



# Summary of Benefits 2026

**AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-26 (HMO-POS)**  
H0609-060-000

Look inside to learn more about the plan and the health and drug services it covers.  
Contact us for more information about the plan.



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# Summary of Benefits

**January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026**

This is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. For a complete list of covered services, limitations and exclusions, review the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) at [myAARPMedicare.com](https://myAARPMedicare.com) or call Customer Service for help. After you enroll in the plan, you will get more information on how to view your plan details online.

## AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-26 (HMO-POS)

### Medical premium, deductible and limits

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| <b>Monthly plan premium</b>                                               | \$0<br>You need to continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Annual medical deductible</b>                                          | This plan does not have a medical deductible.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> (does not include prescription drugs) | \$4,900<br><br>This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket each year for Medicare-covered services and supplies received from network providers.<br><br>Out-of-pocket costs paid for your Part D prescription drugs are not included in this amount. |

### Medical benefits

|                                                                                                                              |                                                                |                                                                       |
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| <b>Inpatient hospital care</b> <sup>1,2</sup><br>Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay. | <b>Ambulatory surgical center (ASC)</b> <sup>1,2</sup>         | \$375 copay per day: days 1-6<br>\$0 copay per day: days 7 and beyond |
| <b>Outpatient hospital</b><br>Cost-sharing for additional plan covered services will apply.                                  | <b>Ambulatory surgical center (ASC)</b> <sup>1,2</sup>         | \$0 copay for a colonoscopy<br>\$325 copay otherwise                  |
|                                                                                                                              | <b>Outpatient hospital, including surgery</b> <sup>1,2</sup>   | \$0 copay for a colonoscopy<br>\$375 copay otherwise                  |
|                                                                                                                              | <b>Outpatient hospital observation services</b> <sup>1,2</sup> | \$375 copay                                                           |

## Medical benefits

### Doctor visits

Primary care provider

\$0 copay

Specialists<sup>1,2</sup>

\$40 copay

Virtual medical visits

\$0 copay to talk with a network telehealth provider online through live audio and video

### Preventive services

Routine physical

\$0 copay, 1 per year

Medicare-covered

\$0 copay

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) screening                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol misuse counseling                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical nutrition therapy services                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual wellness visit                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone mass measurement                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity screenings and counseling                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breast cancer screening (mammogram)                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostate cancer screenings (PSA)                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy)                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular screening                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cervical and vaginal cancer screening                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccines, including those for the flu, Hepatitis B, pneumonia, or COVID-19                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy) | <input type="checkbox"/> “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time)                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression screening                                                                        |                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes screenings and monitoring                                                          |                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C screening                                                                       |                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV screening                                                                               |                                                                                                                           |

Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.

This plan covers preventive care screenings and annual physical exams at 100% when you use in-network providers.

## Medical benefits

### Emergency care

\$130 copay (\$0 copay for emergency care outside the United States) per visit. If you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours, you pay the inpatient hospital copay instead of the Emergency Care copay. See the “Inpatient Hospital Care” section of this booklet for other costs.

### Urgently needed services

\$50 copay (\$0 copay for urgently needed services outside the United States) per visit

### Diagnostic tests, lab and radiology services, and X-rays

Diagnostic radiology services (e.g. MRI, CT scan)<sup>1,2</sup>

\$0 copay for each diagnostic mammogram  
\$260 copay otherwise

Lab services<sup>1,2</sup>

\$0 copay

Diagnostic tests and procedures<sup>1,2</sup>

\$50 copay

Therapeutic radiology<sup>1,2</sup>

20% coinsurance

Outpatient X-rays<sup>1,2</sup>

\$30 copay



### Hearing services

Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues<sup>1,2</sup>

\$0 copay

Routine hearing exam

\$0 copay for a routine hearing exam to help support hearing health

Hearing aids<sup>2</sup>

\$199 - \$829 copay for each OTC hearing aid. \$199 - \$1,249 copay for each prescription hearing aid. You can purchase up to 2 hearing aids every year.

- ☐ A broad selection of over-the-counter (OTC), high-value and brand-name prescription hearing aids
- ☐ Access to one of the largest national networks of hearing professionals with more than 6,500 locations
- ☐ 3-year manufacturer warranty on all prescription hearing aids covers a trial period and damage or repair during warranty period

## Medical benefits



### Routine dental benefits

Covered in and out-of-network

- ☐ Hearing aids purchased outside of UnitedHealthcare Hearing are not covered

Preventive services

\$0 copay for covered preventive services like oral exams, X-rays, routine cleanings and fluoride: \*

- ☐ No annual deductible
- ☐ Access to one of the largest national dental networks
- ☐ Freedom to see any dentist

Optional Dental Rider

For an extra \$44 per month, you'll get access to dental coverage that includes:

- ☐ \$1,500 per year for covered dental services through the Platinum Dental Rider\*
- ☐ \$0 copay for covered network preventive services such as exams, routine cleanings, X-rays and fluoride
- ☐ 50% coinsurance for all covered network comprehensive services such as fillings, crowns, root canals, dentures, bridges and extractions



### Vision services

Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye<sup>1,2</sup>

\$0 copay

Eyewear after cataract surgery<sup>1</sup>

\$0 copay

Routine eye exam

\$0 copay for a routine eye exam each year to help protect your eyesight and health

Routine eyewear

\$300 allowance every 2 years for 1 pair of frames or contacts

- ☐ Free standard prescription lenses including single vision, bifocals, trifocals and Tier I (standard) progressives
- ☐ Other covered lenses available with copays from \$40 – \$153
- ☐ Access to one of Medicare Advantage's largest national networks of vision providers and retail providers
- ☐ Eyewear available from many online providers, including Warby Parker and GlassesUSA
- ☐ You are responsible for all eyewear costs from providers outside of the UnitedHealthcare Vision network

## Medical benefits

### Mental health

Inpatient visit<sup>1,2</sup>  
Our plan covers  
90 days for an  
inpatient hospital  
stay

\$375 copay per day: days 1-6  
\$0 copay per day: days 7-90

Outpatient group  
therapy visit<sup>1,2</sup>

\$15 copay

Outpatient  
individual therapy  
visit<sup>1,2</sup>

\$25 copay

Virtual mental  
health visits

\$0 copay to talk with a network telehealth provider  
online through live audio and video

### Skilled nursing facility (SNF)<sup>1,2</sup>

Our plan covers up to 100 days in a  
SNF.

\$0 copay per day: days 1-20  
\$218 copay per day: days 21-100

### Outpatient rehabilitation services

Physical therapy  
and speech and  
language therapy  
visit<sup>1,2</sup>

\$40 copay

Occupational  
Therapy Visit<sup>1,2</sup>

\$40 copay

### Ambulance<sup>2</sup>

Your provider must obtain prior  
authorization for non-emergency  
transportation.

\$275 copay for ground  
\$275 copay for air

### Routine transportation

Not covered

## Medical benefits

### Medicare Part B prescription drugs

Cost sharing shown is the maximum you will pay for Part B prescription drugs. You may pay less for certain drugs.

Chemotherapy drugs<sup>2</sup>

20% coinsurance

Part B covered insulin<sup>2</sup>

20% coinsurance, up to \$35

Other Part B drugs<sup>2</sup>

\$0 copay for allergy antigens  
20% coinsurance for all others

Part B drugs may be subject to Step Therapy. See your Evidence of Coverage for details.

## What is coinsurance?

Coinurance is a portion or part of the total cost, typically as a percentage. With this plan, you pay part of the cost of Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 drugs. For example, if your coinsurance is 25% and the total cost of your prescription is \$100, you would pay \$25. The plan pays the rest. You pay the full cost of your drugs until you meet the deductible, then you'll start paying the coinsurance amount.

## Prescription drug payment stages

### Deductible

There is no deductible for drugs in Tier 1 and 2. Your coverage for these drugs starts in the Initial Coverage stage.

There is a \$355 deductible for drugs in Tier 3, 4 and 5. You pay the full cost for your drugs in these tiers until you reach the deductible amount. Then you move to the Initial Coverage stage.

### Initial Coverage

In this stage, you'll pay your plan copays or coinsurance. The plan pays the rest. Once you, and others on your behalf, have paid a combined total of \$2,100, which includes the amount you paid towards your deductible, you move to the Catastrophic Coverage stage.

### Tier drug coverage

#### Retail

#### Mail Order

#### Standard

#### Preferred

#### Standard

#### 30-day supply<sup>^</sup>

#### 100-day supply

#### 100-day supply

#### 100-day supply

**Tier 1:**  
Preferred Generic

\$0 copay

\$0 copay

\$0 copay

\$0 copay

**Tier 2:**  
Generic<sup>3</sup>

\$14 copay

\$42 copay

\$0 copay

\$42 copay

## Prescription drug payment stages

| Tier drug coverage                                | Retail                                                                                                                  |                        | Mail Order             |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                   | Standard                                                                                                                |                        | Preferred              | Standard               |
|                                                   | 30-day supply^                                                                                                          | 100-day supply         | 100-day supply         | 100-day supply         |
| <b>Tier 3:</b><br>Preferred Brand                 | 18% coinsurance                                                                                                         | 18% coinsurance        | 18% coinsurance        | 18% coinsurance        |
| Covered Insulin <sup>4</sup>                      | 18%, up to \$35 copay                                                                                                   | 18%, up to \$105 copay | 18%, up to \$105 copay | 18%, up to \$105 copay |
| <b>Tier 4:</b><br>Non-Preferred Drug <sup>5</sup> | 40% coinsurance                                                                                                         | N/A                    | N/A                    | N/A                    |
| <b>Tier 5:</b><br>Specialty Tier <sup>5</sup>     | 29% coinsurance                                                                                                         | N/A                    | N/A                    | N/A                    |
| <b>Catastrophic Coverage</b>                      | Once you're in this stage, you won't pay anything for your Medicare-covered Part D drugs for the rest of the plan year. |                        |                        |                        |

### Additional covered drugs

These drugs are not covered by Medicare Part D and not on the plan's Drug List.

This plan covers these additional drugs as Tier 2 medications.

- ☐ Vitamin D (50,000)
- ☐ Sildenafil (generic Viagra)
- ☐ Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B-12)
- ☐ Folic Acid (1 mg)

<sup>^</sup>Members living in long-term care facilities pay the same for a 31-day supply as a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

<sup>3</sup> Tier includes enhanced drug coverage.

<sup>4</sup> You pay no more than 18% of the total drug cost or a \$35 copay, whichever is lower, for each 1-month supply of Part D covered insulin drugs, even if you haven't paid your deductible, until you reach the Catastrophic Coverage stage where you pay \$0.

<sup>5</sup> Limited to a 30-day supply

## Additional benefits

### Chiropractic services

Medicare-covered chiropractic care (manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation)<sup>1,2</sup> \$15 copay

| Additional benefits                                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Diabetes management</b>                                                                               | Diabetes monitoring supplies <sup>2</sup>                 | \$0 copay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                          | Diabetes self-management training                         | \$0 copay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                          | Therapeutic shoes or inserts <sup>2</sup>                 | 20% coinsurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies</b>                                              | DME (e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen) <sup>2</sup>              | 20% coinsurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                          | Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs) <sup>2</sup> | 20% coinsurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  <b>Fitness program</b> |                                                           | <p>\$0 copay</p> <p>Your fitness program helps you stay active and connected at the gym, from home or in your community. It's available to you at no additional cost and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Free gym membership at core locations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access to a large national network of gyms and fitness locations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On-demand workout videos and live streaming fitness classes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Online memory fitness activities</li> </ul> |
| <b>Foot care</b> (podiatry services)                                                                     | Foot exams and treatment <sup>1,2</sup>                   | \$40 copay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                          | Routine foot care                                         | \$40 copay, 6 visits per year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Meal benefit<sup>2</sup></b>                                                                          |                                                           | \$0 copay for 28 home-delivered meals immediately after an inpatient hospitalization or skilled nursing facility (SNF) stay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Home health care<sup>1,2</sup></b>                                                                    |                                                           | \$0 copay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Hospice</b>                                                                                           |                                                           | You pay nothing for hospice care from any Medicare-approved hospice. You may have to pay part of the costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered by Original Medicare, outside of our plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Opioid treatment program services<sup>2</sup></b>                                                     |                                                           | \$0 copay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Additional benefits

### Outpatient substance use disorder services

Outpatient group therapy visit<sup>1,2</sup> \$15 copay

Outpatient individual therapy visit<sup>1,2</sup> \$25 copay



### OTC credit

\$45 credit every quarter for over-the-counter (OTC) products in-store or online

- ☐ Choose from thousands of brand name and generic OTC products like vitamins, pain relievers, first aid and more
- ☐ Shop at thousands of participating stores, including Walmart, Walgreens and Dollar General, or at neighborhood stores near you

### Renal dialysis<sup>1,2</sup>

20% coinsurance

<sup>1</sup> Requires a referral from your doctor.

<sup>2</sup> May require your provider to get prior authorization from the plan for in-network benefits.

\* Benefits are combined in and out-of-network

## Optional supplemental benefits

### Platinum Dental Rider premium

Additional \$44 per month

The Platinum Dental Rider includes preventive and comprehensive dental benefits. It can be purchased to replace any dental benefits that may already be offered within your Medicare Advantage Plan.

## Member discounts



As a UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan member, you'll have access to an exclusive collection of discounts on hundreds of products and services. Once you're a member, you can sign in to your member site for a list of discounts available to you.

## About this plan

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-26 (HMO-POS) is a Medicare Advantage HMOPOS plan with a Medicare contract.

To join this plan, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, live within our service area listed below, and be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States.

Our service area includes these counties in:

**Texas:** Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Delta, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Panola, Polk, Rains, Rusk, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Wood.

## Use network providers and pharmacies

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-26 (HMO-POS) has a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and other providers. For routine dental services, you can use providers that are not in our network. This health plan requires you to select a primary care provider (PCP) from the network. Your PCP can handle most routine health care needs and will be responsible to coordinate your care. If you need to see a network specialist or other network provider, you may need to get a referral from your PCP. We encourage you to find out which specialists and hospitals your PCP would recommend for you and would refer you to for care, prior to selecting them as your plan's PCP. If you use pharmacies that are not in our network, the plan may not pay for those drugs, or you may pay more than you pay at a network pharmacy.

You can go to **[AARP Medicare Plans.com](https://www.aarpmedicareplans.com)** to search for a network provider or pharmacy using the online directories. You can also view the plan Drug List (Formulary) to see what drugs are covered and if there are any restrictions.

## Required Information

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Benefits, features, and/or devices vary by plan/area. Limitations, exclusions and/or network restrictions may apply.

### Hearing aids

Other hearing exam providers are available in the UnitedHealthcare network. The plan only covers hearing aids from a UnitedHealthcare Hearing network provider. Provider network size may vary by local market. OTC hearing aid warranties, if available, will vary by device and are handled through the manufacturer. One-time professional fee may apply for prescription hearing aids.

### Routine dental benefits

If your plan offers out-of-network dental coverage and you see an out-of-network dentist, you might be billed more. Provider network may vary in local market. Dental network size based on Zelis Network360, May 2023.

### Routine eyewear

Additional charges may apply for out-of-network items and services. Provider and retail network may vary in local market. Vision network size based on Zelis Network360, March 2023. Annual routine eye exam and \$100-450 allowance for contacts or designer frames, with standard (single, bi-focal, tri-focal or standard progressive) lenses covered in full either annually or every two years. Savings based on comparison to retail. Other vision providers are available in our network.

### Fitness program

The fitness benefit and gym network varies by plan/area and participating locations may change. The fitness benefit includes a standard fitness membership at participating locations. Not all plans offer access to premium locations. Consult your doctor prior to beginning an exercise program or making changes to your lifestyle or health care routine.

**OTC credit**

OTC benefits have expiration timeframes. Review your Evidence of Coverage (EOC) for more information.

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

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