

## **Cooperative Advantage (HMO I-SNP) offered by Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire.**

# **Annual Notice of Changes for 2022**

You are currently enrolled as a member of *Cooperative Advantage*. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

- **You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**
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### **What to do now**

#### **1. ASK: Which changes apply to you**

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
  - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
  - Do the changes affect the services you use?
  - Look in Sections 2.2 and 2.5 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
  - Will your drugs be covered?
  - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost sharing?
  - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
  - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
  - Review the 2022 Drug List and look in Section 2.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
  - Your drug costs may have risen since last year. Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year. To get additional information on drug prices visit [go.medicare.gov/drugprices](https://www.go.medicare.gov/drugprices), and click the "dashboards" link in the middle of the second Note toward the bottom of the page. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price

information. Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.

- Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
  - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
  - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in Section 2.3 for information about our *Provider Directory*.
- Think about your overall health care costs.
  - How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
  - How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
  - How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

## 2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area.
  - Use the personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website.
  - Review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2022* handbook.
  - Look in Section 3.2 to learn more about your choices.
- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

## 3. CHOOSE: Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2021, you will be enrolled in *Cooperative Advantage*.
- *To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.]*

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

- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, you will be enrolled in *Cooperative Advantage*.
- If you join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2022**. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

## Additional Resources

- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-888-203-7770 for additional information. (TTY users should call 1-800-947-3529.) Hours are 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(October 1 – March 31, seven days a week) and 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (April 1 – September 30, Monday – Friday).

- **Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC)** and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

### **About Cooperative Advantage**

- *Cooperative Advantage is a HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Cooperative Advantage depends on contract renewal.*
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means *Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire*. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means *Cooperative Advantage*.

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2022

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

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 2.1 for details.	\$40.70	\$42.30
<b>Deductible</b>	\$198	\$203
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 2.2 for details.)	\$7,550	\$7,550
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: 20% coinsurance per visit  Specialist visits: 20% per coinsurance per visit	Primary care visits: 20% coinsurance per visit  Specialist visits: 20% coinsurance per visit

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor’s order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.</p>	<p>You pay the 2020 Original Medicare cost-sharing amounts. These amounts may be subject to change once the 2021 Medicare rates are released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1408 deductible and no coinsurance for days 1-60</li> <li>• Coinsurance of \$352 per day for days 61-90</li> </ul> <p>There is a coinsurance after 90 days</p>	<p>You pay the 2021 Original Medicare cost-sharing amounts. These amounts may be subject to change once the 2022 Medicare rates are released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1484 deductible and no coinsurance for days 1-60</li> <li>• Coinsurance of \$371 per day for days 61-90</li> </ul> <p>There is a coinsurance after 90 days</p>
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 2.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$445</p> <p>Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 25%</li> </ul>	<p>Deductible: \$480</p> <p>Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: 25%</li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 25%</li> </ul>

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## SECTION 1 Unless You Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in Cooperative Advantage in 2022

If you do nothing to change your Medicare coverage by December 7, 2021, we will automatically enroll you in our *Cooperative Advantage*. This means starting January 1, 2022, you will be getting your medical and prescription drug coverage through *Cooperative Advantage*. If you want to, you can change to a different Medicare health plan. You can also switch to Original Medicare. If you want to change plans, you can do so between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for “Extra Help,” you may be able to change plans during other times.

The information in this document tells you about the differences between your current benefits in *Cooperative Advantage* and the benefits you will have on January 1, 2022 as a member of *Cooperative Advantage*.

## SECTION 2 Changes to Benefit and Cost for Next Year

### Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$40.70	\$42.30

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as “creditable coverage”) for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving “Extra Help” with your prescription drug costs. Please see Section 7 regarding “Extra Help” from Medicare.

**Section 2.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount**

To protect you, Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay “out-of-pocket” during the year. This limit is called the “maximum out-of-pocket.” Once you reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered services for the rest of the year.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>	\$7,550	\$7,550
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays and deductibles) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	Once you have paid \$7,550 out-of-pocket for covered services, you will pay nothing for your covered services for the rest of the calendar year.	Once you have paid \$7,550 out-of-pocket for covered services, you will pay nothing for your covered services for the rest of the calendar year.

**Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider Network**

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated *Provider Directory* is located on our website at [www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage](http://www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage). You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*. **Please review the 2022 *Provider Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

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

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, we must furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days’ notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.



- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.

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## Section 2.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies.

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

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## Section 2.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2022 Evidence of Coverage*.

### Opioid treatment program services

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

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

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>Inpatient Hospital Coverage</p>	<p>You pay the 2020 Original Medicare cost-sharing amounts. These amounts may be subject to change once the 2021 Medicare rates are released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1408 deductible and no coinsurance for days 1-60</li> <li>• Coinsurance of \$352 per day for days 61-90</li> </ul> <p>There is a coinsurance after 90 days.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization Required</p>	<p>You pay the 2021 Original Medicare cost-sharing amounts. These amounts may be subject to change once the 2022 Medicare rates are released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1484 deductible and no coinsurance for days 1-60</li> <li>• Coinsurance of \$371 per day for days 61-90</li> </ul> <p>There is a coinsurance after 90 days</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required</p>
<p>Outpatient Hospital Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observation</li> <li>• Hospital outpatient surgeries</li> </ul>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>
<p>Ambulatory Surgery Center</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>
<p>Diagnostic Services/Labs/Imaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic tests and procedures</li> <li>• Diagnostic radiology</li> </ul>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Mental Health Services	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>
Skilled Nursing Facility	<p>You pay the 2020 Original Medicare cost-sharing amounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You pay nothing for the first 20 days of each benefit period.</li> <li>• You pay \$176 per day for days 21-100. You pay all costs for each day after day 100.</li> </ul> <p>*Prior Authorization Required.</p>	<p>You pay the 2021 Original Medicare cost-sharing amounts. These amounts may be subject to change once the Medicare 2022 rates are released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You pay nothing for the first 20 days of each benefit period.</li> <li>• You pay \$185.50 per day for days 21-100. You pay all costs for each day after day 100.</li> </ul> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>
Physical Therapy	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>
Ambulance – Non-emergent	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>
Durable Medical Equipment	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*Prior Authorization required.</p>	<p>You pay 20% coinsurance.</p> <p>*No Prior Authorization required.</p>

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## Section 2.6 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

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### Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or “Drug List.” A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically.

Certain drugs may be covered for some medical conditions, but are considered non-formulary for other medical conditions. Drugs that are covered for only select medical conditions will be identified on our Drug List and in Medicare Plan Finder, along with the specific medical conditions that they cover.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

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

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

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

Until the transition is actually made, either through a switch to an appropriate formulary drug, or decision of an exception request, the Cooperative will provide continuation of drug coverage, other than for drugs not covered under Medicare Part D.

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules.

Starting in 2022, we may immediately remove a brand name drug on our Drug List if, at the same time, we replace it with a new generic drug on the same or lower cost-sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions. Also, when adding the new generic drug, we may decide to keep

the brand name drug on our Drug List, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions or both.

This means, for instance, if you are taking a brand name drug that is being replaced or moved to a higher cost-sharing tier, you will no longer always get notice of the change 30 days before we make it or get a month's supply of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the brand name drug, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after the change is made.

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

### Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

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

The information below shows the changes for next year to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at [www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage](http://www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.)

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, <b>you pay the full cost</b> of your Part D drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is \$445.</p> <p>During this stage, <b>you pay the full cost</b> of your drugs.</p> <p>You stay in this stage until you have paid \$445 for your drugs (\$445 is the amount of your deductible).</p>	<p>The deductible is \$480.</p> <p>During this stage, <b>you pay the full cost</b> of your drugs.</p> <p>You stay in this stage until you have paid \$480 for your drugs (\$480 is the amount of your deductible).</p>

## Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

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

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and <b>you pay your share of the cost.</b></p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</p> <p><b>Preferred Generic Tier 1:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Generic Tier 2:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Preferred Brand Tier 3:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Brand Tier 4:</b> You 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Specialty Tier 5:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</p> <p><b>Preferred Generic Tier 1:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Generic Tier 2:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Preferred Brand Tier 3:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Brand Tier 4:</b> You 25% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Specialty Tier 5:</b> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p>

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (continued)</b></p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one-month (31-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost sharing. For information about the costs, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>. We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the Drug List.</p>	<p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4130 you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4430 you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>

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

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.** For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Cooperative Advantage

**To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything.** If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in our *Cooperative Advantage*.

### Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2022 follow these steps:

### Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan timely,
- *OR--* You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 2.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read the *Medicare & You 2022* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

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

### Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from *Cooperative Advantage*.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from *Cooperative Advantage*.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 7.1 of this booklet).
  - – *or* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

## SECTION 4 Deadline for Changing Plans

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

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid, those who get “Extra Help” paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.



You can change your Medicare coverage **at any time**. You can change to any other Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

## SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In *Wisconsin*, the SHIP is called *Medigap Hotline*.

*Medigap Hotline* is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. *Medigap Hotline* counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call at 1-800-242-1060.

## SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs.

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
  - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).

- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.**

Wisconsin has a program called SeniorCare that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 6 of this booklet).

- **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 covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program. Note: To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your State, individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence

and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status.

If you are currently enrolled in an ADAP, it can continue to provide you with Medicare Part D prescription cost-sharing assistance for drugs on the ADAP formulary. In order to be sure, you continue receiving this assistance, please notify your local ADAP enrollment worker of any changes in your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number. The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program can be reached at (800) 991-5532. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program at (800) 991-5532.

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Cooperative Advantage

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-888-203-7770. (TTY only, call 1-800-947-3529). We are available for phone calls Calls to this number are free. 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (October 1 – March 31, seven days a week) and 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (April 1 – September 30, Monday – Friday).

#### **Read your 2022 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)**

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2022. For details, look in the 2022 *Evidence of Coverage for Cooperative Advantage*. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage](http://www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage](http://www.group-health.com/cooperative-advantage). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

### Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

#### **Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

## Visit the Medicare Website

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

## Read *Medicare & You 2022*

You can read the *Medicare & You 2022* handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.