



Summary of Benefits 2026

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-21 (HMO-POS)
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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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AARP® | Medicare Advantage
from  **UnitedHealthcare®**

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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 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.

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Medical premium, deductible and limits

Monthly plan premium	\$0 You need to continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium
Annual medical deductible	This plan does not have a medical deductible.
Maximum out-of-pocket amount (does not include prescription drugs)	\$4,200 This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket each year for Medicare-covered services and supplies received from network providers. Out-of-pocket costs paid for your Part D prescription drugs are not included in this amount.

Medical benefits

Inpatient hospital care ^{1,2} Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.	\$150 copay per day: days 1-6 \$0 copay per day: days 7 and beyond	
Outpatient hospital Cost-sharing for additional plan covered services will apply.	Ambulatory surgical center (ASC) ^{1,2}	\$0 copay for a colonoscopy \$125 copay otherwise
	Outpatient hospital, including surgery ^{1,2}	\$0 copay for a colonoscopy \$150 copay otherwise
	Outpatient hospital observation services ^{1,2}	\$150 copay

Medical benefits

Doctor visits

Primary care provider	\$0 copay
Specialists ^{1,2}	\$20 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

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

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

\$150 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

\$65 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)^{1,2}

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

Lab services^{1,2}

\$0 copay

Diagnostic tests and procedures^{1,2}

\$50 copay

Therapeutic radiology^{1,2}

20% coinsurance

Outpatient X-rays^{1,2}

\$30 copay



Hearing services

Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues^{1,2}

\$0 copay

Routine hearing exam

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

Hearing aids²

\$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 and comprehensive services²

\$1,000 allowance for all covered dental services*

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

50% coinsurance for covered comprehensive services like fillings, crowns, bridges and dentures

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



Vision services

Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye^{1,2}

\$0 copay

Eyewear after cataract surgery¹

\$0 copay

Routine eye exam

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

Routine eyewear

\$150 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^{1,2}
Our plan covers
90 days for an
inpatient hospital
stay

\$150 copay per day: days 1-6
\$0 copay per day: days 7-90

Outpatient group
therapy visit^{1,2}

\$15 copay

Outpatient
individual therapy
visit^{1,2}

\$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)^{1,2}

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^{1,2}

\$20 copay

Occupational
Therapy Visit^{1,2}

\$20 copay

Ambulance²

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 ²	20% coinsurance
	Part B covered insulin ²	20% coinsurance, up to \$35
	Other Part B drugs ² Part B drugs may be subject to Step Therapy. See your Evidence of Coverage for details.	\$0 copay for allergy antigens 20% coinsurance for all others

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 \$440 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
	30-day supply [^]	100-day supply	100-day supply
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Tier 2: Generic ³	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Tier 3: Preferred Brand	15% coinsurance	15% coinsurance	15% coinsurance

Prescription drug payment stages			
Tier drug coverage	Retail		Mail Order
	30-day supply^	100-day supply	100-day supply
Covered Insulin ⁴	15%, up to \$35 copay	15%, up to \$105 copay	15%, up to \$105 copay
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug ⁵	40% coinsurance	N/A	N/A
Tier 5: Specialty Tier ⁵	28% coinsurance	N/A	N/A
Catastrophic Coverage	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)		

[^]Members living in long-term care facilities pay the same for a 31-day supply as a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

³ Tier includes enhanced drug coverage.

⁴ You pay no more than 15% 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.

⁵ Limited to a 30-day supply

Additional benefits		
Chiropractic services	Medicare-covered chiropractic care (manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation) ^{1,2}	\$20 copay
Diabetes management	Diabetes monitoring supplies ²	\$0 copay

Additional benefits		
	Diabetes self-management training	\$0 copay
	Therapeutic shoes or inserts ²	20% coinsurance
Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies	DME (e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen) ²	20% coinsurance
	Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs) ²	20% coinsurance
 Fitness program \$0 copay 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: • Free gym membership at core locations • Access to a large national network of gyms and fitness locations • On-demand workout videos and live streaming fitness classes • Online memory fitness activities		
Foot care (podiatry services)	Foot exams and treatment ^{1,2}	\$20 copay
	Routine foot care	\$20 copay, 6 visits per year
Meal benefit²		\$0 copay for 28 home-delivered meals immediately after an inpatient hospitalization or skilled nursing facility (SNF) stay
Home health care^{1,2}		\$0 copay
Hospice		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.
Opioid treatment program services²		\$0 copay

Additional benefits

Outpatient substance use disorder services

Outpatient group therapy visit^{1,2} \$15 copay

Outpatient individual therapy visit^{1,2} \$25 copay



OTC credit

\$25 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^{1,2}

20% coinsurance

¹ Requires a referral from your doctor.

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

* Benefits are combined in and out-of-network

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-21 (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: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Medina, Wilson.

Use network providers and pharmacies

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-21 (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 **[AARPMedicarePlans.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

AARP® Medicare Advantage Essentials from UHC TX-21 (HMO-POS) is insured through UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or one of its affiliated companies, a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in the plan depends on the plan's contract renewal with Medicare. UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company pays royalty fees to AARP for the use of its intellectual property. These fees are used for the general purposes of AARP. You do not need to be an AARP member to enroll in a Medicare Advantage or Prescription Drug Plan. AARP and its affiliates are not insurers. AARP encourages you to consider your needs when selecting products and does not make specific product recommendations for individuals.

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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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