are: • Furnished by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services, and • Needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition. A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical	**In-Network:** Emergency Services **$115** copayment – Emergency Room **Out-of-Network:** Emergency Services **$115** copayment

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symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life (and, if you're a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that's quickly getting worse. Cost sharing for necessary emergency services you get out-of-network is the same as when you get these services in-network. You are covered for emergency care world-wide. If you have an emergency outside of the U.S. and its territories, you will be responsible to pay for the services rendered upfront. You must submit proof of payment to Humana for reimbursement. For more information please see Chapter 5. We may not reimburse you for all out of pocket expenses. This is because our contracted rates may be lower than provider rates outside of the U.S. and its territories. You are responsible for any costs exceeding our contracted rates as well as any applicable member cost share.	– Emergency Room **In-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – Emergency Room **Out-of-Network** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – Emergency Room If you move into an observation status, your emergency care copay will be waived and you will pay your observation or inpatient copay. For further information, see the **Outpatient Hospital Observation** or **Inpatient Hospital Care** section of this chart.
Hearing services Diagnostic hearing and balance evaluations performed by your provider to determine if you need medical treatment are covered as outpatient care when you get them from a physician, audiologist, or other qualified provider. In addition, we cover **Mandatory Supplemental Hearing Benefits** which include a routine hearing exam and hearing aid coverage.	**In-Network:** Medicare Covered Hearing Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** Medicare Covered Hearing Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Mandatory Supplemental Hearing Benefits** *You are covered for Mandatory Supplemental Hearing Benefit. See the **Mandatory Supplemental Hearing Benefit** description at the end of this chart for details.
HIV screening For people who ask for an HIV screening test or are at increased risk for HIV infection, we cover: • One screening exam every 12 months If you are pregnant, we cover: • Up to 3 screening exams during a pregnancy	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered preventive HIV screening. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office

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	– Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Laboratory
Home health agency care Before you get home health services, a doctor must certify that you need home health services and will order home health services to be provided by a home health agency. You must be homebound, which means leaving home is a major effort. Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services (to be covered under the home health care benefit, your skilled nursing and home health aide services combined must total fewer than 8 hours per day and 35 hours per week) • Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy • Medical and social services • Medical equipment and supplies	**In-Network:** Home Health Care **$0** copayment – Member's Home Durable Medical Equipment **20%** coinsurance – Durable Medical Equipment Provider **Out-of-Network:** Home Health Care **$0** copayment – Member's Home Durable Medical Equipment **20%** coinsurance – Durable Medical Equipment Provider
Home infusion therapy Home infusion therapy involves the intravenous or subcutaneous administration of drugs or biologicals to a person at home. The components needed to perform home infusion include the drug (for example, antivirals, immune globulin), equipment (for example, a pump), and supplies (for example, tubing and catheters). Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Professional services, including nursing services, furnished in accordance with our plan of care • Patient training and education not otherwise covered under the durable medical equipment benefit • Remote monitoring • Monitoring services for the provision of home infusion therapy and home infusion drugs furnished by a qualified home infusion therapy supplier Our plan requires prior authorization for certain items and services. The following link will take you to a list of items and services that may be subject to prior authorization: **Humana.com/PAL**.	**In-Network:** Medical Supplies **20%** coinsurance – Medical Supply Provider Other Medicare Part B Drugs **20%** coinsurance – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Pharmacy Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **Out-of-Network:** Medical Supplies **20%** coinsurance – Medical Supply Provider Other Medicare Part B Drugs **20%** coinsurance – PCP's Office

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	– Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Pharmacy Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Hospice care You're eligible for the hospice benefit when your doctor and the hospice medical director have given you a terminal prognosis certifying that you're terminally ill and have 6 months or less to live if your illness runs its normal course. You can get care from any Medicare-certified hospice program. Our plan is obligated to help you find Medicare-certified hospice programs in our plan's service area, including programs we own, control, or have a financial interest in. Covered services include: • Drugs for symptom control and pain relief • Short-term respite care • Home care When you're admitted to a hospice, you have the right to stay in our plan; if you stay in our plan you must continue to pay plan premiums. **For hospice services and services covered by Medicare Part A or B that are related to your terminal prognosis:** Original Medicare (rather than our plan) will pay your hospice provider for your hospice services and any Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis. While you're in the hospice program, your hospice provider will bill Original Medicare for the services Original Medicare pays for. You'll be billed Original Medicare cost sharing. **For services covered by Medicare Part A or B not related to your terminal prognosis:** If you need non-emergency, non-urgently needed services covered under Medicare Part A or B that aren't related to your terminal prognosis, your cost for these services depends on whether you use a provider in our plan's network and follow plan rules (like if there's a requirement to get prior authorization). • If you get the covered services from a network provider and follow plan rules for getting service, you pay only our plan cost-sharing amount for in-network services • If you get the covered services from an out-of-network provider, you pay the cost-sharing under Original Medicare **For services that are covered by Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) but not covered by Medicare Part A or B:** Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) will continue to cover plan-covered services that aren't	When you enroll in a Medicare-certified hospice program, your hospice services and your Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis are paid for by Original Medicare, not Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS). Our plan covers hospice consultation services (one time only) for a terminally ill person who hasn't elected the hospice benefit. Provider cost sharing may apply for outpatient consultations.

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covered under Part A or B whether or not they're related to your terminal prognosis. You pay our plan cost-sharing amount for these services. **Note:** If you need non-hospice care (care that's not related to your terminal prognosis), contact us to arrange the services.	
*** Humana Well Dine® meal program** Your plan has more than one meal program you may be eligible for: After your inpatient stay in either the hospital or a nursing facility, you are eligible to receive 2 meals per day for 7 days at no extra cost to you. 14 nutritious meals will be delivered to your home. Meal program limited to 4 times per calendar year. Meals have to be requested within 30 days of discharge from inpatient stay. With your doctor's approval, and at no cost to you, you could receive up to 20 home delivered meals (2 meals per day for 10 days) for each eligible chronic condition to assist you in establishing a diet needed to improve and/or stabilize one or more of the following chronic conditions: Diabetes Mellitus Benefit limited to once per calendar year per eligible chronic condition. For additional information, please contact the Customer Care number on the back of your Humana Member ID card.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible to participate. **Out-of-Network** The in-network provider must be used for this service. If you choose to utilize another provider, you are responsible for all charges.
Immunizations Covered Medicare Part B services include: • Pneumonia vaccines • Flu/influenza shots (or vaccines), once each flu/influenza season in the fall and winter, with additional flu/influenza shots (or vaccines) if medically necessary • Hepatitis B vaccines if you're at high or intermediate risk of getting Hepatitis B • COVID-19 vaccines • Other vaccines if you're at risk and they meet Medicare Part B coverage rules	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the pneumonia, flu/influenza, Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – All Places of Treatment
Inpatient hospital care Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you're formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you're discharged is your last inpatient day. You are covered for an unlimited number of medically necessary inpatient hospital days. Covered services include but aren't limited to: • Semi-private room (or a private room if medically necessary)	Your inpatient cost share will begin on day one each time you are admitted or transferred to a specific facility type, including Inpatient Rehabilitation facilities, Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) facilities, Inpatient Acute Care facilities, and Inpatient Psychiatric facilities.

Covered Service	What you pay
• Meals including special diets • Regular nursing services • Costs of special care units (such as intensive care or coronary care units) • Drugs and medications • Lab tests • X-rays and other radiology services • Necessary surgical and medical supplies • Use of appliances, such as wheelchairs • Operating and recovery room costs • Physical, occupational, and speech language therapy • Inpatient substance abuse services • Under certain conditions, the following types of transplants are covered: corneal, kidney, kidney-pancreatic, heart, liver, lung, heart/lung, bone marrow, stem cell, and intestinal/multivisceral. If you need a transplant, we'll arrange to have your case reviewed by a Medicare-approved transplant center that will decide whether you're a candidate for a transplant. • If you are in need of a solid organ or bone marrow/stem cell transplant, please contact our Transplant Department at 1-866-421-5663,TTY 711 for important information about your transplant care. Additional details on transplant travel and lodging can be found at **https://provider.humana.com/patient-care/transplant-resources/transplant-services-questions.** • Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins with the first pint of blood that you need. • Physician services **Note:** To be an inpatient, your provider must write an order to admit you formally as an inpatient of the hospital. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. If you're not sure if you're an inpatient or an outpatient, ask the hospital staff. Get more information in the Medicare fact sheet *Medicare Hospital Benefits*. This fact sheet is available at www.Medicare.gov/publications/11435-Medicare-Hospital-Benefits.pdf or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.	**In-Network:** Inpatient Care Inpatient Hospital – **$345** copayment per day, days 1 to 7 – **$0** copayment per day, days 8 to 90 **Out-of-Network:** Inpatient Care Inpatient Hospital – **$345** copayment per day, days 1 to 7 – **$0** copayment per day, days 8 to 90 **In-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – Inpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – Inpatient Hospital
Inpatient services in a psychiatric hospital Covered services include mental health care services that require a hospital stay. • 190-day lifetime limit for inpatient services in a psychiatric hospital – The 190-day limit does not apply to Inpatient Mental Health services provided in a psychiatric unit of a general hospital • The benefit days used under the Original Medicare program will count toward the 190-day lifetime reserve days when enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan	Your inpatient cost share will begin on day one each time you are admitted or transferred to a specific facility type, including Inpatient Rehabilitation facilities, Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) facilities, Inpatient Acute Care facilities, and Inpatient Psychiatric facilities.

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	In-Network: Inpatient Mental Health Care Inpatient Hospital – **$345** copayment per day, days 1 to 7 – **$0** copayment per day, days 8 to 90 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility – **$345** copayment per day, days 1 to 5 – **$0** copayment per day, days 6 to 90 **Out-of-Network:** Inpatient Mental Health Care Inpatient Hospital – **$345** copayment per day, days 1 to 7 – **$0** copayment per day, days 8 to 90 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility – **$345** copayment per day, days 1 to 5 – **$0** copayment per day, days 6 to 90 **In-Network** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – Inpatient Hospital – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility **Out-of-Network** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – Inpatient Hospital – Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
Inpatient stay: Covered services you get in a hospital or SNF during a non-covered inpatient stay If you've used up your inpatient benefits or if the inpatient stay isn't reasonable and necessary, we won't cover your inpatient stay. In some cases, we'll cover certain services you get while you're in the hospital or the skilled nursing facility (SNF). Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Physician services	When your inpatient stay is not covered, you will pay the cost of the services received as described throughout this benefit chart.

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• Diagnostic tests (like lab tests) • X-ray, radium, and isotope therapy including technician materials and services • Surgical dressings • Splints, casts and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations • Prosthetics and orthotics devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of an internal body organ (including contiguous tissue), or all or part of the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning internal body organ, including replacement or repairs of such devices • Leg, arm, back, and neck braces; trusses, and artificial legs, arms, and eyes including adjustments, repairs, and replacements required because of breakage, wear, loss, or a change in the patient's physical condition • Physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy	
Medical nutrition therapy This benefit is for people with diabetes, renal (kidney) disease (but not on dialysis), or after a kidney transplant when ordered by your doctor. We cover 3 hours of one-on-one counseling services during the first year you get medical nutrition therapy services under Medicare (this includes our plan, any other Medicare Advantage plan, or Original Medicare), and 2 hours each year after that. If your condition, treatment, or diagnosis changes, you may be able to get more hours of treatment with a physician's order. A physician must prescribe these services and renew their order yearly if your treatment is needed into the next calendar year.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered medical nutrition therapy services. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) **MDPP services are covered for eligible people under all Medicare health plans.** MDPP is a structured health behavior change intervention that provides practical training in long-term dietary change, increased physical activity, and problem-solving strategies for overcoming challenges to sustaining weight loss and a healthy lifestyle.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the MDPP benefit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – MDPP Supplier
Medicare Part B drugs **These drugs are covered under Part B of Original Medicare. Members of our plan get coverage for these drugs through our plan. Covered drugs include:** • Drugs that usually aren't self-administered by the patient and are injected or infused while you get physician, hospital outpatient, or ambulatory surgical center services • Insulin furnished through an item of durable medical equipment (such as a medically necessary insulin pump)	**In-Network:** Chemotherapy Drugs **20%** coinsurance – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital Medicare Part B Insulin Drugs **20%** coinsurance – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office

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• Other drugs you take using durable medical equipment (such as nebulizers) that were authorized by our plan • The Alzheimer's drug, Leqembi®, (generic name lecanemab), which is administered intravenously. In addition to medication costs, you may need additional scans and tests before and/or during treatment that could add to your overall costs. Talk to your doctor about what scans and tests you may need as part of your treatment • Clotting factors you give yourself by injection if you have hemophilia • Transplant/immunosuppressive drugs: Medicare covers transplant drug therapy if Medicare paid for your organ transplant. You must have Part A at the time of the covered transplant, and you must have Part B at the time you get immunosuppressive drugs. • Injectable osteoporosis drugs, if you're homebound, have a bone fracture that a doctor certifies was related to post-menopausal osteoporosis, and can't self-administer the drug • Some antigens: Medicare covers antigens if a doctor prepares them and a properly instructed person (who could be you, the patient) gives them under appropriate supervision • Certain oral anti-cancer drugs: Medicare covers some oral cancer drugs you take by mouth if the same drug is available in injectable form or the drug is a prodrug (an oral form of a drug that, when ingested, breaks down into the same active ingredient found in the injectable drug) of the injectable drug. • Oral anti-nausea drugs: Medicare covers oral anti-nausea drugs you use as part of an anti-cancer chemotherapeutic regimen if they're administered before, at, or within 48 hours of chemotherapy or are used as a full therapeutic replacement for an intravenous anti-nausea drug • Certain oral End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) drugs covered under Medicare Part B • Calcimimetic and phosphate binder medications under the ESRD payment system, including the intravenous medication Parsabiv®, and the oral medication Sensipar® • Certain drugs for home dialysis, including heparin, the antidote for heparin, when medically necessary, and topical anesthetics • Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents: Medicare covers erythropoietin by injection if you have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) or you need this drug to treat anemia related to certain other conditions (such as Epogen®, Procrit®, Retacrit®, Epoetin Alfa, Aranesp®, Darbepoetin Alfa, Mircera®, or Methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta) • Intravenous Immune Globulin for the home treatment of primary immune deficiency diseases • Parenteral and enteral nutrition (intravenous and tube feeding) The following link will take you to a list of Part B Drugs that may be subject to Step Therapy: **Humana.com/PAL** We also cover some vaccines under Part B drug benefit.	– Outpatient Hospital – Pharmacy <u>Other Medicare Part B Drugs</u> **20%** coinsurance – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Pharmacy **<u>Out-of-Network:</u>** <u>Chemotherapy Drugs</u> **20%** coinsurance – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital <u>Medicare Part B Insulin Drugs</u> **20%** coinsurance – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Pharmacy <u>Other Medicare Part B Drugs</u> **20%** coinsurance – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Pharmacy Some rebatable Part B drugs may be subject to a lower coinsurance. There may be a cost for the administration of a Part B drug, in addition to the cost for the drug itself. You may have to try a different drug first before we will agree to cover the drug you are requesting. This is called "step therapy." You will pay no more than $35 for a one-month (up to 30-day) supply for all Part B insulin covered by our plan, and if your plan has a deductible it does not apply to the Part B insulin.

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Our plan requires prior authorization for certain items and services. The following link will take you to a list of items and services that may be subject to prior authorization: **Humana.com/PAL**.	
Obesity screening and therapy to promote sustained weight loss If you have a body mass index of 30 or more, we cover intensive counseling to help you lose weight. This counseling is covered if you get it in a primary care setting, where it can be coordinated with your comprehensive prevention plan. Talk to your primary care doctor or practitioner to find out more.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for preventive obesity screening and therapy. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Opioid treatment program services Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can get 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	**In-Network:** **$35** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** **$35** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • X-rays • Radiation (radium and isotope) therapy including technician materials and supplies • Surgical supplies, such as dressings • Splints, casts and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations • Laboratory tests • Blood – including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins with the first pint of blood that you need. • Diagnostic non-laboratory tests such as CT scans, MRIs, EKGs, and PET scans when your doctor or other health care provider orders them to treat a medical problem. • Other outpatient diagnostic tests	**In-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office Diagnostic Procedures and Tests **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital

Covered Service	What you pay
	Advanced Imaging Services **$280** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office **$335** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **$200** copayment – Freestanding Radiological Facility Basic Radiological Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center – Freestanding Radiological Facility **$130** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Diagnostic Mammography **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Radiological Facility Radiation Therapy **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **20%** coinsurance – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Radiological Facility Nuclear Medicine Services **$325** copayment – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Radiological

Covered Service	What you pay
	Facility Facility Based Sleep Study **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Home Based Sleep Study **$0** copayment – Member's Home Medical Supplies **20%** coinsurance – Medical Supply Provider Diagnostic Colonoscopy **$0** copayment – Ambulatory Surgical Center – Outpatient Hospital Lab Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Laboratory **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center **$50** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office Diagnostic Procedures and Tests **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
	– Specialist's Office **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital <u>Advanced Imaging Services</u> **$280** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office **$335** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **$200** copayment – Freestanding Radiological Facility <u>Basic Radiological Services</u> **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center – Freestanding Radiological Facility **$130** copayment – Outpatient Hospital <u>Diagnostic Mammography</u> **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Radiological Facility <u>Radiation Therapy</u> **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **20%** coinsurance

Covered Service	What you pay
	– Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Radiological Facility Nuclear Medicine Services **$325** copayment – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Radiological Facility Facility Based Sleep Study **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Home Based Sleep Study **$0** copayment – Member's Home Medical Supplies **20%** coinsurance – Medical Supply Provider Diagnostic Colonoscopy **$0** copayment – Ambulatory Surgical Center – Outpatient Hospital Lab Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Laboratory **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center **$50** copayment – Outpatient Hospital
Outpatient hospital observation Observation services are hospital outpatient services given to determine if you need to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged.	**In-Network:** **$345** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** **$345** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
For outpatient hospital observation services to be covered, they must meet Medicare criteria and be considered reasonable and necessary. Observation services are covered only when provided by the order of a physician or another person authorized by state licensure law and hospital staff bylaws to admit patients to the hospital or order outpatient tests. **Note:** Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you're an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. If you aren't sure if you're an outpatient, ask the hospital staff. Get more information in the Medicare fact sheet *Medicare Hospital Benefits*. This fact sheet is available at www.Medicare.gov/publications/11435-Medicare-Hospital-Benefits.pdf or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.	– Outpatient Hospital
Outpatient hospital services We cover medically necessary services you get in the outpatient department of a hospital for diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury. Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Services in an emergency department or outpatient clinic, such as observation services or outpatient surgery • Laboratory and diagnostic tests billed by the hospital • Mental health care, including care in a partial-hospitalization program, if a doctor certifies that inpatient treatment would be required without it • X-rays and other radiology services billed by the hospital • Medical supplies such as splints and casts • Certain drugs and biologicals you can't give yourself **Note:** Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you're an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. If you aren't sure if you're an outpatient, ask the hospital staff.	**In-Network:** Diagnostic Procedures and Tests **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Advanced Imaging Services **$335** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Nuclear Medicine Services **$325** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Basic Radiological Services **$130** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Diagnostic Mammography **$0** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Radiation Therapy **20%** coinsurance – Outpatient Hospital Lab Services **$50** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Surgery Services

Covered Service	What you pay
	$375 copayment – Outpatient Hospital Mental Health Services **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Wound Care **$30** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Facility Based Sleep Study **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Emergency Services **$115** copayment – Emergency Room Diagnostic Colonoscopy **$0** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Diagnostic Procedures and Tests **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Advanced Imaging Services **$335** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Nuclear Medicine Services **$325** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Basic Radiological Services **$130** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Diagnostic Mammography **$0** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Radiation Therapy **20%** coinsurance – Outpatient Hospital

Covered Service	What you pay
	Lab Services **$50** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Surgery Services **$375** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Mental Health Services **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Wound Care **$30** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Facility Based Sleep Study **$120** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Emergency Services **$115** copayment – Emergency Room Diagnostic Colonoscopy **$0** copayment – Outpatient Hospital
Outpatient mental health care Covered services include: Mental health services provided by a state-licensed psychiatrist or doctor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), nurse practitioner (NP), physician assistant (PA), or other Medicare-qualified mental health care professional as allowed under applicable state laws.	**In-Network:** Mental Health Services **$35** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Mental Health Services **$35** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Outpatient rehabilitation services Covered services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language therapy. Outpatient rehabilitation services are provided in various outpatient settings, such as hospital outpatient departments, independent therapist offices, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs).	**In-Network:** Physical Therapy **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility **$35** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
	– Outpatient Hospital Speech Therapy **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Occupational Therapy **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Physical Therapy **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Speech Therapy **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Occupational Therapy **$15** copayment – Specialist's Office – Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facility **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital

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Outpatient substance use disorder services You are covered for treatment of substance abuse, as covered by Original Medicare.	**In-Network:** Outpatient Substance Use Disorder **$35** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Outpatient Substance Use Disorder **$35** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Outpatient surgery, including services provided at hospital outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgical centers **Note:** If you're having surgery in a hospital facility, you should check with your provider about whether you'll be an inpatient or outpatient. Unless the provider writes an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you're an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient surgery. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient.	**In-Network:** Surgery Services **$375** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **$300** copayment – Ambulatory Surgical Center Diagnostic Colonoscopy **$0** copayment – Ambulatory Surgical Center – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Surgery Services **$375** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **$300** copayment – Ambulatory Surgical Center Diagnostic Colonoscopy **$0** copayment – Ambulatory Surgical Center – Outpatient Hospital
*** Over-the-Counter (OTC) Mail Order** You have a **$150** quarterly allowance to buy approved over-the-counter health and wellness products available through our OTC Mail Order provider. • The allowance is available to use the first day of each quarter - January, April, July, October. • Any unused amount rolls over to the next quarter and expires at the end of the year. • Limitations and restrictions may apply.	**In-Network:** **$0** copayment **Out-of-Network** The in-network provider must be used for this service. If you choose to utilize another provider, you are responsible for all charges.

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Please contact Customer Care for additional benefit details or to obtain an order form.	
Partial hospitalization services and Intensive outpatient services *Partial hospitalization* is a structured program of active psychiatric treatment provided as a hospital outpatient service or by a community mental health center, that's more intense than care you get in your doctor's, therapist's, licensed marriage and family therapist's (LMFT), or licensed professional counselor's office and is an alternative to inpatient hospitalization. *Intensive outpatient service* is a structured program of active behavioral (mental) health therapy treatment provided in a hospital outpatient department, a community mental health center, a federally qualified health center, or a rural health clinic that's more intense than care you get in your doctor's, therapist's, licensed marriage and family therapist's (LMFT), or licensed professional counselor's office but less intense than partial hospitalization.	**In-Network:** Partial Hospitalization **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Intensive Outpatient Services **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** Partial Hospitalization **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital Intensive Outpatient Services **$35** copayment – Outpatient Hospital
*** Physical exam (Routine)** In addition to the Annual Wellness Visit or the *Welcome to Medicare* physical exam, you are covered for the following exam once per calendar year: • Comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management, including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, and counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions **Note:** Any lab or diagnostic procedures that are ordered are not covered under this benefit and you pay your plan cost-sharing amount for those services separately.	**In-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits Covered services include: • Medically necessary medical care or surgery services you get in a physician's office, certified ambulatory surgical center, hospital outpatient department, or any other location • Consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a specialist • Basic hearing and balance exams performed by your PCP or specialist, if your doctor orders it to see if you need medical treatment • Certain telehealth services, including services by primary care providers (PCPs) and specialists; individual sessions for mental health specialty services and psychiatric services; individual sessions for outpatient substance abuse; and urgently needed services – You have the option of getting these services through an in-person	**In-Network:** Provider and Professional Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office Telehealth Services **$0** copayment – PCP Virtual **$30** copayment – Specialist Virtual

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visit or by telehealth. If you choose to get one of these services by telehealth, you must use a network provider who offers the service by telehealth – You may use a phone, computer, tablet, or other video technology • Some telehealth services including consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a physician or practitioner, for patients in certain rural areas or other places approved by Medicare • Telehealth services for monthly end-stage renal disease-related visits for home dialysis members in a hospital-based or critical access hospital-based renal dialysis center, renal dialysis facility, or the member's home • Telehealth services to diagnose, evaluate, or treat symptoms of a stroke, regardless of your location • Telehealth services for members with a substance use disorder or co-occurring mental health disorder, regardless of their location • Telehealth services for diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of mental health disorders if: – You have an in-person visit within 6 months prior to your first telehealth visit – You have an in-person visit every 12 months while getting these telehealth services – Exceptions can be made to the above for certain circumstances • Telehealth services for mental health visits provided by Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers • Virtual check-ins (for example, by phone or video chat) with your doctor for 5-10 minutes **if**: – You're not a new patient **and** – The check-in isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days **and** – The check-in doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment • Evaluation of video and/or images you send to your doctor, and interpretation and follow-up by your doctor within 24 hours **if**: – You're not a new patient **and** – The evaluation isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days **and** – The evaluation doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment • Consultation your doctor has with other doctors by phone, internet, or electronic health record • Second opinion by another network provider prior to surgery • Non-routine dental care (covered services are limited to surgery of the jaw or related structures, setting fractures of the jaw or facial bones, extraction of teeth to prepare the jaw for radiation treatments of neoplastic cancer disease, or services that would be covered when provided by a physician) • Physician/practitioner urgently needed services furnished in an office setting	**$35** copayment – Mental Health Care and Substance Abuse Treatment Virtual **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Virtual <u>Advanced Imaging Services</u> **$280** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office <u>Surgery Services</u> **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office <u>Radiation Therapy</u> **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office <u>Urgently Needed Services</u> **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **<u>Out-of-Network:</u>** <u>Provider and Professional Services</u> **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office <u>Advanced Imaging Services</u> **$280** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office <u>Surgery Services</u> **$0** copayment – PCP's Office

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	$30 copayment – Specialist's Office Radiation Therapy **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office Urgently Needed Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office
Podiatry services Covered services include: • Diagnosis and the medical or surgical treatment of injuries and diseases of the feet (such as hammer toe or heel spurs) • Routine foot care for members with certain medical conditions affecting the lower limbs	**In-Network:** Medicare Covered Podiatry Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office **Out-of-Network:** Medicare Covered Podiatry Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office
Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention If you don't have HIV, but your doctor or other health care practitioner determines you're at an increased risk for HIV, we cover pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication and related services. If you qualify, covered services include: • FDA-approved oral or injectable PrEP medication. If you're getting an injectable drug, we also cover the fee for injecting the drug. • Up to 8 individual counseling sessions (including HIV risk assessment, HIV risk reduction, and medication adherence) every 12 months. • Up to 8 HIV screenings every 12 months. A one-time hepatitis B virus screening.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Laboratory
Prostate cancer screening exams For men aged 50 and older, covered services include the following - once every 12 months: • Digital rectal exam • Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an annual PSA test. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office

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Prosthetic and orthotic devices and related supplies Devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of a body part or function. These include but aren't limited to testing, fitting, or training in the use of prosthetic and orthotic devices; as well as: colostomy bags and supplies directly related to colostomy care, pacemakers, braces, prosthetic shoes, artificial limbs, and breast prostheses (including a surgical brassiere after a mastectomy). Includes certain supplies related to prosthetic and orthotic devices, and repair and/or replacement of prosthetic and orthotic devices. Also includes some coverage following cataract removal or cataract surgery – go to *Vision Care* later in this table for more detail.	**In-Network:** **20%** coinsurance – Prosthetics Provider **Out-of-Network:** **20%** coinsurance – Prosthetics Provider
Pulmonary rehabilitation services Comprehensive programs of pulmonary rehabilitation are covered for members who have moderate to very severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and an order for pulmonary rehabilitation from the doctor treating the chronic respiratory disease.	**In-Network:** **$25** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** **$25** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital
Screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse We cover one alcohol misuse screening for adults (including pregnant women) who misuse alcohol but aren't alcohol dependent. If you screen positive for alcohol misuse, you can get up to 4 brief face-to-face counseling sessions per year (if you're competent and alert during counseling) provided by a qualified primary care doctor or practitioner in a primary care setting.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse preventive benefit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) For qualified people, a LDCT is covered every 12 months. **Eligible members are:** people age 50 – 77 who have no signs or symptoms of lung cancer, but who have a history of tobacco smoking of at least 20 pack-years and who currently smoke or have quit smoking within the last 15 years, who get an order for LDCT during a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit that meets the Medicare criteria for such visits and be furnished by a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner. *For LDCT lung cancer screenings after the initial LDCT screening:* the members must get an order for LDCT lung cancer screening, which may be furnished during any appropriate visit with a physician or qualified non-physician	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare covered counseling and shared decision-making visit or for the LDCT. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office – Freestanding Radiological Facility – Outpatient Hospital

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practitioner. If a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner elects to provide a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit for later lung cancer screenings with LDCT, the visit must meet the Medicare criteria for such visits.	
Screening for Hepatitis C Virus infection We cover one Hepatitis C screening if your primary care doctor or other qualified health care provider orders one and you meet one of these conditions: • You're at high risk because you use or have used illicit injection drugs. • You had a blood transfusion before 1992. • You were born between 1945-1965. If you were born between 1945-1965 and aren't considered high risk, we pay for a screening once. If you're at high risk (for example, you've continued to use illicit injection drugs since your previous negative Hepatitis C screening test), we cover yearly screenings.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered screening for Hepatitis C Virus. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital – Freestanding Laboratory
Screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and counseling to prevent STIs We cover sexually transmitted infection (STI) screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and Hepatitis B. These screenings are covered for pregnant women and for certain people who are at increased risk for an STI when the tests are ordered by a primary care provider. We cover these tests once every 12 months or at certain times during pregnancy. We also cover up to 2 individual 20 to 30 minute, face-to-face high-intensity behavioral counseling sessions each year for sexually active adults at increased risk for STIs. We only cover these counseling sessions as a preventive service if they are provided by a primary care provider and take place in a primary care setting, such as a doctor's office.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening for STIs and counseling for STIs preventive benefit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office
Services to treat kidney disease Covered services include: • Kidney disease education services to teach kidney care and help members make informed decisions about their care. For members with stage IV chronic kidney disease when referred by their doctor, we cover up to 6 sessions of kidney disease education services per lifetime • Outpatient dialysis treatments (including dialysis treatments when temporarily out of the service area, as explained in Chapter 3, or when your provider for this service is temporarily unavailable or inaccessible) • Inpatient dialysis treatments (if you're admitted as an inpatient to a hospital for special care) • Self-dialysis training (includes training for you and anyone helping you with your home dialysis treatments) • Home dialysis equipment and supplies	**In-Network:** Kidney Disease Education Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office Renal Dialysis Services **20%** coinsurance – Dialysis Center – Outpatient Hospital Durable Medical Equipment **20%** coinsurance – Durable Medical Equipment Provider

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• Certain home support services (such as, when necessary, visits by trained dialysis workers to check on your home dialysis, to help in emergencies, and check your dialysis equipment and water supply) Certain drugs for dialysis are covered under Medicare Part B. For information about coverage for Part B Drugs, go to **Medicare Part B drugs** in this table.	Home Health Care **$0** copayment – Member's Home **Out-of-Network:** Kidney Disease Education Services **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office Renal Dialysis Services **20%** coinsurance – Dialysis Center – Outpatient Hospital Durable Medical Equipment **20%** coinsurance – Durable Medical Equipment Provider Home Health Care **$0** copayment – Member's Home
*** SilverSneakers® Fitness program** SilverSneakers® is a fitness program for seniors that is included at no additional charge with qualifying Medicare health plans. Members have access to participating fitness locations across the country that may include weights and machines plus group exercise classes led by trained instructors at select locations. Access online education on **SilverSneakers.com**, watch workout videos on SilverSneakers On-Demand™ or download the SilverSneakers GO™ fitness app for additional workout ideas. Any fitness center services that usually have an extra fee are not included in your membership.	**In-Network:** **$0** copayment **Out-of-Network:** The in-network provider must be used for this service. If you choose to utilize another provider, you are responsible for all charges.
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care (For a definition of skilled nursing facility care, go to Chapter 10. Skilled nursing facilities are sometimes called SNFs.) You are covered for up to 100 medically necessary days per benefit period. Prior hospital stay is not required. Covered services include but aren't limited to: • Semiprivate room (or a private room if medically necessary) • Meals, including special diets • Skilled nursing services	A new benefit period will begin on day one when you first enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, or when you have been discharged from skilled care in a skilled nursing facility for **60 consecutive days**. Per Benefit Period, you pay: **In-Network:** **$0** copayment per day, days 1 to 20

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• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy • Drugs administered to you as part of our plan of care (this includes substances that are naturally present in the body, such as blood clotting factors.) • Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins with the first pint of blood you need. • Medical and surgical supplies ordinarily provided by SNFs • Laboratory tests ordinarily provided by SNFs • X-rays and other radiology services ordinarily provided by SNFs • Use of appliances such as wheelchairs ordinarily provided by SNFs • Physician/Practitioner services	– Skilled Nursing Facility **$218** copayment per day, days 21 to 100 – Skilled Nursing Facility **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment per day, days 1 to 20 – Skilled Nursing Facility **$218** copayment per day, days 21 to 100 – Skilled Nursing Facility
Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use) Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling is covered for outpatient and hospitalized patients who meet these criteria: • Use tobacco, regardless of whether they exhibit signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease • Are competent and alert during counseling • A qualified physician or other Medicare-recognized practitioner provides counseling We cover 2 cessation attempts per year (each attempt may include a maximum of 4 intermediate or intensive sessions, with the patient getting up to 8 sessions per year.)	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered smoking and tobacco use cessation preventive benefits. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office – Specialist's Office
Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) SET is covered for members who have symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD). Up to 36 sessions over a 12-week period are covered if the SET program requirements are met. The SET program must: • Consist of sessions lasting 30-60 minutes, comprising a therapeutic exercise-training program for PAD in patients with claudication • Be conducted in a hospital outpatient setting or a physician's office • Be delivered by qualified auxiliary personnel necessary to ensure benefits exceed harms, and who are trained in exercise therapy for PAD • Be under the direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist who must be trained in both basic and advanced life support techniques	**In-Network:** **$20** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital **Out-of-Network:** **$20** copayment – Specialist's Office – Outpatient Hospital

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SET may be covered beyond 36 sessions over 12 weeks for an additional 36 sessions over an extended period of time if deemed medically necessary by a health care provider.	
Urgently needed services A plan-covered service requiring immediate medical attention that's not an emergency is an urgently needed service if either you're temporarily outside our plan's service area, or, even if you're inside our plan's service area, it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network providers. Our plan must cover urgently needed services and only charge you in-network cost sharing. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries, or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. Medically necessary routine provider visits (like annual checkups) aren't considered urgently needed even if you're outside our plan's service area or our plan network is temporarily unavailable. You are covered for urgently needed services world-wide. If you have an urgent need for care while outside of the U.S. and its territories, you will be responsible to pay for the services rendered upfront. You must submit proof of payment to Customer Care for reimbursement. For more information please see Chapter 5. We may not reimburse you for all out of pocket expenses. This is because our contracted rates may be lower than provider rates outside of the U.S. and its territories. You are responsible for any costs exceeding our contracted rates as well as any applicable member cost-share. See **Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits** for additional information about urgently needed services provided in the office setting.	**In-Network:** Urgently Needed Services **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center **Out-of-Network:** Urgently Needed Services **$40** copayment – Urgent Care Center
Vision care Covered services include: • Outpatient physician services for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of the eye, including treatment for age-related macular degeneration. Original Medicare doesn't cover routine eye exams (eye refractions) for eyeglasses/contacts • For people who are at high risk for glaucoma, we cover one glaucoma screening each year. People at high risk of glaucoma include people with a family history of glaucoma, people with diabetes, African-Americans who are age 50 and older, and Hispanic Americans who are 65 or older • For people with diabetes, screening for diabetic retinopathy is covered once per year • One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after each cataract surgery that includes insertion of an intraocular lens If you have 2 separate cataract	**In-Network:** Medicare Covered Vision Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office Glaucoma Screening **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office Diabetic Eye Exam **$0** copayment – All Places of Treatment Eyewear (Post Cataract Surgery) **$0** copayment – All Places of Treatment

Covered Service	What you pay
operations, you can't reserve the benefit after the first surgery and purchase 2 eyeglasses after the second surgery. Covered eyeglasses after cataract surgery includes standard frames and lenses as defined by Medicare; any upgrades are not covered (including, but not limited to, deluxe frames, tinting, progressive lenses, or anti-reflective coating). In addition, we cover **Mandatory Supplemental Vision Benefits** which include a routine vision exam and an allowance for eyewear. The (preventive service) only applies to Glaucoma Screening.	**Out-of-Network:** Medicare Covered Vision Services **$30** copayment – Specialist's Office Glaucoma Screening **$0** copayment – Specialist's Office Diabetic Eye Exam **$0** copayment – All Places of Treatment Eyewear (Post Cataract Surgery) **$0** copayment – All Places of Treatment **Mandatory Supplemental Vision Benefits** *You are covered for Mandatory Supplemental Vision Benefit. See the **Mandatory Supplemental Vision Benefit** description at the end of this chart for details. **Please note:** the network of providers for your supplemental vision benefits may be different than the network of providers for the Original Medicare vision benefits listed above.
Welcome to Medicare preventive visit Our plan covers the one-time *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit. The visit includes a review of your health, as well as education and counseling about preventive services you need (including certain screenings and shots), and referrals for other care if needed. **Important:** We cover the *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit only within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B. When you make your appointment, let your doctor's office know you want to schedule your *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit.	**In-Network:** There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Welcome to Medicare preventive visit. **Out-of-Network:** **$0** copayment – PCP's Office

Mandatory Supplemental Dental Benefit DEN419

Coverage Description
You may receive the following non-Medicare covered routine dental-related services:

Services that are covered for you

Dental Services

Dental services are covered **in and out-of-network** at a **$0** copayment until the combined maximum allowable benefit of **$2,500** is reached annually.

- Your benefit can be used for most dental treatments such as:
  - Preventive dental services, such as exams, routine cleanings, etc.
  - Basic dental services, such as fillings, extractions, etc.
  - Major dental services, such as periodontal scaling, crowns, dentures, root canals, bridges, etc.

- Note: The allowance cannot be used on fluoride, implants, or cosmetic services.
- You are responsible for any amount above the dental coverage limit.
- Any amount unused at the end of the year will expire.

Limitations and exclusions may apply. Submitted claims are subject to a review process which may include a clinical review and dental history to approve coverage. Dental benefits under this plan may not cover all ADA procedure codes. Any services received that are not listed will not be covered by the plan and will be the member's responsibility. The member is responsible for any amount above the annual maximum benefit coverage amount. Benefits are offered on a calendar year basis. Any amount unused at the end of the year will expire. Information regarding each plan is available at **Humana.com/sb**.

*In-network dentists have agreed to provide covered services at contracted rates (per the in-network fee schedules, or INFS). If a member visits a participating network dentist, the member cannot be billed for charges that exceed the negotiated fee schedule (but any applicable coinsurance payment still applies). Visiting an in-network provider may result in significant savings. The Mandatory Supplemental Dental benefits are provided through the Humana Dental Medicare Network. The provider locator for our nationwide network can be found at **Humana.com/FindCare**.

Out-of-network dentists have not agreed to provide services at contracted fees. **The out-of-network provider may bill the member for more than what the plan pays, even for services listed with no member cost share. Members are responsible for this difference between Humana's reimbursement and the out-of-network provider's charges. This is known as balance billing. Benefits received out-of-network are subject to any in-network benefit maximums, limitations and/or exclusions. Members may be billed by the out-of-network provider for any amount greater than the payment made by Humana to the provider. Please see above for provider locator instructions. Network providers agree to bill us directly. If a provider who is not in our network is not willing to bill us directly, you may have to pay upfront and submit a request for reimbursement. The coinsurance level will apply to the usual, customary, and reasonable fees in your area. See Chapter 2 Payment Requests Contact Information or visit Humana.com for information on requesting reimbursement.

How Payments to You or Your Dentist Are Calculated

For covered dental services, we will pay as follows:

- We will determine the total covered expense.
- We will review the covered expense against the maximum benefits allowed.
- We will pay the remaining expense to you or your dentist, minus any coinsurance you owe (the procedure you received may require you to pay a percentage of the cost).

For dental claim billing purposes, the "Date of Service" (DOS) is defined as follows:

- The date teeth are prepared for fixed bridges, crowns, inlays or onlays
- The date the impression or digital scan is made for dentures or partials
- The date the impression or digital scan of the abutment/implant is taken for implant crowns
- The date the pulp chamber of a tooth is opened for root canal therapy
- The date periodontal surgery is performed
- The date the service is performed for services not listed above

For dental conditions that have two or more possible treatments, Humana will cover the lowest cost treatment, as long as it is proven to provide satisfactory results. If you choose to receive a higher cost treatment, you will be responsible to pay for the difference.

Submitting Pretreatment Plans

If the dental care you need is expected to exceed **$300**, we suggest you or your dentist send a dental treatment plan for us to review ahead of time so that we can provide you with an estimate for services. The pretreatment plan should include:

1. A list of services you will receive, using American Dental Association terminology and codes.
2. Your dentist's written description of the proposed treatment.
3. X-rays that show your dental needs.
4. Itemized cost of the proposed treatment.
5. Any other diagnostic materials we request.

Mandatory Supplemental Hearing Benefit HER947

Coverage Description

To use your benefit, you must call TruHearing at 1-844-255-7144 to schedule an appointment.

Description of Benefit	You Pay
Routine hearing exam (1 per year)	**$0*** Routine hearing exams must be performed by a TruHearing provider.
Up to 2 TruHearing-branded prescription hearing aids every year (1 per ear per year). Benefit is limited to the TruHearing Advanced and Premium prescription hearing aids, which come in various styles and colors. Advanced and Premium prescription hearing aids are available in rechargeable style options for an additional $50 per aid. **You must see a TruHearing provider to use this benefit. Call 1-844-255-7144 to schedule an appointment (TTY: 711).** In-network hearing aid purchase includes: – Unlimited follow-up provider visits during first year following TruHearing hearing aid purchase – 60-day trial period – 3-year extended warranty – 80 batteries per aid for non-rechargeable models Benefit does not include or cover any of the following: – OTC hearing aids	**$99** per Advanced Aid **OR** **$399** per Premium Aid Hearing aids must be purchased through TruHearing. Coverage will not be provided for hearing aids purchased from a non-participating provider.

Description of Benefit	You Pay
– Additional cost for optional hearing aid rechargeability – Ear molds – Hearing aid accessories – Additional provider visits – Additional batteries (or batteries when a rechargeable hearing aid is purchased) – Hearing aids that are not TruHearing-branded hearing aids – Costs associated with loss & damage warranty claims Costs associated with excluded items are the responsibility of the member and are not covered by the plan.	

Copayments, coinsurances, and deductibles paid for supplemental benefits do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.

These benefits are offered on a calendar year basis. Any amount unused at the end of the year will expire.

Mandatory Supplemental Vision Benefit VIS703

Coverage Description
Vision benefit through Humana Medicare Insight Network
You may receive the following non-Medicare covered routine vision-related services:

Description of Benefit	In-Network You Pay	Out-of-Network You Pay
• Routine Eye Exam including refraction (1 per calendar year) by a **Humana Medicare Insight Network** optical provider – **$40** allowance*	**$0**	Any amount over **$40***
OR	**OR**	**OR**
• A refraction exam (1 per calendar year), instead of a routine eye exam, when completed at the same appointment as a Medicare covered comprehensive eye exam by a Humana network medical optical provider.	**$0** for refraction exam in addition to the Medical Specialist cost-share for the medical exam	Any amount over **$15** for refraction exam in addition to your Medical Specialist cost-share for the medical exam, and any costs that are above the plan approved amount
• Eyewear Benefit (1 per calendar year) at a Humana Medicare Insight Network optical provider You have a choice of:		

Description of Benefit	In-Network You Pay	Out-of-Network You Pay
– **$350** allowance toward the purchase of frame and pair of lenses **OR** toward the purchase of contact lenses (conventional or disposable) **OR** – **$450** allowance toward the purchase of frame and pair of lenses **OR** toward the purchase of contact lenses (conventional or disposable) **from a PLUS** provider** Benefit does not include contact lens fitting. Ultraviolet protection, scratch-resistant coating, and other lens options may be applied toward the eyeglass allowance benefit. Benefit allowance is applied toward the retail price. Member is responsible for any costs above the plan-approved amount. **The benefit can only be used one time. Any remaining benefit dollars do not "roll over" to a future purchase.** Members are reimbursed up to the plan maximum benefit amount when services are received from an out-of-network provider.	Any retail amount over **$350** **OR** Any retail amount over **$450** from a **PLUS** provider**	Any retail amount over **$350**

*Your routine exam charge will not exceed **$40** at a **Humana Medicare Insight Network** optical provider. Please inform the network provider that you are part of the Humana Medicare Insight Network. **NOTE**: The network of providers for your supplemental vision benefits through Humana Medicare Insight Network may be different than the network of providers for the Medicare-covered vision benefits. When using an out-of-network provider, you will be responsible for costs above the plan approved amount. You are responsible for submitting a Humana Vision Care out-of-network claim form with itemized receipt when seeing a non-Humana Medicare Insight provider. Claim forms can be found by logging into your profile on MyHumana.

PLUS providers are part of the **Humana Medicare Insight Network and will display the PLUS Provider indicator in the provider locator search results found at **Humana.com/FindCare**.

Copayments, coinsurances, and deductibles paid for supplemental benefits do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.

These benefits are offered on a calendar year basis. Any amount unused at the end of the year will expire.

SECTION 3 Services that aren't covered by our plan (exclusions)

This section tells you what services are *excluded* from Medicare coverage and therefore, aren't covered by this plan.

The chart below lists some services and items that either aren't covered under any condition or are covered only under specific conditions.

If you get services that are excluded (not covered), you must pay for them yourself except under the specific conditions listed below. Even if you get the excluded services at an emergency facility, the excluded services are still not covered, and our plan won't pay for them. The only exception is if the service is appealed and decided upon appeal to be a medical service that we should have paid for or covered because of your specific situation. (For information about appealing a decision we made to not cover a medical service, go to Chapter 7.)

Even if you receive the excluded services at an emergency facility, the excluded services are still not covered and our plan will not pay for them.

Services not covered by Medicare	Covered only under specific conditions
Acupuncture	Available for people with chronic low back pain under certain circumstances
Charges for equipment which is primarily and customarily used for a nonmedical purpose, even though the item has some remote medically related use	Not covered under any condition
Cosmetic surgery or procedures	Covered in cases of an accidental injury or for improvement of the functioning of a malformed body member Covered for all stages of reconstruction for a breast after a mastectomy, as well as for the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
Custodial care Custodial care is personal care that doesn't require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel, such as care that helps you with activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing	Not covered under any condition
Experimental medical and surgical procedures, equipment and medications Experimental procedures and items are those items and procedures determined by Original Medicare to not be generally accepted by the medical community	May be covered by Original Medicare under a Medicare-approved clinical research study or by our plan (See Chapter 3, Section 5 for more information on clinical research studies.)
Fees charged for care by your immediate relatives or members of your household	Not covered under any condition

Services not covered by Medicare	Covered only under specific conditions
Full-time nursing care in your home	Not covered under any condition
Homemaker services include basic household help, including light housekeeping or light meal preparation.	Not covered under any condition
Naturopath services (uses natural or alternative treatments)	Not covered under any condition
Nonconventional interocular lenses (IOLs) following cataract surgery, including: • **an astigmatism correcting function of an intraocular lens** • **a presbyopia correcting function of an intraocular lens**	Not covered under any condition
Non-routine dental care	Dental care required to treat illness or injury may be covered as inpatient or outpatient care
Orthopedic shoes or supportive devices for the feet	Shoes that are part of a leg brace and are included in the cost of the brace. Orthopedic or therapeutic shoes for people with diabetic foot disease
Personal items in your room at a hospital or a skilled nursing facility, such as a telephone or a television	Not covered under any condition
Private room in a hospital	Covered only when medically necessary
Reversal of sterilization procedures and/or non-prescription contraceptive supplies	Not covered under any condition
Routine chiropractic care	Manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation is covered
Routine foot care	Some limited coverage provided according to Medicare guidelines (e.g., if you have diabetes)
Services considered not reasonable and necessary, according to Original Medicare standards	Not covered under any condition
Purchase, instead of rental, of durable medical equipment that Original Medicare does not allow to be purchased outright	Not covered under any condition

In addition to any exclusions or limitations described in the Medical Benefits Chart, or anywhere else in this *Evidence of Coverage*, **the following items and services aren't covered under Original Medicare or by our plan:**

- Radial keratotomy, LASIK surgery, and other low vision aids and services.

- Services provided to veterans in Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities. However, when emergency services are received at VA hospital and the VA cost-sharing is more than the cost-sharing under our plan, we will reimburse veterans for the difference. Members are still responsible for our cost-sharing amounts.

Dental Mandatory Supplemental Benefit Exclusions include, but not limited to, the following:

- Network dentists have agreed to provide services at contracted fees (the in-network fee schedules, or INFS). If a member visits a participating network dentist, the member will not receive a bill for charges more than the negotiated fee schedule on covered services (coinsurance payment still applies).
- Initial placement or replacement of a prior denture that is unserviceable and cannot be made serviceable. Spare dentures are not covered.
- Dental reline may not be covered within six months of initial denture placement or on spare dentures.
- Dental adjustments may not be covered within six months of initial denture placement or on spare dentures.
- Expenses incurred while you qualify for any workers' compensation or occupational disease act or law, whether or not you applied for coverage.
- Services that are:
  - Free or that you would not be required to pay for if you did not have this insurance, unless charges are received from and reimbursable to the U.S. government or any of its agencies as required by law.
  - Furnished by, or payable under, any plan or law through any government or any political subdivision – this does not include Medicare or Medicaid.
  - Furnished by any U.S. government-owned or operated hospital/institution/agency for any service connected with sickness or bodily injury.
- Any loss caused or contributed by war or any act of war, whether declared or not; any act of international armed conflict; or any conflict involving armed forces of any international authority.
- Any expense arising from the completion of forms.
- Your failure to keep an appointment with the dentist.
- Any service we consider cosmetic dentistry unless it is necessary as a result of an accidental injury sustained while you are covered under this policy. We consider the following cosmetic dentistry procedures to include, but are not limited to:
  - Facings on crowns or pontics – the portion of a fixed bridge between the abutments – posterior to the second bicuspid;
  - Any service to correct congenital malformation;
  - Any service performed primarily to improve appearance;
  - Characterizations and personalization of prosthetic devices; or
  - Any procedure to change the spacing and/or shape of the teeth;
- Charges for:
  - Any type of implant and all related services, including crowns or the prosthetic device attached to it;
  - Precision or semi-precision attachments;
  - Other customized attachments;
  - Temporary or interim dental services;
  - Additional charges related to material or equipment used in the delivery of dental care;
  - The removal of any implants unless a covered service.
- Any service related to:
  - Altering vertical dimension of teeth.
  - Restoration or maintenance of occlusion.
  - Splinting teeth, including multiple abutments, or any service to stabilize periodontally weakened teeth.
  - Replacing tooth structures lost as a result of abrasion, attrition, erosion or abfraction.
  - Bite registration or bite analysis.
- Infection control, including but not limited to sterilization techniques.

- Fees for treatment performed by someone other than a dentist, except for scaling, teeth cleaning and the topical application of fluoride, which can be performed by a licensed dental hygienist. The treatment must be rendered under the supervision of the dentist in accordance with generally accepted dental standards.
- Any hospital, surgical or treatment facility, or for services of an anesthesiologist or anesthetist.
- Prescription drugs or pre-medications, whether dispensed or prescribed.
- Any service not specifically listed in the Coverage Information.
- Any service that is not eligible for benefits based upon clinical review; does not offer a favorable prognosis; does not have uniform professional endorsement; or is deemed to be experimental or investigational in nature.
- Orthodontic services.
- Retainer Crown services when bridge coverage is not included in the benefit.
- Any expense incurred before your effective date or after the date this supplemental benefit terminates.
- Services provided by someone who ordinarily lives in your home or who is a family member.
- Charges exceeding the reimbursement limit for the service.
- Treatment resulting from any intentionally self-inflicted injury or bodily illness.
- Local anesthetics, irrigation, bases, pulp caps, temporary dental services, study models/diagnostic casts, treatment plans, occlusal (biting or grinding surfaces of molar and bicuspid teeth) adjustments, or tissue preparation associated with the impression or placement of a restoration when charged as a separate service. These services are considered an integral part of the entire dental service.
- Any test, intraoperative, x-rays, laboratory, removal of existing posts, filling material, Thermafill carriers, and any other follow-up care is considered integral to root canal therapy. A separate fee for these services is not considered a covered expense.
- Repair and replacement of orthodontic appliances.
- Any surgical or nonsurgical treatment for any jaw joint problems, including any temporomandibular joint disorder, craniomaxillary, craniomandibular disorder, or other conditions of the joint linking the jaw bone and skull; or treatment of the facial muscles used in expression and chewing functions, for symptoms including, but not limited to, headaches.
- The oral surgery benefits under this plan do not include:
  - Any services for orthognathic surgery;
  - Any services for destruction of lesions by any method;
  - Any services for tooth transplantation;
  - Any services for removal of a foreign body from the oral tissue or bone;
  - Any services for reconstruction of surgical, traumatic, or congenital defects of the facial bones;
  - Any separate fees for pre and post-operative care.
- General anesthesia or conscious sedation is not a covered service unless it is based on clinical review of documentation provided and administered by a dentist or health care practitioner in conjunction with covered oral surgical procedures, periodontal and osseous surgical procedures, or periradicular surgical procedures for covered services.
- General anesthesia or conscious sedation administered due, but not limited to, the following reasons are not covered:
  - Pain control unless a documented allergy to local anesthetic is provided;
  - Anxiety;
  - Fear of pain;
  - Pain management;
  - Emotional inability to undergo surgery.
- Preventive control programs including, but not limited to, oral hygiene instructions, plaque control, take-home items, prescriptions and dietary planning.
- Replacement of any lost, stolen, damaged, misplaced or duplicate major restoration, prosthesis or appliance.
- Any caries susceptibility testing, laboratory tests, saliva samples, anaerobic cultures, sensitivity testing or charges for oral pathology procedures.

- Separate fees for pre- and post-operative care and re-evaluation within 12 months are not considered covered services under the surgical periodontic services in this plan.
- We do not cover services that generally are considered to be medical services except those specifically noted as covered in the Coverage Information.
- Copayments, coinsurances, and deductibles paid for supplemental benefits do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.

Hearing Mandatory Supplemental Benefit Exclusions include, but not limited to, the following:

- Over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids.
- Any fees for exams, tests, evaluations or any services in excess of the stated maximums.
- Any expenses which are covered by Medicare or any other government program or insurance plan, or for which you are not legally required to pay.
- Services provided for clearance/consultation by a provider.
- Any refitting fees for lost or damaged hearing aids.
- Hearing aids and provider visits to service hearing aids (except as specifically described in the Covered Benefits), ear molds, hearing aid accessories, warranty claim fees, and hearing aid batteries (beyond the covered limit).

Vision Mandatory Supplemental Benefit Exclusions include, but not limited to, the following:

- Refitting or change in lens design after initial fitting.
- Any expense arising from the completion of forms.
- Any service not specifically listed in your supplemental benefit.
- Orthoptic or vision training.
- Subnormal vision aids and associated testing.
- Aniseikonic lenses.
- Athletic or industrial lenses.
- Prisms (not covered with allowance, but may be available at a discounted rate off retail price; check with provider for details)
- Any service we consider cosmetic.
- Any expense incurred before your effective date or after the date this supplemental benefit terminates.
- Services provided by someone who ordinarily lives in your home or who is a family member.
- Charges exceeding the allowance for the service.
- Treatment resulting from any intentionally self-inflicted injury or bodily illness.
- Plano lenses.
- Medical or surgical treatment of eye, eyes or supporting structures.
- Non-prescription sunglasses.
- Two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
- Services or materials provided by any other group benefit plans providing vision care.
- Corrective vision treatment of an experimental nature.
- Solutions and/or cleaning products for glasses or contact lenses.
- Non-prescription items.
- Costs associated with securing materials.
- Pre and post-operative services.
- Orthokeratology.
- Routine maintenance of materials.
- Artistically painted lenses.
- Any expenses incurred while you qualify for any workers' compensation or occupational disease act or law, whether or not you applied for coverage.
- Services that are:

  - Free or that you would not be required to pay for if you did not have this insurance, unless charges are received from and reimbursable to the U.S. government or any of its agencies as required by law.
  - Furnished by, or payable under, any plan or law through any government or any political subdivision (this does not include Medicare or Medicaid).
  - Furnished by any U.S. government-owned or operated hospital/institution/agency for any service connected with sickness or bodily injury.
- Any loss caused or contributed by war or any act of war, whether declared or not; any act of international armed conflict; or any conflict involving armed forces of any international authority.
- Your failure to keep an appointment.
- Any hospital, surgical or treatment facility, or for services of an anesthesiologist or anesthetist.
- Prescription drugs or pre-medications, whether dispensed or prescribed.
- Any service that we determine is not a visual necessity; does not offer a favorable prognosis; does not have uniform professional endorsement; or is deemed to be experimental or investigational in nature.
- Replacement of lenses or eyeglass frames furnished under this supplemental benefit that are lost or broken, unless otherwise available under the supplemental benefit.
- Any examination or material required by an employer as a condition of employment or safety eyewear.
- Pathological treatment.
- Copayments, coinsurances, and deductibles paid for supplemental benefits do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.
- These benefits are offered on a calendar year basis. Any amount unused at the end of the year will expire.

- The plan will not cover the excluded services listed above. Even if you receive the services at an emergency facility, the excluded services are still not covered.

CHAPTER 5: Asking us to pay our share of a bill for covered medical services

SECTION 1 Situations when you should ask us to pay our share for covered services or drugs

Sometimes when you get medical care, you may need to pay the full cost. Other times, you may find you pay more than you expected under the coverage rules of our plan, or you may get a bill from a provider. In these cases, you can ask our plan to pay you back (reimburse you). It's your right to be paid back by our plan whenever you've paid more than your share of the cost for medical services or prescription drugs covered by our plan. There may be deadlines that you must meet to get paid back. Go to Section 2 of this chapter.

There may also be times when you get a bill from a provider for the full cost of medical care you got or for more than your share of cost sharing as discussed in this material. First , try to resolve the bill with the provider. If that doesn't work, send the bill to us instead of paying it. We'll look at the bill and decide whether the services should be covered. If we decide they should be covered, we'll pay the provider directly. If we decide not to pay it, we'll notify the provider. You should never pay more than plan-allowed cost sharing. If this provider is contracted, you still have the right to treatment.

Examples of situations in which you may need to ask our plan to pay you back or to pay a bill you got:

1. When you've received emergency care from a provider who isn't in our plan's network

You can get emergency services or urgently needed services from any provider, whether or not the provider is a part of our network. In these cases, you're only responsible for paying your share of the cost. Ask the provider to bill the plan for our share of the cost.

- You're only responsible for paying your share of the cost for emergency or urgently needed services. Emergency providers are legally required to provide emergency care. If you accidentally pay the entire amount yourself at the time you get the care, ask us to pay you back for our share of the cost. Send us the bill, along with documentation of any payments you have made.
- You may get a bill from the provider asking for payment that you think you do not owe. Send us this bill, along with documentation of any payments you have already made.
  - If the provider is owed anything, we will pay the provider directly.
  - If you have already paid more than your share of the cost of the service, we will determine how much you owed and pay you back for our share of the cost.
- **Please note:** While you can get your care from an out-of-network provider, the provider must be eligible to participate in Medicare. Except for emergency care, we can't pay a provider who isn't eligible to participate in Medicare. If the provider isn't eligible to participate in Medicare, you'll be responsible for the full cost of the services you get.

2. When a network provider sends you a bill you think you should not pay

Network providers should always bill the plan directly, and ask you only for your share of the cost. But sometimes they make mistakes, and ask you to pay more than your share.

- Whenever you get a bill from a network provider that you think is more than you should pay, send us the bill. We will contact the provider directly and resolve the billing problem.
- If you have already paid a bill to a network provider, but you feel that you paid too much, send us the bill along with documentation of any payment you have made and ask us to pay you back the difference between the amount you paid and the amount you owed under the plan.

3. If you're retroactively enrolled in our plan

Sometimes a person's enrollment in the plan is retroactive. (This means that the first day of their enrollment has already passed. The enrollment date may even have occurred last year.)

If you were retroactively enrolled in our plan and you paid-out-of pocket for any of your covered services after your enrollment date, you can ask us to pay you back for our share of the costs. You'll need to submit paperwork such as receipts and bills for us to handle the reimbursement.

All of the examples above are types of coverage decisions. This means that if we deny your request for payment, you can appeal our decision. Chapter 7 of this document has information about how to make an appeal.

SECTION 2 How to ask us to pay you back or pay a bill you got

You can ask us to pay you back by sending us a request in writing. If you send a request in writing, send your bill and documentation of any payment you have made. It's a good idea to make a copy of your bill and receipts for your records. **You must submit your Part C (medical and dental) claim to us within 12 months** of the date you got the service, item, or Part B drug.

To make sure you're giving us all the information we need to make a decision, you can fill out our claim form to make your request for payment.

- You don't have to use the form, but it'll help us process the information faster. The data we need to make a decision are listed below. Because we might need other information to make a reimbursement determination in some cases, we strongly encourage you to provide any other information you can to support your request.
  - Your name and the member ID from your Humana ID card
  - Your receipt or other proof of your payment
  - An itemized statement from the provider showing the services provided that includes the following information. If the information isn't included on the provider's itemized statement, you'll need to contact the provider to request it.
    - Date(s) of service for those services provided
    - Provider or supplier's name, address, National Provider Identifier (NPI), and Tax ID Number (TIN)
    - If a different provider ordered the service or referred you to the rendering provider, the name, address, NPI and TIN for the ordering/referring provider
    - Description of each service or supply provided, and the following service codes:
      - Revenue code(s), if applicable

    - ~ Relevant CPT and HCPCS code(s)
    - > Charge for each service provided
    - > Description of illness or injury and diagnosis code(s)
    - > Place of treatment

  - – Your, or your legal representative's signature

- Download a copy of the form from our website (**https://www.humana.com/member/documents-and-forms**) or call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) and ask for the form.

Mail your request for payment together with any bills or paid receipts to us at this address:

Requests for payment for Medical and Dental Services:
Humana
P.O. Box 14601
Lexington, KY 40512-4601

SECTION 3 We'll consider your request for payment and say yes or no

When we get your request for payment, we'll let you know if we need any additional information from you. Otherwise, we'll consider your request and make a coverage decision.

- If we decide the medical care is covered and you followed all the rules, we'll pay for our share of the cost. If you already paid for the service, we'll mail your reimbursement of our share of the cost to you. If you haven't paid for the service yet, we'll mail the payment directly to the provider.
- If we decide the medical care is not covered, or you did *not* follow all the rules, we won't pay for our share of the cost. We'll send you a letter explaining the reasons why we aren't sending the payment and your rights to appeal that decision.

Section 3.1 If we tell you that we won't pay for all or part of the medical care, you can make an appeal

If you think we made a mistake in turning down your request for payment or the amount we're paying, you can make an appeal. If you make an appeal, it means you're asking us to change the decision we made when we turned down your request for payment. The appeals process is a formal process with detailed procedures and important deadlines. For the details on how to make this appeal, go to Chapter 7.

CHAPTER 6: Your rights and responsibilities

SECTION 1 Our plan must honor your rights and cultural sensitivities

Section 1.1 We must provide information in a way that works for you and consistent with your cultural sensitivities (in languages other than English, braille, large print, or other alternate formats, etc.)

Our plan is required to ensure that all services, both clinical and non-clinical, are provided in a culturally competent manner and are accessible to all enrollees, including those with limited English proficiency, limited reading skills, hearing incapacity, or those with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Examples of how our plan can meet these accessibility requirements include but aren't limited to provision of translator services, interpreter services, teletypewriters, or TTY (text telephone or teletypewriter phone) connection.

Our plan has free interpreter services available to answer questions from non-English speaking members. We can also give you information in braille, in large print, or other alternate formats at no cost if you need it. We're required to give you information about our plan's benefits in a format that's accessible and appropriate for you. To get information from us in a way that works for you, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).

Our plan is required to give female enrollees the option of direct access to a women's health specialist within the network for women's routine and preventive health care services.

If providers in our plan's network for a specialty aren't available, it's our plan's responsibility to locate specialty providers outside the network who will provide you with the necessary care. In this case, you'll only pay in-network cost sharing. If you find yourself in a situation where there are no specialists in our plan's network that cover a service you need, call the plan for information on where to go to get this service at in-network cost sharing.

If you have any trouble getting information from our plan in a format that's accessible and appropriate for you, call to file a grievance with Humana Grievances and Appeals Dept. at 800-457-4708, TTY 711. You can also file a complaint with Medicare by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or directly with the Office for Civil Rights 1-800-368-1019 or TTY 1-800-537-7697.

Sección 1.1 Debemos proveer la información de una manera que a usted le resulte útil y en conformidad con su sensibilidad cultural (en idiomas que no sean inglés, en Braille, en texto con letras grandes u otros formatos alternativos, etc.)

Su plan debe garantizar que todos los servicios, tanto clínicos como no clínicos, se brinden de manera competente desde el punto de vista cultural y sean accesibles para todos los afiliados, incluidos aquellos con dominio limitado del inglés, habilidades de lectura limitadas, incapacidad auditiva o aquellos con orígenes culturales y étnicos diversos. Algunos ejemplos de cómo un plan puede cumplir con estos requisitos de accesibilidad incluyen, entre

otros, la prestación de servicios de traducción, servicios de interpretación, telemáquinas de escribir o conexión TTY (teléfono de texto o teléfono de telemáquina).

Nuestro plan cuenta con servicios gratuitos de intérpretes disponibles para responder preguntas de afiliados que no hablan inglés. También podemos darle información en braille, en letra grande o en otros formatos alternativos sin costo en caso de ser necesario. Se nos exige darle información sobre los beneficios del plan en un formato que sea accesible y apropiado para usted. Para obtener información de parte de nosotros de una forma que se ajuste a sus necesidades, llame a Atención al cliente.

Nuestro plan debe brindarles a las mujeres inscritas la opción de acceso directo a un especialista en salud femenina dentro de la red para servicios de cuidado de la salud preventivos y de rutina para mujeres.

Si no hay disponibles proveedores de la red del plan para una especialidad, es responsabilidad del plan localizar proveedores especializados fuera de la red que le proporcionen el cuidado necesario. En este caso, solo pagará el costo compartido dentro de la red. Si se encuentra en una situación en la cual no hay especialistas en la red del plan que cubran un servicio que usted necesita, llame al plan para obtener información sobre dónde ir para obtener este servicio al costo compartido dentro de la red.

Si tiene alguna dificultad para obtener información de nuestro plan en un formato que sea accesible y apropiado para usted, llame para presentar una queja formal ante el Departamento de quejas formales y apelaciones de Humana al 800-457-4708, TTY 711. También puede presentar una queja ante Medicare llamando al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) o directamente ante la Oficina de Derechos Civiles al 1-800-368-1019 o TTY 1-800-537-7697.

Section 1.2 We must ensure you get timely access to covered services

You may seek care from any provider in the United States if the provider agrees to accept our plan's terms and conditions of payment prior to providing services to you and is eligible to provide services under Original Medicare, as described in Chapter 3, Section 1.2. You should always (except possibly in emergencies) show the provider your PFFS plan membership card. As a plan member, you have the right to get appointments and covered services from the plan's network of providers *within a reasonable amount of time.*

Our plan has agreements with some providers to deliver covered services to members in our plan. These providers are our network providers. Chapter 3, Section 1.2 describes the rules for getting covered services using our network providers.

If you think you aren't getting your medical care within a reasonable amount of time, Chapter 7 tells what you can do.

Section 1.3 We must protect the privacy of your personal health information

Federal and state laws protect the privacy of your medical records and personal health information. We protect your personal health information as required by these laws. A right to be treated with respect and recognition of their **dignity** and their right to privacy.

- Your personal health information includes the personal information you gave us when you enrolled in this plan as well as your medical records and other medical and health information.

- You have rights related to your information and controlling how your health information is used. We give you a written notice, called a *Notice of Privacy Practice*, that tells about these rights and explains how we protect the privacy of your health information.

How do we protect the privacy of your health information?

- We make sure that unauthorized people don't see or change your records.
- Except for the circumstances noted below, if we intend to give your health information to anyone who isn't providing your care or paying for your care, *we are required to get written permission from you or someone you have given legal power to make decisions for you first*.
- There are certain exceptions that don't require us to get your written permission first. These exceptions are allowed or required by law.
  - We're required to release health information to government agencies that are checking on quality of care.
  - Because you're a member of our plan through Medicare, we're required to give Medicare your health information. If Medicare releases your information for research or other uses, this will be done according to federal statutes and regulations; typically, this requires that information that uniquely identifies you not be shared.

You can see the information in your records and know how it's been shared with others

You have the right to look at your medical records held by our plan, and to get a copy of your records. We're allowed to charge you a fee for making copies. You also have the right to ask us to make additions or corrections to your medical records. If you ask us to do this, we'll work with your health care provider to decide whether the changes should be made.

You have the right to know how your health information has been shared with others for any purposes that aren't routine.

If you have questions or concerns about the privacy of your personal health information, please call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).

Insurance ACE
Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

The privacy of your personal and health information is important. You do not need to do anything unless you have a request or complaint.
This Notice of Privacy Practices applies to all entities that are part of the Insurance ACE, an Affiliated Covered Entity under HIPAA. The ACE is a group of legally separate covered entities that are affiliated and have designated themselves as a single covered entity for purposes of HIPAA. A complete list of the members of the ACE is available at https://huma.na/insuranceace

We may change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, as allowed by law, including information we created or received before we made the changes. When we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this notice and send the notice to our health plan subscribers.

What is nonpublic personal or health information?
Nonpublic personal or health information includes both medical information and personal information, like your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, account numbers, payment information, or demographic information. The term "information" in this notice includes any nonpublic personal and health information. This includes information created or received by a healthcare provider or health plan. The information relates to your physical or mental health or condition, providing healthcare to you, or the payment for such healthcare.

How do we collect information about you?
We collect information about you and your family when you complete applications and forms. We also collect information from your dealings with us, our affiliates, or others. For example, we may receive information about you from participants in the healthcare system, such as your doctor or hospital, as well as from employers or plan administrators, credit bureaus, and the Medical Information Bureau.

What information do we receive about you?
The information we receive may include such items as your name, address, telephone number, date of birth, Social Security number, premium payment history, and your activity on our website. This also includes information regarding your medical benefit plan, your health benefits, and health risk assessments.

How do we protect your information?
We have a responsibility to protect the privacy of your information in all formats including electronic and oral information. We have administrative, technical, and physical safeguards in place to protect your information in various ways including:
- Limiting who may see your information
- Limiting how we use or disclose your information
- Informing you of our legal duties about your information
- Training our employees about our privacy policies and programs

How do we use and disclose your information?
We use and disclose your information:
- To you or someone who has the legal right to act on your behalf
- To the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services

We have the right to use and disclose your information:
- To a doctor, a hospital, or other healthcare provider so you can receive medical care.
- For payment activities, including claims payment for covered services provided to you by healthcare providers and for health plan premium payments.
- For healthcare operation activities, including processing your enrollment, responding to your inquiries, coordinating your care, improving quality, and determining premiums.
- For performing underwriting activities. However, we will not use any results of genetic testing or ask questions regarding family history.
- To your plan sponsor to permit them to perform, plan administration functions such as eligibility, enrollment, and disenrollment activities. We may share summary level health information about you with your plan sponsor in certain situations. For example, to allow your plan sponsor to obtain bids from other health plans. Your detailed health information will not be shared with your plan sponsor. We will ask your permission, or your plan sponsor must certify they agree to maintain the privacy of your information.
- To contact you with information about health-related benefits and services, appointment reminders, or treatment alternatives that may be of interest to you. If you have opted out, we will not contact you.
- To your family and friends if you are unavailable to communicate, such as in an emergency.

- To your family and friends, or any other person you identify. This applies if the information is directly relevant to their involvement with your health care or payment for that care. For example, if a family member or a caregiver calls us with prior knowledge of a claim, we may confirm if the claim has been received and paid.
- To provide payment information to the subscriber for Internal Revenue Service substantiation.
- To public health agencies, if we believe that there is a serious health or safety threat.
- To appropriate authorities when there are issues about abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.
- In response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process.
- For law enforcement purposes, to military authorities and as otherwise required by law.
- To help with disaster relief efforts.
- For compliance programs and health oversight activities.
- To fulfill our obligations under any workers' compensation law or contract.
- To avert a serious and imminent threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.
- For research purposes in limited circumstances and provided that they have taken appropriate measures to protect your privacy.
- For procurement, banking, or transplantation of organs, eyes, or tissue.
- To a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director.

Additional restriction on use and disclosure for specific types of information:
- Some federal and state laws may restrict the use and disclosure of certain sensitive health information such as: Substance Use Disorder; Biometric Information; Child or Adult Abuse or Neglect, including Sexual Assault; Communicable Diseases; Genetic Information; HIV/AIDS; Mental Health; Reproductive Health; and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.
- Reproductive Health Information: We will not use or disclose information to conduct an investigation into identifying (or the attempt to impose liability against) any person for the act of seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating lawful reproductive health care. In response to a government agency's (or other person's) request for information that might be related to reproductive health care, the person making the request must provide a signed attestation that the purpose of the request does not violate the prohibition on disclosing reproductive health care information.

Will we use your information for purposes not described in this notice?
We will not use or disclose your information for any reason that is not described in this notice, without your written permission. You may cancel your permission at any time by notifying us in writing.
The following uses and disclosures will require your written permission:
- Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes
- Marketing purposes
- Sale of protected health information

What do we do with your information when you are no longer a member?
Your information may continue to be used for purposes described in this notice. This includes when you do not obtain coverage through us. After the required legal retention period, we destroy the information following strict procedures to maintain the confidentiality.

What are my rights concerning my information?
We are committed to responding to your rights request in a timely manner
- Access – You have the right to review and obtain a copy of your information that may be used to make decisions about you. You also may receive a summary of this health information. As required under applicable law, we will make this personal information available to you or to your designated representative.
- Adverse Underwriting Decision – If we decline your application for insurance, you have the right to be provided a reason for the denial.
- Alternate Communications – To avoid a life-threatening situation, you have the right to receive your information in a different manner or at a different place. We will accommodate your request if it is reasonable.

- Amendment – You have the right to request correction of any of this personal information through amendment or deletion. Within 60 business days of receipt of your written request, we will notify you of our amendment or deletion of the information in dispute, or of our refusal to make such correction after further investigation.
- If we refuse to amend or delete the information in dispute, you have the right to submit to us a written statement of the reasons for your disagreement with our assessment of the information in dispute and what you consider to be the correct information. We shall make such a statement accessible to any and all parties reviewing the information in dispute.*
- Disclosure – You have the right to receive a listing of instances in which we or our business associates have disclosed your information. This does not apply to treatment, payment, health plan operations, and certain other activities. We maintain this information and make it available to you for six years. If you request this list more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee.
- Notice – You have the right to request and receive a written copy of this notice any time.
- Restriction – You have the right to ask to limit how your information is used or disclosed. We are not required to agree to the limit, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement. You also have the right to agree to or terminate a previously submitted limitation.

If I believe my privacy has been violated, what should I do?
If you believe that your privacy has been violated, you may file a complaint with us by calling us at: 866-861-2762 any time.

You may also submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights (OCR). We will give you the appropriate OCR regional address on request. You can also e-mail your complaint to **OCRComplaint@hhs.gov**. If you elect to file a complaint, your benefits will not be affected, and we will not punish or retaliate against you in any way.

We support your right to protect the privacy of your personal and health information.

Our Responsibilities
- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you.

The new notice will be available upon request, in our office, and on our web site.

How do I exercise my rights or obtain a copy of this notice?
All of your privacy rights can be exercised by obtaining the applicable forms. You may obtain any of the forms by:
- Contacting us at 866-861-2762
- Accessing our website at **Humana.com** and going to the Privacy Practices link
- Send completed request form to:
  Humana Inc.
  Privacy Office 003/10911
  101 E. Main Street
  Louisville, KY 40202

* This right applies only to our Massachusetts residents in accordance with state regulations.

Section 1.4 We must give you information about our plan, our network of providers, and your covered services

As a member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS), you have the right to get several kinds of information from us.

If you want any of the following kinds of information, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711):

- **Information about our plan.** This includes, for example, information about our plan's financial condition.
- **Information about our network providers.** You have the right to get information about the qualifications of the providers in our network and how we pay the providers in our network.
- **Information about your coverage and the rules you must follow when using your coverage.** Chapters 3 and 4 provide information regarding medical services.
- We have special programs that focus on keeping you healthy, detecting early identification of health risks, ensuring your care is delivered safely and efficiently across all levels of care, and managing chronic conditions. Our care management program offers supportive services to members with complicated medical conditions, or those who have been hospitalized. The Humana Care Management team will help you navigate through the health care system and assist in coordinating your care. We have programs to help people manage health conditions like diabetes, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other illness. In addition, the Humana Care Management team is available to assist with the coordination of care and benefits. All of these programs are voluntary. If you qualify and are contacted about one of these programs, we encourage you to participate as most members find care management to be very helpful. You may choose to discontinue it anytime by letting your care manager know. If you would like more information about these health programs, call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-491-4164, TTY 711.
- **Information about why something is not covered and what you can do about it.** Chapter 7 provides information on asking for a written explanation on why a medical service isn't covered or if your coverage is restricted. Chapter 7 also provides information on asking us to change a decision, also called an appeal.

Section 1.5 You have the right to know your treatment options and participate in decisions about your care

You have the right to get full information from your doctors and other health care providers. Your providers must explain your medical condition and your treatment choices *in a way that you can understand*.

You also have the right to participate fully in decisions about your health care. To help you make decisions with your doctors about what treatment is best for you, your rights include the following:

- **To know about all your choices.** You have the right to be told about all treatment options recommended for your condition, no matter what they cost or whether they're covered by our plan.
- **To know about the risks.** You have the right to be told about any risks involved in your care. You must be told in advance if any proposed medical care or treatment is part of a research experiment. You always have the choice to refuse any experimental treatments.

- **The right to say "no."** You have the right to refuse any recommended treatment. This includes the right to leave a hospital or other medical facility, even if your doctor advises you not to leave. If you refuse treatment, you accept full responsibility for what happens to your body as a result.

You have the right to give instructions about what's to be done if you can't make medical decisions for yourself

Sometimes people become unable to make health care decisions for themselves due to accidents or serious illness. You have the right to say what you want to happen if you're in this situation. This means, *if you want to*, you can:

- Fill out a written form to give **someone the legal authority to make medical decisions for you** if you ever become unable to make decisions for yourself.
- **Give your doctors written instructions** about how you want them to handle your medical care if you become unable to make decisions for yourself.

Legal documents you can use to give directions in advance of these situations are called **advance directives.** Documents like a **living will** and **power of attorney for health care** are examples of advance directives.

How to set up an advance directive to give instructions:

- **Get a form.** You can get an advance directive form from your lawyer, a social worker, or some office supply stores. You can sometimes get advance directive forms from organizations that give people information about Medicare. You can also call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) to ask for the forms.
- **Fill out the form and sign it.** No matter where you get this form, it's a legal document. Consider having a lawyer help you prepare it.
- **Give copies of the form to the right people.** Give a copy of the form to your doctor and to the person you name on the form who can make decisions for you if you can’t. You may want to give copies to close friends or family members. Keep a copy at home.

If you know ahead of time that you're going to be hospitalized, and you signed an advance directive, **take a copy with you to the hospital**.

- The hospital will ask whether you signed an advance directive form and whether you have it with you.
- If you didn't sign an advance directive form, the hospital has forms available and will ask if you want to sign one.

Filling out an advance directive is your choice (including whether you want to sign one if you're in the hospital). According to law, no one can deny you care or discriminate against you based on whether or not you signed an advance directive.

If your instructions aren't followed

If you sign an advance directive and you believe that a doctor or hospital didn't follow the instructions in it, you can file a complaint with your state's Quality Improvement Organization (QIO). Contact information can be found in "Exhibit A" in the back of this document.

Section 1.6 You have the right to make complaints and ask us to reconsider decisions we made

At Humana, a process called Utilization Management (UM) is used to determine whether a service or treatment is covered and appropriate for payment under your benefit plan. Humana does not reward or provide financial incentives to doctors, other individuals or Humana employees for denying coverage or encouraging under use of services. In fact, Humana works with your doctors and other providers to help you get the most appropriate care for your medical condition. If you have questions or concerns related to Utilization Management, staff are available at least eight hours a day during normal business hours. Humana has free language interpreter services available to answer questions related to Utilization Management from non-English speaking members. Members may call 800-457-4708 (TTY:711).

Humana decides about coverage of new medical procedures and devices on an ongoing basis. This is done by checking peer-reviewed medical literature and consulting with medical experts to see if the new technology is effective and safe. Humana also relies on guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which often makes national coverage decisions for new medical procedures or devices.

If you have any problems, concerns, or complaints and need to ask for coverage, or make an appeal, Chapter 7 of this document tells what you can do. Whatever you do – ask for a coverage decision, make an appeal, or make a complaint – **we're required to treat you fairly**.

Section 1.7 If you believe you're being treated unfairly, or your rights aren't being respected

If you believe you've been treated unfairly or your rights haven't been respected due to your race, disability, religion, sex, health, ethnicity, creed (beliefs), age, or national origin, call the Department of Health and Human Services' **Office for Civil Rights** at 1-800-368-1019 (TTY users call 1-800-537-7697), or call your local Office for Civil Rights.

If you believe you've been treated unfairly or your rights haven't been respected, *and* it's *not* about discrimination, you can get help dealing with the problem you're having from these places:

- **Call Customer Care** at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).
- **Call your local SHIP.** You'll find numbers and website URLs in Exhibit A in the back of this document.
- **Call Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.)

Section 1.8 How to get more information about your rights

Get more information about your rights from these places:

- **Call our plan's Customer Care** at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).
- **Call your local SHIP**. You'll find numbers and website URLs in Exhibit A in the back of this document.
- **Contact Medicare**.

- Visit www.Medicare.gov to read the publication *Medicare Rights & Protections* (available at: Medicare-Rights-and-Protections.)
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.)

SECTION 2 Your responsibilities as a member of our plan

Things you need to do as a member of our plan are listed below. For questions, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).

- **Get familiar with your covered services and the rules you must follow to get these covered services.** Use this *Evidence of Coverage* to learn what's covered and the rules you need to follow to get covered services.
  - Chapters 3 and 4 give details about medical services.
- **If you have any other health coverage in addition to our plan, or separate prescription drug coverage, you're required to tell us.** Chapter 1 tells you about coordinating these benefits.
- **Tell your doctor and other health care providers that you're enrolled in our plan.** Show our plan membership card whenever you get medical care.
- **Help your doctors and other providers help you by giving them information, asking questions, and following through on your care.**
  - To help get the best care, tell your doctors and other health providers about your health problems. Follow the treatment plans and instructions you and your doctors agree on.
  - Make sure your doctors know all the drugs you're taking, including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and supplements.
  - If you have questions, be sure to ask and get an answer you can understand.
- **Be considerate.** We expect our members to respect the rights of other patients. We also expect you to act in a way that helps the smooth running of your doctor's office, hospitals, and other offices.
- **Pay what you owe.** As a plan member, you're responsible for these payments:
  - You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premiums to stay a member of our plan.
  - For most of your medical services covered by our plan, you must pay your share of the cost when you get the service.
- **If you move *within* our plan service area, we need to know** so we can keep your membership record up to date and know how to contact you.
- **If you move *outside* our plan service area, you can't stay a member of our plan.**
- **If you move, tell Social Security (or the Railroad Retirement Board).**
- **A right to make recommendations regarding the organization's member rights and responsibilities policy.**

CHAPTER 7:
If you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)

SECTION 1 What to do if you have a problem or concern

This chapter explains 2 processes for handling problems and concerns:

- For some problems, you need to use the **process for coverage decisions and appeals.**
- For other problems, you need to use the **process for making complaints** (also called grievances).

Both processes have been approved by Medicare. Each process has a set of rules, procedures, and deadlines that must be followed by us and by you.

The information in this chapter will help you identify the right process to use and what to do.

Section 1.1 Legal terms

There are legal terms for some of the rules, procedures, and types of deadlines explained in this chapter. Many of these terms are unfamiliar to most people. To make things easier, this chapter uses more familiar words in place of some legal terms.

However, it's sometimes important to know the correct legal terms. To help you know which terms to use to get the right help or information, we include these legal terms when we give details for handling specific situations.

SECTION 2 Where to get more information and personalized help

We're always available to help you. Even if you have a complaint about our treatment of you, we're obligated to honor your right to complain. You should always call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) for help. In some situations, you may also want help or guidance from someone who isn't connected with us. Two organizations that can help are:

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Each state has a government program with trained counselors. The program isn't connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. The counselors at this program can help you understand which process you should use to handle a problem you're having. They can also answer questions, give you more information, and offer guidance on what to do.

The services of SHIP counselors are free. You'll find phone numbers in Exhibit A at the end of this document.

Medicare

You can also contact Medicare for help:

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.
- Visit www.Medicare.gov.

SECTION 3 Which process to use for your problem

Is your problem or concern about your benefits or coverage? This includes problems about whether medical care (medical items, services and/or Part B drugs) are covered or not, the way in which they are covered, and problems related to payment for medical care.	
Yes. Go to **Section 4: A guide to coverage decisions and appeals.**	**No.** Go to **Section 9**: **How to make a complaint about quality of care, waiting times, customer service or other concerns.**

COVERAGE DECISIONS AND APPEALS

SECTION 4 A guide to coverage decisions and appeals

Coverage decisions and appeals deal with problems related to your benefits and coverage for your medical care (services, items, and Part B drugs, including payment). To keep things simple, we generally refer to medical items, services, and Medicare Part B drugs as **medical care**. You use the coverage decision and appeals process for issues such as whether something is covered or not and the way in which something is covered.

Asking for coverage decisions before you get services

If you want to know if we'll cover medical care before you get it, you can ask us to make a coverage decision for you. A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we'll pay for your medical care. For example, if our plan network doctor refers you to a medical specialist not inside the network, this referral is considered a favorable coverage decision unless either you or your network doctor can show that you got a standard denial notice for this medical specialist, or the *Evidence of Coverage* makes it clear that the referred service is never covered under any condition. You or your doctor can also contact us and ask for a coverage decision if your doctor is unsure whether we'll cover a particular medical service or refuses to provide medical care you think that you need.

In limited circumstances a request for a coverage decision will be dismissed, which means we won't review the request. Examples of when a request will be dismissed include if the request is incomplete, if someone makes the request on your behalf but isn't legally authorized to do so, or if you ask for your request to be withdrawn. If we dismiss a request for a coverage decision, we'll send a notice explaining why the request was dismissed and how to ask for a review of the dismissal.

We make a coverage decision whenever we decide what's covered for you and how much we pay. In some cases, we might decide medical care isn't covered or is no longer covered for you. If you disagree with this coverage decision, you can make an appeal.

Making an appeal

If we make a coverage decision, whether before or after you get a benefit, and you aren't satisfied with this decision, you can **appeal** the decision. An appeal is a formal way of asking us to review and change a coverage decision we made. Under certain circumstances, you can ask for an expedited or **fast appeal** of a coverage decision. Your appeal is handled by different reviewers than those who made the original decision.

When you appeal a decision for the first time, this is called a Level 1 appeal. In this appeal, we review the coverage decision we made to check to see if we properly followed the rules. When we complete the review, we give you our decision.

In limited circumstances a request for a Level 1 appeal will be dismissed, which means we won't review the request. Examples of when a request will be dismissed include if the request is incomplete if someone makes the request on your behalf but isn't legally authorized to do so, or if you ask for your request to be withdrawn. If we dismiss a request for a Level 1 appeal, we'll send a notice explaining why the request was dismissed and how to ask for a review of the dismissal.

If we say no to all or part of your Level 1 appeal for medical care, your appeal will automatically go on to a Level 2 appeal conducted by an independent review organization not connected to us.

- You don't need to do anything to start a Level 2 appeal. Medicare rules require we automatically send your appeal for medical care to Level 2 if we don't fully agree with your Level 1 appeal.
- Go to **Section 5.4** of this chapter for more information about Level 2 appeals.

If you're not satisfied with the decision at the Level 2 appeal, you may be able to continue through additional levels of appeal (this chapter explains the Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals processes).

Section 4.1 Get help asking for a coverage decision or making an appeal

Here are resources if you decide to ask for any kind of coverage decision or appeal a decision:

- **Call Customer Care** at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).
- **Get free help** from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program.
- **Your doctor can make a request for you.** For medical care, or Part B drugs, your doctor can request a coverage decision or a Level 1 appeal on your behalf. If your appeal is denied at Level 1, it'll be automatically forwarded to Level 2. To request any appeal after Level 2, your doctor must be appointed as your representative.
- **You can ask someone to act on your behalf.** You can name another person to act for you as your *representative* to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal.
  - If you want a friend, relative, or another person to be your representative, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *Appointment of Representative* form. (The form is also available at www.CMS.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf or on our website at https://www.humana.com/member/documents-and-forms.) This form gives that person permission to

act on your behalf. It must be signed by you and by the person you want to act on your behalf. You must give us a copy of the signed form.

– We can accept an appeal request from a representative without the form, but we can't complete our review until we get it. If we don't get the form before our deadline for making a decision on your appeal, your appeal request will be dismissed. If this happens, we'll send you a written notice explaining your right to ask the independent review organization to review our decision to dismiss your appeal.

- **You also have the right to hire a lawyer.** You can contact your own lawyer or get the name of a lawyer from your local bar association or other referral service. There are groups that will give you free legal services if you qualify. However, **you aren't required to hire a lawyer** to ask for any kind of coverage decision or appeal a decision.

Section 4.2 Rules and deadlines for different situations

There are 3 different situations that involve coverage decisions and appeals. Each situation has different rules and deadlines. We give the details of these situations:

- **Section 5**: Medical care: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal
- **Section 6**: How to ask us to cover a longer inpatient hospital stay if you think the doctor is discharging you too soon
- **Section 7**: How to ask us to keep covering certain medical services if you think your coverage is ending too soon (*Applies only to these services* : home health care, skilled nursing facility care, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services)

If you're not sure which information applies to you, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). You can also get help or information from your SHIP.

SECTION 5 Medical care: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal

Section 5.1 This section tells what to do if you have problems getting coverage for medical care or if you want us to pay you back for our share of the cost of your care

Your benefits for medical care are described in Chapter 4 in the Medical Benefits Chart. In some cases, different rules apply to a request for a Part B drug. In those cases, we'll explain how the rules for Part B drugs are different from the rules for medical items and services.

This section tells what you can do if you're in any of the 5 following situations:

1. You aren't getting certain medical care you want, and you believe this care is covered by our plan. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 5.2.**
2. Our plan won't approve the medical care your doctor or other medical provider wants to give you, and you believe this care is covered by our plan. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 5.2.**

3. You got medical care that you believe should be covered by our plan, but we said we won't pay for this care. **Make an appeal. Section 5.3.**

4. You got and paid for medical care that you believe should be covered by our plan, and you want to ask our plan to reimburse you for this care. **Send us the bill. Section 5.5.**

5. You're told that coverage for certain medical care you've been getting that we previously approved will be reduced or stopped, and you believe that reducing or stopping this care could harm your health. **Make an appeal. Section 5.3**.

Note: If the coverage that will be stopped is for hospital care, home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services, go to Sections 6 and 7. Special rules apply to these types of care.

Section 5.2 How to ask for a coverage decision

Legal Terms:

A coverage decision that involves your medical care is called an **organization determination.**

A fast coverage decision is called an **expedited determination.**

Step 1: Decide if you need a standard coverage decision or a fast coverage decision.

A standard coverage decision is usually made within 7 calendar days when the medical item or service is subject to our prior authorization rules, 14 calendar days for all other medical items and services, or 72 hours for Part B drugs. A fast coverage decision is generally made within 72 hours, for medical services, or 24 hours for Part B drugs. To get a fast coverage decision, you must meet 2 requirements:

- You may *only ask* for coverage for medical care items and/or services (not requests for payment for items and/or services you already got).
- You can get a fast coverage decision *only* if using the standard deadlines could cause serious harm to your health or hurt your ability to regain function.

If your doctor tells us that your health requires a fast coverage decision, we'll automatically agree to give you a fast coverage decision.

If you ask for a fast coverage decision on your own, without your doctor's support, we'll decide whether your health requires that we give you a fast coverage decision. If we don't approve a fast coverage decision, we'll send you a letter that:

- Explains that we'll use the standard deadlines
- Explains if your doctor asks for the fast coverage decision, we'll automatically give you a fast coverage decision
- Explains that you can file a fast complaint about our decision to give you a standard coverage decision instead of the fast coverage decision you asked for.

Step 2: Ask our plan to make a coverage decision or fast coverage decision.

Start by calling, writing, or faxing our plan to make your request for us to authorize or provide coverage for the medical care you want. You, your doctor, or your representative can do this. Chapter 2 has contact information.

Step 3: We consider your request for medical care coverage and give you our answer.

For standard coverage decisions we use the standard deadlines

This means we'll give you an answer within 7 calendar days after we get your request for a medical item or service that is subject to our prior authorization rules. If your requested medical item or service is not subject to our prior authorization rules, we'll give you an answer within 14 calendar days after we get your request. If your request is for a Part B drug, we'll give you an answer within 72 hours after we get your request.

- **However,** if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Medicare Part B prescription drug.
- If you believe we *shouldn't* take extra days, you can file a *fast complaint*. We'll give you an answer to your complaint as soon as we make the decision. (The process for making a complaint is different from the process for coverage decisions and appeals. Go to Section 10 for information on complaints.)

For fast coverage decisions we use an expedited timeframe.

A fast coverage decision means we'll answer within 72 hours if your request is for a medical item or service. If your request is for a Part B drug, we'll answer within 24 hours.

- **However,** if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days**. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.
- If you believe we *shouldn't* take extra days, you can file a *fast complaint*. (Go to Section 10 of this chapter for information on complaints.) We'll call you as soon as we make the decision.
- If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for, we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no.

Step 4: If we say no to your request for coverage for medical care, you can appeal.

- If we say no, you have the right to ask us to reconsider this decision by making an appeal. This means asking again to get the medical care coverage you want. If you decide to make an appeal, it means you're going on to Level 1 of the appeals process.

Section 5.3 How to make a Level 1 appeal

Legal Terms:

An appeal to our plan about a medical care coverage decision is called a plan **reconsideration.**

A fast appeal is also called an **expedited reconsideration.**

Step 1: Decide if you need a standard appeal or a fast appeal.

A standard appeal is usually made within 30 calendar days or 7 calendar days for Part B drugs. A fast appeal is generally made within 72 hours.

- If you're appealing a decision we made about coverage for care, you and/or your doctor need to decide if you need a fast appeal. If your doctor tells us that your health requires a fast appeal, we'll give you a fast appeal.
- The requirements for getting a fast appeal are the same as those for getting a fast coverage decision in Section 5.2.

Step 2: Ask our plan for an appeal or a fast appeal.

- **If you're asking for a standard appeal, submit your standard appeal in writing.** Chapter 2 has contact information
- **If you're asking for a fast appeal, make your appeal in writing or call us.** Chapter 2 has contact information.
- **You must make your appeal request within 65 calendar days** from the date on the written notice we sent to tell you our answer on the coverage decision. If you miss this deadline and have a good reason for missing it, explain the reason your appeal is late when you make your appeal. We may give you more time to make your appeal. Examples of good cause may include a serious illness that prevented you from contacting us or if we provided you with incorrect or incomplete information about the deadline for asking for an appeal.
- **You can ask for a copy of the information regarding your medical decision. You and your doctor may add more information to support your appeal.** We're allowed to charge a fee for copying and sending this information to you.

Step 3: We consider your appeal, and we give you our answer.

- When we're reviewing your appeal, we take another careful look at all the information. We check to see if we were following all the rules when we said no to your request.
- We'll gather more information if needed and may contact you or your doctor.

Deadlines for a fast appeal

- For fast appeals, we must give you our answer **within 72 hours after we get your appeal**. We'll give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to.
  - If you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, we **can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time if your request is for a Part B drug.
  - If we don't give you an answer within 72 hours (or by the end of the extended time period if we took extra days), we are required to automatically send your request to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. Section 5.4 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must authorize or provide the coverage we agreed to within 72 hours after we get your appeal.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for,** we'll automatically forward your appeal to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal. The independent review organization will notify you in writing when it gets your appeal.

Deadlines for a standard appeal

- For standard appeals, we must give you our answer **within 30 calendar days** after we get your appeal. If your request is for a Part B drug you didn't get yet, we'll give you our answer **within 7 calendar days** after we get your appeal. We'll give you our decision sooner if your health condition requires us to.
  - **However**, if you ask for more time, or if we need to gather more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.
  - If you believe we shouldn't take extra days, you can file a fast complaint. When you file a fast complaint, we'll give you an answer to your complaint within 24 hours. (Go to Section 9 of this chapter for information on complaints.)
  - If we don't give you an answer by the applicable deadline above (or by the end of the extended time period), we'll send your request to a Level 2 appeal, where an independent review organization will review the appeal. Section 5.4 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must authorize or provide the coverage within 30 calendar days if your request is for a medical item or service, or **within 7 calendar days** if your request is for a Part B drug.
- **If our plan says no to part or all of your appeal**, we'll automatically send your appeal to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal.

Section 5.4 The Level 2 appeal process

Legal Term:

The formal name for the independent review organization is the **Independent Review Entity.** It's sometimes called the **IRE.**

The **independent review organization is an independent organization hired by Medicare**. It isn't connected with us and it isn't a government agency. This organization decides whether the decision we made is correct or if it should be changed. Medicare oversees its work.

Step 1: The independent review organization reviews your appeal.

- We'll send the information about your appeal to this organization. This information is called your **case file**. **You have the right to ask us for a copy of your case file.** We're allowed to charge you a fee for copying and sending this information to you.
- You have a right to give the independent review organization additional information to support your appeal.
- Reviewers at the independent review organization will take a careful look at all of the information related to your appeal.

If you had a fast appeal at Level 1, you'll also have a fast appeal at Level 2.

- For the fast appeal, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 72 hours** of when it gets your appeal.

- If your request is for a medical item or service and the independent review organization needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days**. The independent review organization can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.

If you had a standard appeal at Level 1, you'll also have a standard appeal at Level 2.

- For the standard appeal if your request is for a medical item or service, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 30 calendar days** of when it gets your appeal. If your request is for a Part B drug, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 7 calendar days** of when it gets your appeal.

- If your request is for a medical item or service and the independent review organization needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days**. The independent review organization can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.

Step 2: The independent review organization gives you its answer.

The independent review organization will tell you its decision in writing and explain the reasons for it.

- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of a request for a medical item or service,** we must authorize the medical care coverage within 72 hours or provide the service within 14 calendar days after we get the decision from the independent review organization for **standard requests**. For **expedited requests**, we have **72 hours** from the date we get the decision from the independent review organization.

- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of a request for a Part B drug,** we must authorize or provide the Part B drug within **72 hours** after we get the decision from the independent review organization for **standard requests.** For **expedited requests** we have **24 hours** from the date we get the decision from the independent review organization.

- **If this organization says no to part or all of your appeal**, it means they agree with us that your request (or part of your request) for coverage for medical care shouldn't be approved. (This is called **upholding the decision** or **turning down your appeal**.) In this case, the independent review organization will send you a letter that:

  – Explains the decision.

  – Let's you know about your right to a Level 3 appeal if the dollar value of the medical care coverage meets a certain minimum. The written notice you get from the independent review organization will tell you how to find out the dollar amount you must meet to continue the appeals process.

  – Tells you how to file a Level 3 appeal.

Step 3: If your case meets the requirements, you choose whether you want to take your appeal further.

- There are 3 additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of 5 levels of appeal). If you want to go to a Level 3 appeal the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal.

- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 explains the Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals processes.

Section 5.5 If you're asking us to pay you for our share of a bill you got for medical care

Chapter 5 describes when you may need to ask for reimbursement or to pay a bill you got from a provider. It also tells how to send us the paperwork that asks us for payment.

Asking for reimbursement is asking for a coverage decision from us

If you send us the paperwork that asks for reimbursement, you're asking for a coverage decision. To make this coverage decision, we'll check to see if the medical care you paid for is covered. We'll also check to see if you followed the rules for using your coverage for medical care.

- **If we say yes to your request**: If the medical care is covered and you followed the rules, we'll send you the payment for our share of the cost typically within 30 calendar days, but no later than 60 calendar days after we get your request. If you haven't paid for the medical care, we'll send the payment directly to the provider.
- **If we say no to your request**: If the medical care isn't covered, or you didn't follow all the rules, we won't send payment. Instead, we'll send you a letter that says we won't pay for the medical care and the reasons why.

If you don't agree with our decision to turn you down, **you can make an appeal**. If you make an appeal, it means you're asking us to change the coverage decision we made when we turned down your request for payment.

To make this appeal, follow the process for appeals in Section 5.3. For appeals concerning reimbursement, note:

- We must give you our answer within 60 calendar days after we get your appeal. If you're asking us to pay you back for medical care you have already gotten and paid for, you're not allowed to ask for a fast appeal.
- If the independent review organization decides we should pay, we must send you or the provider the payment within 30 calendar days. If the answer to your appeal is yes at any stage of the appeals process after Level 2, we must send the payment you asked for to you or the provider within 60 calendar days.

SECTION 6 How to ask us to cover a longer inpatient hospital stay if you think you're being discharged too soon

When you're admitted to a hospital, you have the right to get all covered hospital services necessary to diagnose and treat your illness or injury.

During your covered hospital stay, your doctor and the hospital staff will be working with you to prepare for the day when you'll leave. They'll also help arrange for care you may need after you leave.

- The day you leave the hospital is called your **discharge date**.
- When your discharge date has been decided, your doctor or the hospital staff will tell you.
- If you think you're being asked to leave the hospital too soon, you can ask for a longer hospital stay, and your request will be considered.

Section 6.1 During your inpatient hospital stay, you'll get a written notice from Medicare that tells you about your rights

Within 2 calendar days of being admitted to the hospital, you'll be given a written notice called *An Important Message from Medicare about Your Rights*. Everyone with Medicare gets a copy of this notice. If you don't get the notice, ask any hospital employee for it. If you need help, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

1. **Read this notice carefully and ask questions if you don't understand it.** It tells you:
   - Your right to get Medicare-covered services during and after your hospital stay, as ordered by your doctor. This includes the right to know what these services are, who will pay for them, and where you can get them.
   - Your right to be involved in any decisions about your hospital stay.
   - Where to report any concerns you have about quality of your hospital care.
   - Your right to **request an immediate review** of the decision to discharge you if you think you're being discharged from the hospital too soon. This is a formal, legal way to ask for a delay in your discharge date, so we'll cover your hospital care for a longer time.
2. **You'll be asked to sign the written notice to show that you got it and understand your rights.**
   - You or someone who is acting on your behalf must sign the notice.
   - Signing the notice shows *only* that you got the information about your rights. The notice doesn't give your discharge date. Signing the notice ***doesn't* mean** you're agreeing on a discharge date.
3. **Keep your copy** of the notice so you have the information about making an appeal (or reporting a concern about quality of care) if you need it.
   - If you sign the notice more than 2 calendar days before the day you leave the hospital, you'll get another copy before you're scheduled to be discharged.
   - To look at a copy of this notice in advance, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) or 1-800 MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also get the notice online at www.CMS.gov/Medicare/forms-notices/beneficiary-notices-initiative/ffs-ma-im.

Section 6.2 How to make a Level 1 appeal to change your hospital discharge date

To ask us to cover your inpatient hospital services for a longer time, use the appeals process to make this request. Before you start, understand what you need to do and what the deadlines are.

- **Follow the process.**
- **Meet the deadlines.**
- **Ask for help if you need it.** If you have questions or need help call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). Or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for personalized help. The

services of SHIP counselors are free. You'll find phone numbers and website URLs in Exhibit A in the back of this document.

During a Level 1 appeal, the Quality Improvement Organization reviews your appeal. It checks to see if your planned discharge date is medically appropriate for you.
The **Quality Improvement Organization** is a group of doctors and other health care professionals paid by the federal government to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. This includes reviewing hospital discharge dates for people with Medicare. These experts aren't part of our plan.

Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization for your state and ask for an immediate review of your hospital discharge. You must act quickly.

How can you contact this organization?

- The written notice you got (*An Important Message from Medicare About Your Rights*) tells you how to reach this organization. Or find the name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state in Exhibit A in the back of this booklet.

Act quickly:

- To make your appeal, you must contact the Quality Improvement Organization *before* you leave the hospital and **no later than midnight the day of your discharge**.
  - **If you meet this deadline**, you can stay in the hospital *after* your discharge date *without paying for it* while you wait to get the decision from the Quality Improvement Organization.
  - **If you don't meet this deadline**, **contact us**. If you decide to stay in the hospital after your planned discharge date, *you may have to pay all the costs* for hospital care you get after your planned discharge date.
- Once you ask for an immediate review of your hospital discharge the Quality Improvement Organization will contact us. By noon of the day after we're contacted, we'll give you a **Detailed Notice of Discharge**. This notice gives your planned discharge date and explains in detail the reasons why your doctor, the hospital, and we think right (medically appropriate) for you to be discharged on that date.
- You can get a sample of the **Detailed Notice of Discharge** by calling Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. Or you can get a sample notice online at www.CMS.gov/Medicare/forms-notices/beneficiary-notices-initiative/ffs-ma-im.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization conducts an independent review of your case.

- Health professionals at the Quality Improvement Organization (the *reviewers*) will ask you (or your representative) why you believe coverage for the services should continue. You don't have to prepare anything in writing, but you can if you want.
- The reviewers will also look at your medical information, talk with your doctor, and review information that we and the hospital gave them.
- By noon of the day after the reviewers told us of your appeal, you'll get a written notice that gives your planned discharge date. This notice also explains in detail the reasons why your doctor, the hospital, and we think it's right (medically appropriate) for you to be discharged on that date.

Step 3: Within one full day after it has all the needed information, the Quality Improvement Organization will give you its answer to your appeal.

What happens if the answer is yes?

- If the independent review organization says *yes*, **we must keep providing your covered inpatient hospital services for as long as these services are medically necessary.**
- You'll have to keep paying your share of the costs (such as deductibles or copayments if these apply). In addition, there may be limitations on your covered hospital services.

What happens if the answer is no?

- If the independent review organization says *no*, they're saying that your planned discharge date is medically appropriate. If this happens, **our coverage for your inpatient hospital services will end** at noon on the day *after* the Quality Improvement Organization gives you its answer to your appeal.
- If the independent review organization says *no* to your appeal and you decide to stay in the hospital, then **you may have to pay the full cost** of hospital care you receive after noon on the day after the Quality Improvement Organization gives you its answer to your appeal.

Step 4: If the answer to your Level 1 appeal is no, you decide if you want to make another appeal.

- If the Quality Improvement Organization has said *no* to your appeal, *and* you stay in the hospital after your planned discharge date, then you can make another appeal. Making another appeal means you're going on to Level 2 of the appeals process.

Section 6.3 How to make a Level 2 appeal to change your hospital discharge date

During a Level 2 appeal, you ask the Quality Improvement Organization to take another look at the decision on your first appeal. If the Quality Improvement Organization turns down your Level 2 appeal, you may have to pay the full cost for your stay after your planned discharge date.

Step 1: You contact the Quality Improvement Organization again and ask for another review.

- You must ask for this review **within 60 calendar days** after the day the Quality Improvement Organization said *no* to your Level 1 appeal. You can ask for this review only if you stay in the hospital after the date your coverage for the care ended.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization does a second review of your situation.

- Reviewers at the Quality Improvement Organization will take another careful look at all the information related to your appeal.

Step 3: Within 14 calendar days of receipt of your request for a Level 2 appeal, the reviewers will decide on your appeal and tell you its decision.

If the independent review organization says yes:

- **We must reimburse you** for our share of the costs of hospital care you got since noon on the day after the date your first appeal was turned down by the Quality Improvement Organization. **We must continue providing coverage for your inpatient hospital care for as long as it's medically necessary.**

- You must continue to pay your share of the costs and coverage limitations may apply.

If the independent review organization says no:

- It means they agree with the decision they made on your Level 1 appeal. This is called upholding the decision.
- The notice you get will tell you in writing what you can do if you want to continue with the review process.

Step 4: If the answer is no, you'll need to decide whether you want to take your appeal further by going to Level 3.

- There are 3 additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of 5 levels of appeal). If you want to go to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3, your appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 in this chapter tells more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

SECTION 7 How to ask us to keep covering certain medical services if you think your coverage is ending too soon

When you're getting covered **home health services, skilled nursing care, or rehabilitation care (Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility)**, you have the right to keep getting your services for that type of care for as long as the care is needed to diagnose and treat your illness or injury.

When we decide it's time to stop covering any of these 3 types of care for you, we're required to tell you in advance. When your coverage for that care ends, *we'll stop paying our share of the cost for your care*.

If you think we're ending the coverage of your care too soon, **you can appeal our decision**. This section tells you how to ask for an appeal.

Section 7.1 We'll tell you in advance when your coverage will be ending

Legal Term:

Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage. It tells you how you can ask for a **fast-track appeal.** Asking for a fast-track appeal is a formal, legal way to ask for a change to our coverage decision about when to stop your care.

1. **You get a notice in writing** at least 2 calendar days before our plan is going to stop covering your care. This notice tells you:
   - The date when we'll stop covering the care for you.
   - How to request a *fast track appeal* to ask us to keep covering your care for a longer period of time.
2. **You, or someone who is acting on your behalf, will be asked to sign the notice to show that you got.** Signing the notice shows *only* that you got the information about when your coverage will stop. **Signing it doesn't mean you agree** with our plan's decision to stop care.

Section 7.2 How to make a Level 1 appeal to have our plan cover your care for a longer time

If you want to ask us to cover your care for a longer period of time, you'll need to use the appeals process to make this request. Before you start, understand what you need to do and what the deadlines are.

- **Follow the process.**
- **Meet the deadlines.**
- **Ask for help if you need it**. If you have questions or need help, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). Or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for personalized help. The services of SHIP counselors are free. You'll find phone numbers and website URLs in Exhibit A in the back of this document.

During a Level 1 appeal, the Quality Improvement Organization reviews your appeal. It decides if the end date for your care is medically appropriate.

The **Quality Improvement Organization** is a group of doctors and other health care experts paid by the federal government to check on and improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. This includes reviewing plan decisions about when it's time to stop covering certain kinds of medical care. These experts aren't part of our plan.

Step 1: Make your Level 1 appeal: contact the Quality Improvement Organization and ask for a fast-track appeal. You must act quickly.

How can you contact this organization?

- The written notice you got *(Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage)* tells you how to reach this organization. Or find the name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state in Chapter 2.

Act quickly:

- You must contact the Quality Improvement Organization to start your appeal **by noon of the day before the effective date** on the *Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage*.
- If you miss the deadline, and you want to file an appeal, you still have appeal rights. Contact the Quality Improvement Organization using the contact information on the Notice of Medicare Non-coverage. The name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state may also be found in Chapter 2.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization conducts an independent review of your case.

Legal Term:

Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage. Notice that gives details on reasons for ending coverage.

What happens during this review?

- Health professionals at the Quality Improvement Organization (*the reviewers*) will ask you (or your representative) why you believe coverage for the services should continue. You don't have to prepare anything in writing, but you can if you want.

- The independent review organization will also look at your medical information, talk with your doctor, and review the information our plan gave them.
- By the end of the day the reviewers informed us of your appeal, you'll get the *Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage* from us that explains in detail our reasons for ending our coverage for your services.

Step 3: Within one full day after they have all the information they need; the reviewers will tell you its decision.

What happens if the reviewers say yes?

- If the reviewers say *yes* to your appeal, then **we must keep providing your covered services for as long as it's medically necessary.**
- You'll have to keep paying your share of the costs (such as deductibles or copayments, if these apply).There may be limitations on your covered services.

What happens if the reviewers say no?

- If the reviewers say *no*, then **your coverage will end on the date we told you.**
- If you decide to keep getting the home health care or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services *after* this date when your coverage ends, **you'll have to pay the full cost** of this care yourself.

Step 4: If the answer to your Level 1 appeal is no, you decide if you want to make another appeal.

- If reviewers say *no* to your Level 1 appeal – and you choose to continue getting care after your coverage for the care has ended – then you can make a Level 2 appeal.

Section 7.3 How to make a Level 2 appeal to have our plan cover your care for a longer time

During a Level 2 appeal, you ask the Quality Improvement Organization to take another look at the decision they made on your first appeal. If the Quality Improvement Organization turns down your Level 2 appeal, you may have to pay the full cost for your home health care, or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services *after* the date when we said your coverage would end.

Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization again and ask for another review.

- You must ask for this review **within 60 calendar days** after the day when the Quality Improvement Organization said *no* to your Level 1 appeal. You can ask for this review only if you continued getting care after the date your coverage for the care ended.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization does a second review of your situation.

- Reviewers at the Quality Improvement Organization will take another careful look at all the information related to your appeal.

Step 3: Within 14 calendar days of receipt of your appeal request, reviewers will decide on your appeal and tell you its decision.

What happens if the independent review organization says yes?

- **We must reimburse you** for our share of the costs of care you got since the date when we said your coverage would end. **We must continue providing coverage** for the care for as long as it's medically necessary.
- You must continue to pay your share of the costs and there may be coverage limitations that apply.

What happens if the independent review organization says no?

- It means they agree with the decision we made to your Level 1 appeal.
- The notice you get will tell you in writing what you can do if you want to continue with the review process. It will give you details about how to go to the next level of appeal, which is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator.

Step 4: If the answer is no, you need to decide whether you want to take your appeal further.

- There are 3 additional levels of appeal after Level 2, for a total of 5 levels of appeal. If you want to go on to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 8 in this chapter tells more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

SECTION 8 Taking your appeal to Levels 3, 4, and 5

Section 8.1 Appeal Levels 3, 4, and 5 for Medical Service Appeals

This section may be right for you if you made a Level 1 appeal and a Level 2 appeal, and both of your appeals were turned down.

If the dollar value of the item or medical service you appealed meets certain minimum levels, you may be able to go on to additional levels of appeal. If the dollar value is less than the minimum level, you can't appeal any further. The written response you get to your Level 2 appeal will explain how to make a Level 3 appeal.

For most situations that involve appeals, the last 3 levels of appeal work in much the same way as the first 2 levels. Here's who handles the review of your appeal at each of these levels.

Level 3 appeal	**An Administrative Law Judge or an attorney adjudicator who works for the federal government** will review your appeal and give you an answer.

- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says yes to your appeal, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over**. Unlike a decision at a Level 2 appeal, we have the right to appeal a Level 3 decision that's favorable to you. If we decide to appeal it will go to a Level 4 appeal.
  - If we decide *not* to appeal the decision, we must authorize or provide you with the medical care within 60 calendar days after we get the Administrative Law Judge's or attorney adjudicator's decision.

- If we decide to appeal the decision, we'll send you a copy of the Level 4 appeal request with any accompanying documents. We may wait for the Level 4 appeal decision before authorizing or providing the medical care in dispute.

- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says no to your appeal, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept the decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you don't want to accept the decision, you can continue to the next level of the review process. The notice you get will tell you what to do for a Level 4 appeal.

Level 4 appeal	The **Medicare Appeals Council** (Council) will review your appeal and give you an answer. The Council is part of the federal government.

- **If the answer is yes, or if the Council denies our request to review a favorable Level 3 appeal decision, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over** - Unlike a decision at Level 2, we have the right to appeal a Level 4 decision that is favorable to you. We'll decide whether to appeal this decision to Level 5.
  - If we decide *not* to appeal the decision, we must authorize or provide you with the medical care within 60 calendar days after getting the Council's decision.
  - If we decide to appeal the decision, we'll let you know in writing.

- **If the answer is no or if the Council denies the review request, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept this decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you don't want to accept the decision, you may be able to continue to the next level of the review process. If the Council says no to your appeal, the notice you get will tell you whether the rules allow you to go to a Level 5 appeal and how to continue with a Level 5 appeal.

Level 5 appeal	A judge at the **Federal District Court** will review your appeal.

- A judge will review all the information and decide yes or no to your request. This is a final answer. There are no more appeal levels after the Federal District Court.

MAKING COMPLAINTS

SECTION 9 How to make a complaint about quality of care, waiting times, customer service, or other concerns

Section 9.1 What kinds of problems are handled by the complaint process?

The complaint process is used for certain types of problems. This includes problems related to quality of care, waiting times, and customer service you receive. Here are examples of the kinds of problems handled by the complaint process.

Complaint	Example
Quality of your medical care	• Are you unhappy with the quality of the care you got (including care in the hospital)?
Respecting your privacy	• Did someone not respect your right to privacy or share confidential information?
Disrespect, poor customer service, or other negative behaviors	• Has someone been rude or disrespectful to you? • Are you unhappy with our Customer Care? • Do you feel you're being encouraged to leave our plan?
Waiting times	• Are you having trouble getting an appointment, or waiting too long to get it? • Have you been kept waiting too long by doctors, or other health professionals? Or by our Customer Care or other staff at our plan? – Examples include waiting too long on the phone, in the waiting or exam room.
Cleanliness	• Are you unhappy with the cleanliness or condition of a clinic, hospital, or doctor's office?
Information you get from us	• Did we fail to give you a required notice? • Is our written information hard to understand?
Timeliness (These types of complaints are all about the *timeliness* of our actions related to coverage decisions and appeals)	If you asked for a coverage decision or made an appeal, and you think we aren't responding quickly enough, you can make a complaint about our slowness. Here are examples: • You asked us for a fast coverage decision or a fast appeal, and we said no, you can make a complaint. • You believe we aren't meeting the deadlines for coverage decisions or appeals; you can make a complaint. • You believe we aren't meeting deadlines for covering or reimbursing you for certain medical items or services, that were approved; you can make a complaint. • You believe we failed to meet required deadlines for forwarding your case to the independent review organization; you can make a complaint.

Section 9.2 How to make a complaint

Legal Terms:

- A **complaint** is also called a **grievance**.
- **Making a complaint** is called **filing a grievance**.
- **Using the process for complaints** is called **using the process for filing a grievance**.
- A **fast complaint** is called an **expedited grievance.**

Step 1: Contact us promptly – either by phone or in writing.

- **Calling Customer Care** at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711) **is usually the first step.** If there's anything else you need to do, Customer Care will let you know.
- **If you don't want to call (or you called and weren't satisfied), you can put your complaint in writing and send it to us.** If you put your complaint in writing, we'll respond to your complaint in writing.
- **Grievance Filing Instructions**
  File a verbal grievance by calling Customer Care at 800-457-4708, TTY 711

  Send a written grievance to:
  Humana Grievances and Appeals Dept.
  P.O. Box 14165
  Lexington, KY 40512–4165

  When filing a grievance, please provide:
  - ☐ Name
  - ☐ Address
  - ☐ Telephone number
  - ☐ Member identification number
  - ☐ A summary of the complaint and any previous contact with us related to the complaint
  - ☐ The action you're requesting from us
  - ☐ A signature from you or your authorized representative and the date. If you want a friend, relative, your doctor or other provider, or other person to be your representative, call Customer Care (phone numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet) and ask for the *Appointment of Representative* form. (The form is also available on Medicare's website at www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf or on our website at https://www.humana.com/member/documents-and-forms.) The form gives that person permission to act on your behalf. It must be signed by you and by the person who you would like to act on your behalf. You must give us a copy of the signed form.
- **Option for Fast Review of your Grievance**

  You may request a fast review, and we'll respond within 24 hours upon receipt, if your grievance concerns one of the following circumstances:

- We've extended the timeframe for making an organization determination/reconsiderations, and you believe you need a decision faster.
- We denied your request for a fast review of a 72-hour organization/coverage decision.
- We denied your request for a fast review of a 72-hour appeal.

It's best to call Customer Care if you want to request fast review of your grievance. If you mail your request, we'll call you to let you know we received it.

- **Whether you call or write, you should contact Customer Care right away.** The complaint must be made within 60 calendar days after you had the problem you want to complain about.
- **If you're making a complaint because we denied your request for a fast coverage decision or a fast appeal, we'll automatically give you a fast complaint.** If you have a fast complaint, it means we'll give you an answer within 24 hours.
- The **deadline** for making a complaint is 60 calendar days from the time you had the problem you want to complain about.

Step 2: We look into your complaint and give you our answer.

- **If possible, we'll answer you right away.** If you call us with a complaint, we may be able to give you an answer on the same phone call.
- **Most complaints are answered in 30 calendar days.** If we need more information and the delay is in your best interest or if you ask for more time, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days** (44 calendar days total) to answer your complaint. If we decide to take extra days, we'll tell you in writing.
- **If you're making a complaint because we denied your request for a fast coverage decision or a fast appeal, we'll automatically give you a fast complaint.** If you have a fast complaint, it means we'll give you an answer **within 24 hours**.
- **If we don't agree** with some or all of your complaint or don't take responsibility for the problem you're complaining about, we'll include our reasons in our response to you.

Section 9.3 You can also make complaints about quality of care to the Quality Improvement Organization

When your complaint is about *quality of care*, you have 2 extra options:

You can make your complaint to the Quality Improvement Organization.

- The Quality Improvement Organization is a group of practicing doctors and other health care experts paid by the federal government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients. Chapter 2 has contact information.

Or

- **You can make your complaint to both the Quality Improvement Organization and us at the same time.**

Section 9.4 You can also tell Medicare about your complaint

You can submit a complaint about Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) directly to Medicare. To submit a complaint to Medicare, go to www.Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY/TDD users can call 1-877-486-2048.

CHAPTER 8: Ending membership in our plan

SECTION 1 Ending your membership in our plan

Ending your membership in Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) may be **voluntary** (your own choice) or **involuntary** (not your own choice):

- You might leave our plan because you decide that you *want* to leave. Sections 2 and 3 provide information on ending your membership voluntarily.
- There are also limited situations where we're required to end your membership. Section 5 tells you about situations when we must end your membership.

If you're leaving our plan, our plan must continue to provide your medical care and you'll continue to pay your cost share until your membership ends.

SECTION 2 When can you end your membership in our plan?

Section 2.1 You can end your membership during the Open Enrollment Period

You can end your membership in our plan during the **Open Enrollment Period**. During this time, review your health coverage and decide about coverage for the upcoming year.

- **The Open Enrollment Period** is from **October 15 to December 7**.
- **Choose to keep your current coverage or make changes to your coverage for the upcoming year.** If you decide to change to a new plan, you can choose any of the following types of plans:
  - Another Medicare health plan with or without drug coverage,
  - Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare drug plan,
  - Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare drug plan.
- **What you need to do to switch plans**
  - If you want to switch to Original Medicare: You must ask to disenroll from our plan. For more information on how to ask for disenrollment contact Customer Care at 800-457-4708 for additional information. (TTY users call 711. You may also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.
  - If you’re currently enrolled in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan:
    > Leaving our plan won’t affect your enrollment in your drug plan.

> If you want to join a new drug plan, you must ask for enrollment in the new drug plan of your choice. Switching your Medicare drug plan won't automatically disenroll you from our plan.

– If you don't have Medicare drug coverage with another plan, you can join another Medicare health plan that doesn't offer drug coverage, or you can switch to Original Medicare.

- **Your membership will end in our plan** when your new plan's coverage starts on January 1.

Section 2.2 You can end your membership during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

You can make *one* change to your health coverage during the **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period each year**.

- **The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** is from January 1 to March 31 and also for people who are newly enrolled in an MA plan, from the month of entitlement to Part A and Part B until the last day of the 3rd month of entitlement.
- **During the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** you can:
  - Switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage.
  - Disenroll from our plan and get coverage through Original Medicare. If you're enrolled in a separate Medicare drug plan, you may not cancel that coverage when you switch to Original Medicare.
- **When will your membership end?** Your membership will end on the first day of the month after you enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan or we get your request to switch to Original Medicare.

Section 2.3 In certain situations, you can end your membership during a Special Enrollment Period

In certain situations, members of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) may be eligible to end their membership at other times of the year. This is known as a **Special Enrollment Period**.

You may be eligible to end your membership during a Special Enrollment Period if any of the following situations apply to you. These are just examples. For the full list you can contact our plan, call Medicare, or visit Medicare.gov:

- Usually, when you move.
- If you have Medicaid.
- If we violate our contract with you.
- If you're getting care in an institution, such as a nursing home or long-term care (LTC) hospital.
- If you enroll in the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

Enrollment time periods vary depending on your situation.

To find out if you're eligible for a Special Enrollment Period, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. If you're eligible to end your membership because of a special situation, you can choose to change both your Medicare health coverage and drug coverage. You can choose:

- Another Medicare health plan with or without drug coverage.
- Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare drug plan.
- Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare drug plan.

Your membership will usually end on the first day of the month after we get your request to change your plan.

Section 2.4 Get more information about when you can end your membership

If you have questions about ending your membership you can:

- **Call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 for additional information. (TTY users call 711.**
- Find the information in the ***Medicare & You 2026*** handbook.
- Contact **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 3 How do you end your membership in our plan

The table below explains how you should end your membership in our plan.

To switch from our plan to:	Here's what to do:
Another Medicare health plan.	• Enroll in the new Medicare health plan. You'll automatically be disenrolled from Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) when your new plan's coverage starts.
Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare drug plan.	• **Send us a written request to disenroll.** Call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 for additional information. (TTY users call 711 if you need more information on how to do this. • You can also call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. • You'll be disenrolled from Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) when your coverage in Original Medicare starts.
Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare drug plan.	• **Send us a written request to disenroll.** Call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 for additional information. (TTY users call 711 if you need more information on how to do this. • You can also call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. • You'll be disenrolled from Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) when your coverage in Original Medicare starts.

SECTION 4 Until your membership ends, you must keep getting your medical items, services through our plan

Until your membership ends, and your new Medicare coverage starts, you must continue to get your medical services, items through our plan.

- **Continue to use our network providers to get medical care.**
- **If you're hospitalized on the day your membership ends, your hospital stay will usually be covered by our plan until you're discharged** (even if you're discharged after your new health coverage starts).

SECTION 5 Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) must end your membership in the plan in certain situations

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) must end your membership in the plan if any of the following happen:

- If you no longer have Medicare Part A and Part B.
- If you move out of our service area.
- If you're away from our service area for more than 6 months.
  - If you move or take a long trip, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 for additional information. (TTY users call 711) to find out if the place you are moving or traveling to is in our plan's area.
- If you become incarcerated (go to prison).
- If you're no longer a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States.
- If you intentionally give us incorrect information when you're enrolling in our plan and that information affects your eligibility for our plan. (We can't make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
- If you continuously behave in a way that is disruptive and makes it difficult for us to provide medical care for you and other members of our plan. (We can't make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
- If you let someone else use your membership card to get medical care. (We can't make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
  - If we end your membership because of this reason, Medicare may have your case investigated by the Inspector General.

If you have questions or want more information on when we can end your membership, call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711).

Section 5.2 We <u>can't</u> ask you to leave our plan for any health-related reason

Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS) isn't allowed to ask you to leave our plan for any reason related to your health.

What should you do if this happens?

If you feel that you're being asked to leave our plan because of a health-related reason, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

Section 5.3 You have the right to make a complaint if we end your membership in our plan

If we end your membership in our plan, we must tell you our reasons in writing for ending your membership. We must also explain how you can file a grievance or make a complaint about our decision to end your membership.

CHAPTER 9: Legal notices

SECTION 1 Notice about governing law

The principal law that applies to this *Evidence of Coverage* document is Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the regulations created under the Social Security Act by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, (CMS). In addition, other federal laws may apply and, under certain circumstances, the laws of the state you live in. This may affect your rights and responsibilities even if the laws aren't included or explained in this document.

SECTION 2 Notice about nondiscrimination

We don't discriminate based on race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, health status, claims experience, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability, or geographic location within the service area. All organizations that provide Medicare Advantage plans, like our plan, must obey federal laws against discrimination, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, all other laws that apply to organizations that get federal funding, and any other laws and rules that apply for any other reason.

If you want more information or have concerns about discrimination or unfair treatment, call the Department of Health and Human Services' **Office for Civil Rights** at 1-800-368-1019 (TTY 1-800-537-7697) or your local Office for Civil Rights. You can also review information from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights at www.HHS.gov/ocr/index.html.

If you have a disability and need help with access to care, please call Customer Care at 800-457-4708 (TTY users call 711). If you have a complaint, such as a problem with wheelchair access, Customer Care can help.

SECTION 3 Notice about Medicare Secondary Payer subrogation rights

We have the right and responsibility to collect for covered Medicare services for which Medicare isn't the primary payer. According to CMS regulations at 42 CFR sections 422.108 and 423.462, Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS), as a Medicare Advantage Organization, will exercise the same rights of recovery that the Secretary exercises under CMS regulations in subparts B through D of part 411 of 42 CFR and the rules established in this section supersede any state laws.

SECTION 4 Additional Notice about Subrogation (Recovery from a Third Party)

Our right to recover payment

If we pay a claim for you, we have subrogation rights. This is a very common insurance provision that means we have the right to recover the amount we paid for your claim from any third party that is responsible for the medical

expenses or benefits related to your injury, illness, or condition. You assign to us your right to take legal action against any responsible third party, and you agree to:

1. Provide any relevant information that we request; and

2. Participate in any phase of legal action, such as discovery, depositions, and trial testimony, if needed.

If you don't cooperate with us or our representatives, or you do anything that interferes with our rights, we may take legal action against you. You also agree not to assign your right to take legal action to someone else without our written consent.

Our right of reimbursement

We also have the right to be reimbursed if a responsible third party pays you directly. If you receive any amount as a judgment, settlement, or other payment from any third party, you must immediately reimburse us, up to the amount we paid for your claim.

Our rights take priority

Our rights of recovery and reimbursement have priority over other claims, and will not be affected by any equitable doctrine. This means that we're entitled to recover the amount we paid, even if you haven't been compensated by the responsible third party for all costs related to your injury or illness. If you disagree with our efforts to recover payment, you have the right to appeal, as explained in Chapter 7.

We are not obligated to pursue reimbursement or take legal action against a third party, either for our own benefit or on your behalf. Our rights under Medicare law and this *Evidence of Coverage* will not be affected if we don't participate in any legal action you take related to your injury, illness, or condition.

SECTION 5 Notice of coordination of benefits

Why do we need to know if you have other coverage?

We coordinate benefits in accordance with the Medicare Secondary Payer rules, which allow us to bill, or authorize a provider of services to bill, other insurance carriers, plans, policies, employers, or other entities when the other payer is responsible for payment of services provided to you. We are also authorized to charge or bill you for amounts the other payer has already paid to you for such services. We shall have all the rights accorded to the Medicare Program under the Medicare Secondary Payer rules.

Who pays first when you have other coverage?

When you have additional coverage, how we coordinate your coverage depends on your situation. With coordination of benefits, you will often get your care as usual through our plan providers, and the other plan or plans you have will simply help pay for the care you receive. If you have group health coverage, you may be able to maximize the benefits available to you if you use providers who participate in your group plan **and** our plan. In other situations, such as for benefits that are not covered by our plan, you may get your care outside of our plan.

Employer and employee organization group health plans

Sometimes, a group health plan must provide health benefits to you before we will provide health benefits to you. This happens if:

- You have coverage under a group health plan (including both employer and employee organization plans), either directly or through your spouse, and
- The employer has twenty (20) or more employees (as determined by Medicare rules), and
- You are not covered by Medicare due to disability or End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

If the employer has fewer than twenty (20) employees, generally we will provide your primary health benefits. If you have retiree coverage under a group health plan, either directly or through your spouse, generally we will provide primary health benefits. Special rules apply if you have or develop ESRD.

Employer and employee organization group health plans for people who are disabled

If you have coverage under a group health plan, and you have Medicare because you are disabled, generally we will provide your primary health benefits. This happens if:

- You are under age 65, and
- You do not have ESRD, and
- You do not have coverage directly or through your spouse under a large group health plan.

A large group health plan is a health plan offered by an employer with 100 or more employees, or by an employer who is part of a multiple-employer plan where any employer participating in the plan has 100 or more employees. If you have coverage under a large group health plan, either directly or through your spouse, your large group health plan must provide health benefits to you before we will provide health benefits to you. This happens if:

- You do not have ESRD, and
- Are under age 65 and have Medicare based on a disability.

In such cases, we will provide only those benefits not covered by your large employer group plan. Special rules apply if you have or develop ESRD.

Employer and employee organization group health plans for people with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

If you are or become eligible for Medicare because of ESRD and have coverage under an employer or employee organization group health plan, either directly or through your spouse, your group health plan is responsible for providing primary health benefits to you for the first thirty (30) months after you become eligible for Medicare due to your ESRD. We will provide secondary coverage to you during this time, and we will provide primary coverage to you thereafter. If you are already on Medicare because of age or disability when you develop ESRD, we will provide primary coverage.

Workers' Compensation and similar programs

If you have suffered a job-related illness or injury and workers' compensation benefits are available to you, workers' compensation must provide its benefits first for any healthcare costs related to your job-related illness or injury before we will provide any benefits under this *Evidence of Coverage* for services rendered in connection with your job-related illness or injury.

Accidents and injuries

The Medicare Secondary Payer rules apply if you have been in an accident or suffered an injury. If benefits under "Med Pay," no-fault, automobile, accident, or liability coverage are available to you, the "Med Pay," no-fault, automobile, accident, or liability coverage carrier must provide its benefits first for any healthcare costs related to the accident or injury before we will provide any benefits for services related to your accident or injury.

Liability insurance claims are often not settled promptly. We may make conditional payments while the liability claim is pending. We may also receive a claim and not know that a liability or other claim is pending. In these situations, our payments are conditional. Conditional payments must be refunded to us upon receipt of the insurance or liability payment.

If you recover from a third party for medical expenses, we are entitled to recovery of payments we have made without regard to any settlement agreement stipulations. Stipulations that the settlement does not include damages for medical expenses will be disregarded. We will recognize allocations of liability payments to non-medical losses only when payment is based on a court order on the merits of the case. We will not seek recovery from any portion of an award that is appropriately designated by the court as payment for losses other than medical services (e.g., property losses).

Where we provide benefits in the form of services, we shall be entitled to reimbursement on the basis of the reasonable value of the benefits provided.

Non-duplication of benefits

We will not duplicate any benefits or payments you receive under any automobile, accident, liability, or other coverage. You agree to notify us when such coverage is available to you, and it is your responsibility to take any actions necessary to receive benefits or payments under such automobile, accident, liability, or other coverage. We may seek reimbursement of the reasonable value of any benefits we have provided in the event that we have duplicated benefits to which you are entitled under such coverage. You are obligated to cooperate with us in obtaining payment from any automobile, accident, or liability coverage or other carrier.

If we do provide benefits to you before any other type of health coverage you may have, we may seek recovery of those benefits in accordance with the Medicare Secondary Payer rules. Please also refer to section 4 of this chapter, **Additional Notice about Subrogation (Recovery from a Third Party)** for more information on our recovery rights.

More information

This is just a brief summary. Whether we pay first or second - or at all - depends on what types of additional insurance you have and the Medicare rules that apply to your situation. For more information, consult the brochure published by the government called "*Medicare & Other Health Benefits: Your Guide to Who Pays First.*" It is CMS Pub. No. 02179. Be sure to consult the most current version. Other details are explained in the Medicare Secondary Payer rules, such as the way the number of persons employed by an employer for purposes of the coordination of benefits rules is to be determined. The rules are published in the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

Appeal rights

If you disagree with any decision or action by our plan in connection with the coordination of benefits and payment rules outlined above, you must follow the procedures explained in Chapter 7 *What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)* in this *Evidence of Coverage*.

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Advanced Imaging Services – Specialized imaging method that takes more detailed images than standard X-rays. There are several kinds of imaging services, including Computed Tomography Imaging (CT/CAT) Scan, Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan or other similar technology.

Allowed Amount – The maximum amount a plan will pay for a healthcare benefit.

Ambulatory Surgical Center – An Ambulatory Surgical Center is an entity that operates exclusively for the purpose of furnishing outpatient surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and whose expected stay in the center does not exceed 24 hours.

Appeal – An appeal is something you do if you disagree with our decision to deny a request for coverage of health care services or payment for services you already received. You may also make an appeal if you disagree with our decision to stop services that you're getting.

Balance Billing – When a provider (such as a doctor or hospital) bills a patient more than our plan's allowed cost-sharing amount. The balance billing amount is collected in addition to the patient's regular plan cost-sharing amount. As a member of Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS), you only have to pay our plan's cost-sharing amounts when you get services covered by our plan. We don't allow providers to **balance bill** or otherwise charge you more than the amount of cost sharing our plan says you must pay.

Benefit Period – The way that Original Medicare measures your use of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. For our plan, you will have a benefit period for your skilled nursing facility benefits. A SNF benefit period begins the day you go into a skilled nursing facility. The benefit period will accumulate one day for each day you are at a SNF. The benefit period ends when you haven't gotten any skilled care in a SNF for 60 days in a row. If you go into a skilled nursing facility after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – The federal agency that administers Medicare.

Chronic-Care Special Needs Plan (C-SNP)- C-SNPs are SNPs that restrict enrollment to MA eligible people who have specific severe chronic diseases.

Coinsurance – An amount you may be required to pay, expressed as a percentage (for example 20%) as your share of the cost for services after you pay any deductibles.

Complaint - The formal name for making a complaint is **filing a grievance**. The complaint process is used *only* for certain types of problems. This includes problems about quality of care, waiting times, and the customer service you get. It also includes complaints if our plan doesn't follow the time periods in the appeal process.

Comprehensive Oral Exam/Evaluation – This code applies when a general dentist and/or dental specialist examines the patient. It applies to: new patients, established patients who have had a significant change in health conditions or other unusual circumstances, by report, or established patients who have not had active treatment for three or more years.

Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) – A facility that mainly provides rehabilitation services after an illness or injury, including physical therapy, social or psychological services, respiratory therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services, and home environment evaluation services.

Computed Tomography Imaging (CT/CAT) Scan – Combines the use of a digital computer together with a rotating X-ray device to create detailed cross-sectional images of different organs and body parts.

Contracted Rate – The rate the health plan pays to an in-network doctor or provider for covered services.

Copayment (or Copay) – An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for a medical service or supply, like a doctor's visit, hospital outpatient visit, or a prescription drug. A copayment is a set amount (for example $10), rather than a percentage.

Cost Sharing – Cost sharing refers to amounts that a member has to pay when services are gotten. Cost sharing includes any combination of the following 3 types of payments: 1) any deductible amount a plan may impose before services are covered; 2) any fixed copayment amount that a plan requires when a specific service is gotten; or 3) any coinsurance amount, a percentage of the total amount paid for a service, that a plan requires when a specific service is gotten.

Covered Services – The term we use to mean all the health care services and supplies that are covered by our plan.

Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage – Prescription drug coverage (for example, from an employer or union) that is expected to pay, on average, at least as much as Medicare's standard prescription drug coverage. People who have this kind of coverage when they become eligible for Medicare can generally keep that coverage without paying a penalty if they decide to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage later.

Custodial Care – Custodial care is personal care provided in a nursing home, hospice, or other facility setting when you don't need skilled medical care or skilled nursing care. Custodial care, provided by people who don't have professional skills or training, includes help with activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, eating, getting in or out of a bed or chair, moving around, and using the bathroom. It may also include the kind of health-related care that most people do themselves, like using eye drops. Medicare doesn't pay for custodial care.

Customer Care – A department within our plan responsible for answering your questions about your membership, benefits, grievances, and appeals.

Deductible – The amount you must pay for health care before our plan pays.

Deemed Provider – A doctor that has agreed to treat members of a health plan for a standard amount the plan pays.

Diagnostic Mammogram – A specialized X-ray exam given to a patient who shows signs or symptoms of breast disease.

Diagnostic Procedure – An exam to identify a patient's strengths and weaknesses in a specific area, in order to find out more about their condition, disease, or illness.

Disenroll or **Disenrollment** – The process of ending your membership in our plan.

Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) – D-SNPs enroll people who are entitled to both Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) and medical assistance from a state plan under Medicaid (Title XIX). States cover some Medicare costs, depending on the state and the person's eligibility.

Dually Eligible Individual – A person who is eligible for Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) – Certain medical equipment that is ordered by your doctor for medical reasons. Examples include: walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress systems, diabetic supplies, IV infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, or hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home.

Emergency – A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life (and if you're a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb, or loss of or serious impairment to a bodily function. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.

Emergency Care – Covered services that are: 1) provided by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services; and 2) needed to treat, evaluate, or stabilize an emergency medical condition.

Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and Disclosure Information – This document, along with your enrollment form and any other attachments, riders, or other optional coverage selected, which explains your coverage, what we must do, your rights, and what you have to do as a member of our plan.

"Extra Help" – A Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare prescription drug program costs, such as premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

Freestanding Dialysis Center – A licensed health facility, other than a hospital, that provides dialysis treatment with no overnight stay.

Freestanding Lab – A licensed health facility, other than a hospital, that provides lab tests to prevent, identify, or treat an injury or illness, with no overnight stay.

Freestanding Radiology (Imaging) Center – A licensed health facility, other than a hospital, that provides one or more of the following services to prevent, identify, or treat an injury or illness, with no overnight stay: X-rays; nuclear medicine; radiation oncology (including MRIs, CT scans and PET scans).

Grievance - A type of complaint you make about our plan, providers, including a complaint concerning the quality of your care. This doesn't involve coverage or payment disputes.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) – A type of health insurance plan where members must receive care from the plan’s network of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers.

Home Health Aide – A person who provides services that don't need the skills of a licensed nurse or therapist, such as help with personal care (e.g., bathing, using the toilet, dressing, or carrying out the prescribed exercises).

Home Health Care – Skilled nursing care and certain other health care services given to a patient in their own home for the treatment of an illness or injury. Covered services are listed in Chapter 4, Medical Benefits Chart under the heading, "Home health agency care." If you need home health care services, our plan will cover these services for you, provided the Medicare coverage requirements are met. Home health care can include services from a home health aide if the services are part of the home health plan of care for your illness or injury. They aren’t covered unless you are also getting a covered skilled service. Home health services don’t include the services of housekeepers, food service arrangements, or full-time nursing care at home.

Hospice – A benefit that provides special treatment for a member who has been medically certified as terminally ill, meaning having a life expectancy of 6 months or less. Our plan must provide you with a list of hospices in your

geographic area. If you elect hospice and continue to pay premiums you're still a member of our plan. You can still get all medically necessary services as well as the supplemental benefits we offer.

Hospice Care – Specialized care for people who are terminally ill, focused on comfort not cure. This also includes counseling for patients' families. Depending on the situation, this type of care may be in the home, a hospice facility, a hospital, or a nursing home, and is given by a team of licensed health professionals.

Hospital Inpatient Stay – A hospital stay when you've been formally admitted to the hospital for skilled medical services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient.

Humana's National Transplant Network (NTN) – A network of Humana-approved facilities all of which are also Medicare-approved facilities.

Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) – If your modified adjusted gross income as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years ago is above a certain amount, you'll pay the standard premium amount and an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, also known as IRMAA. IRMAA is an extra charge added to your premium. Less than 5% of people with Medicare are affected, so most people will not pay a higher premium.

Initial Enrollment Period – When you're first eligible for Medicare, the period of time when you can sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B. If you're eligible for Medicare when you turn 65, your Initial Enrollment Period is the 7-month period that begins 3 months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65.

Inpatient Care – Health care that you get when you are admitted to a hospital.

Low Income Subsidy (LIS) – "Go to Extra Help."

Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) – A noninvasive method and a form of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) that can measure blood flow through blood vessels.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) – A diagnostic imaging modality method that uses a magnetic field and computerized analysis of induced radio frequency signals to noninvasively image body tissue.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount – The most that you pay out-of-pocket during the calendar year for covered Part A and Part B services. Amounts you pay for Medicare Part A and Part B premiums don't count toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount. See Chapter 4, Section 1.3 for information about your maximum out-of-pocket amount.

Medicaid (or Medical Assistance) – A joint federal and State program that helps with medical costs for some people with low incomes and limited resources. State Medicaid programs vary, but most health care costs are covered if you qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Medically Necessary – Services or supplies that are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.

Medicare – The federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (generally those with permanent kidney failure who need dialysis or a kidney transplant).

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period –The time period from January 1 to March 31 when members in a Medicare Advantage plan can cancel their plan enrollment and switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or get coverage through Original Medicare. If you choose to switch to Original Medicare during this period, you can also

join a separate Medicare prescription drug plan at that time. The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period is also available for a 3-month period after a person is first eligible for Medicare.

Medicare Advantage Organization – A private company that runs Medicare Advantage Plans to offer members more options, and sometimes extra benefits. Medicare Advantage plans are also called "Part C." They provide all your Part A (Hospital) and Part B (Medical) coverage, and some may also provide Part D (prescription drug) coverage.

Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan – Sometimes called Medicare Part C. A plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide you with all your Medicare Part A and Part B benefits. A Medicare Advantage Plan can be i) an HMO, ii) a PPO, iii) a Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) plan, or iv) a Medicare Medical Savings Account (MSA) plan. Besides choosing from these types of plans, a Medicare Advantage HMO or PPO plan can also be a Special Needs Plan (SNP). In most cases, Medicare Advantage Plans also offer Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage). These plans are called **Medicare Advantage Plans with Prescription Drug Coverage**.

Medicare Allowable Charge – The most amount of money that can be charged for a particular medical service covered by Medicare. These are set amounts decided by Medicare.

Medicare-Covered Services – Services covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. All Medicare health plans must cover all the services that are covered by Medicare Part A and B. The term Medicare-Covered Services doesn't include the extra benefits, such as vision, dental, or hearing, that a Medicare Advantage plan may offer.

Medicare Health Plan – A Medicare health plan is offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide Part A and Part B benefits to people with Medicare who enroll in our plan. This term includes all Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Cost Plans, Special Needs Plans, Demonstration/Pilot Programs, and Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

Medicare Limiting Charge – In the Original Medicare plan, the highest amount of money you can be charged for a covered service by doctors and other health care suppliers who do not accept assignment. The limiting charge is 15 percent over Medicare's approved amount. The limiting charge only applies to certain services and does not apply to supplies or equipment.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Medicare Part D) – Insurance to help pay for outpatient prescription drugs, vaccines, biologicals, and some supplies not covered by Medicare Part A or Part B.

Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program – A Medicare Part D program for complex health needs provided to people who meet certain requirements or are in a Drug Management Program. MTM services usually include a discussion with a pharmacist or health care provider to review medications.

Medigap (Medicare Supplement Insurance) Policy – Medicare supplement insurance sold by private insurance companies to fill *gaps* in Original Medicare. Medigap policies only work with Original Medicare. (A Medicare Advantage Plan is not a Medigap policy.)

Member (Member of our Plan, or Plan Member) – A person with Medicare who is eligible to get covered services, who has enrolled in our plan, and whose enrollment has been confirmed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Network – See "Network Provider."

Network Provider – **Provider** is the general term for doctors, other health care professionals, hospitals, and other health care facilities that are licensed or certified by Medicare and by the state to provide health care services.

Network providers have an agreement with our plan to accept our payment as payment in full, and in some cases to coordinate as well as provide covered services to members of our plan. Network providers are also called **plan providers**.

Nuclear Medicine – Radiology in which radioisotopes (compounds containing radioactive forms of atoms) are introduced into the body for the purpose of imaging, evaluating organ function, or localizing disease or tumors.

Observation Services – Outpatient hospital services given to help the doctor decide if a patient needs to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged. Observation services may be given in the emergency department or another area of the hospital. Even if you stay overnight in a regular hospital bed, you might be an outpatient.

Open Enrollment Period – The time period of October 15 until December 7 of each year when members can change their health or drug plans or switch to Original Medicare.

Organization Determination – A decision our plan makes about whether items or services are covered or how much you have to pay for covered items or services. Organization determinations are called *coverage decisions* in this document.

Original Medicare (**Traditional Medicare or Fee-for-Service Medicare**) – Original Medicare is offered by the government, and not a private health plan like Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans. Under Original Medicare, Medicare services are covered by paying doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers payment amounts established by Congress. You can see any doctor, hospital, or other health care provider that accepts Medicare. You must pay the deductible. Medicare pays its share of the Medicare-approved amount, and you pay your share. Original Medicare has 2 parts: Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) and is available everywhere in the United States.

Our Plan – The plan you are enrolled in, Humana Gold Choice H8145-042 (PFFS).

Out-of-Network Provider or Out-of-Network Facility – A provider or facility that does not have a contract with our plan to coordinate or provide covered services to members of our plan. Out-of-network providers are providers that are not employed, owned, or operated by our plan.

Out-of-Pocket Costs – Go to the definition for *cost sharing* above. A member's cost-sharing requirement to pay for a portion of services gotten is also referred to as the member's *out-of-pocket* cost requirement.

PACE Plan – A PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) plan combines medical, social, and long-term services and supports (LTSS) for frail people to help people stay independent and living in their community (instead of moving to a nursing home) as long as possible. People enrolled in PACE plans get both their Medicare and Medicaid benefits through our plan.

Part C – Go to Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan.

Part D – The voluntary Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program.

Periodic Oral Exam – An exam done on established patients to determine changes in dental and health status since a previous periodic or comprehensive evaluation.

Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing –Scaling is a common dental procedure for patients with gum disease. This is a type of dental cleaning that reaches below the gumline to remove plaque buildup. The process of scaling and root planing the teeth is often referred to as a deep cleaning.

Plan Provider – See "Network Provider."

Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan – A medical imaging technique that involves injecting the patient with an isotope and using a PET scanner to detect the radiation emitted.

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Plan – A Preferred Provider Organization plan is a Medicare Advantage Plan that has a network of contracted providers that have agreed to treat plan members for a specified payment amount. A PPO plan must cover all plan benefits whether they're received from network or out-of-network providers. Member cost sharing will generally be higher when plan benefits are gotten from out-of-network providers. PPO plans have an annual limit on your out-of-pocket costs for services received from network (preferred) providers and a higher limit on your total combined out-of-pocket costs for services from both in-network (preferred) and out-of-network (non-preferred) providers.

Premium – The periodic payment to Medicare, an insurance company, or a health care plan for health or drug coverage.

Preventive services – Health care to prevent illness or detect illness at an early stage, when treatment is likely to work best (for example, preventive services include Pap tests, flu shots, and screening mammograms).

Primary Care Provider (PCP) – The doctor or other provider you see first for most health problems. In many Medicare health plans, you must see your primary care provider before you see any other health care provider.

Prior Authorization – Approval in advance to get services based on specific criteria. Covered services that need prior authorization are marked in the Benefits Chart in Chapter 4. In a PFFS plan, you don't need prior authorization to get services. However, you may want to check with our plan before getting services to confirm that the service is covered by our plan and what your cost sharing responsibility is.

Private-Fee-for-Service (PFFS) Plan – A health plan that lets its members use any Medicare-approved providers, hospitals, and facilities who agree to accept the plan's standard payment on a fee-for-service basis.

Prophylaxis (cleaning) – Removal of plaque, calculus, and stains from the tooth structures and implants in the permanent and transitional dentition. Prophylaxis is only for people who do not exhibit any of the signs and symptoms of periodontal disease, including bone loss, bleeding, mobility, exudate, and recession. Prophylaxis is, thus, a preventive procedure for patients who don't yet have periodontal disease and should only be used with patients who are periodontally healthy.

Prosthetics and Orthotics – Medical devices including, but are not limited to: arm, back, and neck braces; artificial limbs; artificial eyes; and devices needed to replace an internal body part or function, including ostomy supplies and enteral and parenteral nutrition therapy.

Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) – A group of practicing doctors and other health care experts paid by the federal government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients.

Radiology – X-rays and other specialized procedures that use high-energy radiation to identify and treat diseases.

Referral – A written order from your primary care doctor for you to visit a specialist or get certain medical services. Without a referral, our plan may not pay for services from a specialist.

Rehabilitation Services – These services include inpatient rehabilitation care, physical therapy(outpatient), speech and language therapy, and occupational therapy.

Screening Mammogram – A specialized X-ray procedure to find out early if a patient has breast cancer.

Selected Drug – A drug covered under Part D for which Medicare negotiated a Maximum Fair Price.

Service Area – A geographic area where you must live to join a particular health plan. For plans that limit which doctors and hospitals you may use, it's also generally the area where you can get routine (non-emergency) services. Our plan must disenroll you if you permanently move out of our plan's service area.

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care – Skilled nursing care and rehabilitation services provided on a continuous, daily basis, in a skilled nursing facility. Examples of care include physical therapy or intravenous injections that can only be given by a registered nurse or doctor.

Special Enrollment Period – A set time when members can change their health or drug plans or return to Original Medicare. Situations in which you may be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period include: if you move outside the service area, if you move into a nursing home, or if we violate our contract with you.

Special Needs Plan – A special type of Medicare Advantage Plan that provides more focused health care for specific groups of people, such as those who have both Medicare and Medicaid, who live in a nursing home, or who have certain chronic medical conditions.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – A monthly benefit paid by Social Security to people with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind, or age 65 and older. SSI benefits aren't the same as Social Security benefits.

Urgent Care Center – A licensed health facility where doctors and nurses provide services to identify and treat a sudden injury or illness, with no overnight stay.

Urgently Needed Services – A plan-covered service requiring immediate medical attention that's not an emergency is an urgently needed service if either you're temporarily outside our plan's service area, or it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries, or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. Medically necessary routine provider visits, (like annual checkups) aren't considered urgently needed even if you're outside the service area or the plan network is temporarily unavailable.

Exhibit A- State Agency Contact Information

This section provides the contact information for the state agencies referenced in Chapter 2 and in other locations within this Evidence of Coverage. If you have trouble locating the information you seek, please contact Customer Care at the phone number on the back cover of this booklet.

VIRGINIA	
SHIP Name and Contact Information	Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) 1610 Forest Avenue Suite 100 Henrico, VA 23229 800-552-3402 (toll free) 804-662-9333 (local) 804-552-3402 (toll free TTY) http://www.vda.virginia.gov
Quality Improvement Organization	Commence Health BFCC-QIO Program 10820 Guilford Road Suite 202 Annapolis Junction, MD 20701 888-396-4646 888-985-2660 (TTY) 855-236-2423 (Fax) https://livantaqio.com/
State Medicaid Office	Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (Medicaid) 600 East Broad Street Suite 1300 Richmond, VA 23219 855-242-8282 (toll free) 804-786-7933 (local) 888-221-1590 (TTY) https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-members/
AIDS Drug Assistance Program	VIRGINIA MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VA MAP) Virginia Department of Health, HCS Unit 1st Floor, James Madison Building 109 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219 855-362-0658 804-864-8050 800-533-4148 https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/vamap/

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- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201. **800-368-1019**, **800-537-7697 (TDD)**.

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Italiano [Italian]: Sono disponibili servizi gratuiti di supporto linguistico, assistenza ausiliaria e formati alternativi. Chiama il numero **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**.

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Diné [Navajo]: Saad t’áá jiik’eh, t’áadoole’é binahjį’ bee adahodooníłígíí diné bich’į’ anídahazt’i’í, dóó łahgo át’éego bee hada’dilyaaígíí bee bika’aanída’awo’í dahólǫ. Kohjį’ hodíilnih **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**.

Polski [Polish]: Dostępne są bezpłatne usługi językowe, pomocnicze i alternatywne formaty. Zadzwoń pod numer **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**.

Português [Portuguese]: Estão disponíveis serviços gratuitos de ajuda linguística auxiliar e outros formatos alternativos. Ligue **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**.

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ [Punjabi]: ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ, ਸਹਾਇਕ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ, ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਲਪਿਕ ਫਾਰਮੈਟ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)** ‘ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

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اردو [Urdu]: مفت زبان، معاون امداد، اور متبادل فارمیٹ کی خدمات دستیاب ہیں۔ کال **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**۔

Tiếng Việt [Vietnamese]: Có sẵn các dịch vụ miễn phí về ngôn ngữ, hỗ trợ bổ sung và định dạng thay thế. Hãy gọi **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**.

አማርኛ [Amharic]፦ ቋንቋ፣ አጋዥ ማዳመጫ እና አማራጭ ቅርፀት ያላቸው አገልግሎቶችም ይገኛሉ። በ **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)** ላይ ይደውሉ።

Bǎsɔ́ ̀[Bassa]: Wuɖu-xwíníín-mú-zà-zà kǔà, Hwòɖǒ-fɔńɔ-́nyɔ,́ kè nyɔ-bɔǔn-po-kà ɓě ɓé nyuɛɛ se wíɖí pɛ́ɛ̀-pɛ́ɛ̀ ɖò kɔ.̃ **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)** ɖá.

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Call	800-457-4708 Calls to this number are free. You can call us seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Customer Care also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Hours of operation are the same as above.
Fax	877-889-9934
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Website	**Humana.com/customer-support**

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