

## ***Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO) offered by Providence Health Assurance***

# **Annual Notice of Changes for 2024**

You are currently enrolled as a member of Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO). Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. ***Please see page 4 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.***

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules, please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at [www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com/EOC](http://www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com/EOC). You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

- **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.
  - Review the changes to medical care costs (doctor, hospital)
  - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including authorization requirements and costs
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing
- Check the changes in the 2024 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers, including pharmacies, will be in our network next year.
- 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 Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2024* handbook.
- 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, 2023, you will stay in Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO).
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2024**. This will end your enrollment with Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO).
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

**Additional Resources**

- Please contact our Customer Service number at 503-574-8000 or 1-800-603-2340 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific Time), seven days a week. This call is free.
- This information is available in multiple formats, including large print and braille.
- **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 Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO)**

- Providence Health Assurance is an HMO, HMO-POS and HMO SNP with Medicare and Oregon Health Plan contracts. Enrollment in Providence Health Assurance depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our," it means Providence Health Assurance. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO).

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2024

The table below compares the 2023 costs and 2024 costs for Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	\$5,500	\$5,500
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible per visit.  Specialist visits: \$40 copayment per visit.	Primary care visits: There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible per visit.  Specialist visits: \$40 copayment per visit.
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b>	\$450 copayment each day for days 1-4 per admission and there is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible each day for day 5 and beyond for Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care.	\$450 copayment each day for days 1-4 per admission and there is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for day 5 and beyond for Medicare-covered inpatient hospital care.
<b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.5 for details.)	Deductible: \$0  Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Deductible: \$0  Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$0 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$16 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$10 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$20 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$47 per prescription at a network pharmacy. \$35 for Select Insulins per month.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$100 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$0 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$16 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$10 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$20 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$37 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$37 per prescription at a network pharmacy. You pay up to a \$35 copayment for each prescription filled, up to a 30-day supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$100 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> </ul>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost at a preferred network pharmacy or 33% of the total cost at a network pharmacy.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$0 per prescription at a preferred network pharmacy or \$0 per prescription at a network pharmacy.</li> </ul> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs.</li> <li>• For each prescription, you pay whichever of these is larger: a payment equal to 5% of the cost of the drug (this is called <b>coinsurance</b>) or a copayment (\$4.15 for a generic drug or a drug that is treated like a generic, and \$10.35 for all other drugs).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost at a preferred network pharmacy or 33% of the total cost at a network pharmacy.</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6 has been removed, but Part D vaccines are still covered at \$0 per IRA provisions.</li> </ul> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing.</li> </ul>

**SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year**

**Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium**

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0 There is no change for the upcoming benefit year.
<b>Optional Supplemental Dental Coverage monthly premium</b>	<u>Providence Dental Basic</u> \$32.50	<u>Providence Dental Basic</u> \$33.00
<b>Optional Supplemental Dental Coverage monthly premium</b>	<u>Providence Dental Enhanced</u> \$45.10	<u>Providence Dental Enhanced</u> \$45.00

- 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.

## Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

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

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$5,500	\$5,500  Once you have paid \$5,500 out-of-pocket for covered services, you will pay nothing for your covered services for the rest of the calendar year.  There is no change for the upcoming benefit year.

## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are located on our website at [www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com/findaprovider](http://www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com/findaprovider). You may also call Customer Service for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2024 *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2024 *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) and pharmacies that are part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Customer Service so we may assist.



**Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services**

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Acupuncture (non-Medicare-covered)</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$40 copayment for each routine acupuncture visit.</p> <p>Plan covers up to \$500 every year for routine chiropractic, acupuncture, and naturopathic services combined.</p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for up to 18 visits per calendar year for each routine acupuncture visit.</p>
<p><b>Chiropractic services (non-Medicare-covered)</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for each routine chiropractic visit.</p> <p>Plan covers up to \$500 every year for routine chiropractic, acupuncture, and naturopathic services combined.</p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for up to 18 visits per calendar year for each routine chiropractic visit.</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Dental services (other; non-Medicare-covered embedded routine preventive)</b></p>	<p>Fluoride treatments are not covered.</p> <p>Periodontic maintenance services are not covered in lieu of standard prophylaxis services.</p> <p>There is no copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for oral exams, cleanings, or dental x-rays.</p> <p>There is no pre-loaded debit card.</p>	<p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for one fluoride treatment per calendar year.</p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for up to two periodontic maintenance services if chosen in lieu of standard prophylaxis services.</p> <p>There is no change to your benefit from 2023 to 2024. Which means, there is no cost share for preventive dental care, when performed by an in network provider.</p> <p>You receive a pre-loaded dental debit card with a maximum allowance of \$350 each calendar year. You may use this card to pay for any dental services from any dental clinic you like. Unused funds expire after 11:59 p.m. on December 31 of each year and do not carry over to the next year.</p>
<p><b>Medicare Part B prescription drugs</b></p>	<p>You pay 20% of the total cost for Medicare-covered Part B chemotherapy and radiation drugs, insulin, and other Part B drugs.</p>	<p>You pay 0-20% of the total cost for Medicare-covered Part B chemotherapy and radiation drugs and other Part B drugs.</p> <p>Insulin cost sharing is subject to a cost share cap of \$35 for one-month's supply of insulin.</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Naturopathic services</b></p>	<p>You pay a \$40 copayment for each naturopathic visit.</p> <p>Plan covers up to \$500 every year for routine chiropractic, acupuncture, and naturopathic services combined.</p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for up to 6 visits per calendar year for each naturopathic visit.</p>
<p><b>Optional Supplemental Dental - Basic</b></p>	<p>You pay 50% coinsurance for basic fillings.</p> <p>Sealants are not covered.</p> <p>\$250 lifetime maximum for dentures.</p>	<p>You pay 30% coinsurance for basic fillings.</p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, for in-network sealants. Sealants are subject to a deductible.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for out-of-network sealants. Sealants are subject to a deductible.</p> <p>\$1,000 lifetime maximum for dentures.</p>
<p><b>Optional Supplemental Dental - Enhanced</b></p>	<p>You pay 50% coinsurance for basic fillings.</p> <p>Sealants are not covered.</p> <p>\$250 lifetime maximum for dentures.</p>	<p>You pay 30% coinsurance for basic fillings.</p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, for in-network sealants. Sealants are subject to a deductible.</p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for out-of-network sealants. Sealants are subject to a deductible.</p> <p>\$1,500 lifetime maximum for dentures.</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Outpatient diagnostic radiology tests and services</b>	No Maximum out-of-pocket cost.	\$250 Maximum out-of-pocket cost per day for diagnostic radiology.
<b>Outpatient surgery at ambulatory surgical centers</b>	You pay a \$400 copayment for each Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical center visit.	You pay a \$250 copayment for each Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical center visit.
<b>Pulmonary rehabilitation services</b>	You pay a \$20 copayment for each Medicare-covered pulmonary rehabilitation service.	You pay a \$15 copayment for each Medicare-covered pulmonary rehabilitation service.
<b>Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET)</b>	You pay a \$30 copayment for each Medicare-covered SET service.	You pay a \$25 copayment for each Medicare-covered SET service.
<b>Urgently needed services</b>	You pay a \$50 copayment for each Medicare-covered urgent care visit.	You pay a \$25 copayment for each Medicare-covered urgent care visit.
<b>Vision care (routine non-Medicare-covered)</b>	<p>You have an allowance up to \$75 per calendar year for a routine eye exam, including refraction.</p> <p>You have an allowance of up to \$100 per calendar year for a combination of routine prescription contacts, routine prescription lenses, routine vision frames, and/or upgrades, such as tinting.</p>	<p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for one routine eye exam, including refraction, per calendar year.</p> <p>You have an allowance of up to \$250 per calendar year for a combination of routine prescription contacts, routine prescription lenses, routine vision frames, and/or upgrades, such as tinting.</p>
<b>Wig benefit</b>	You pay 20% of the total cost for one synthetic wig due to hair loss from chemotherapy. You may purchase the wig from any wig supplier and submit the paid receipt to us for reimbursement.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for one synthetic wig due to hair loss from chemotherapy. You may purchase the wig from any wig supplier and submit the paid receipt to us for reimbursement.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Worldwide emergency/urgent care</b>	<p>You pay a \$50 copayment for each urgent care visit.</p> <p>There is a calendar year limit of \$50,000 for all associated emergency/urgent care received outside of the United States and its territories.</p>	<p>You pay a \$25 copayment for each urgent care visit.</p> <p>There is no calendar year limit for all associated emergency/urgent care received outside of the United States and its territories.</p>

## Section 1.5 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

### 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.

We made changes to our “Drug List”, which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs or moving them to a different cost-sharing tier. **Review the “Drug List” to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

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. For instance, we can immediately remove drugs considered unsafe by the FDA or withdrawn from the market by a product manufacturer. We update our online “Drug List” to provide the most up to date list of drugs.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage and talk to your doctor to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception and/or working to find a new drug. You can also contact Customer Service for more information.

### Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

**Note:** If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.** We have included a separate insert, called the “Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs” (also called the Low-Income Subsidy Rider or the LIS Rider), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive “Extra Help” and didn’t receive this insert with this packet, please call Customer Service and ask for the LIS Rider.

There are four **drug payment stages**. The information below shows the changes 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.)

**Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b>	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

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

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>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>The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy.</p> <p>Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.</p> <p>For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</p> <p>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>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy:</p> <p><b>Tier 1 Preferred Generic:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$16 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2 Generic:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy:</p> <p><b>Tier 1 Preferred Generic:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$16 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2 Generic:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription.</p>

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p>	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p>
	<p><b>Tier 3 Preferred Brand:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription.  You pay \$35 per month supply of each Select Insulin.</p>	<p><b>Tier 3 Preferred Brand:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$37 per prescription.  You pay a maximum of \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product in this tier.</p>
	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription.  You pay \$35 per prescription for Select Insulins.</p>	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$37 per prescription.  You pay a maximum of \$35 for each covered insulin product in this tier.</p>
	<p><b>Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p>	<p><b>Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p>
	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p>	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p>
	<p><b>Tier 5 Specialty:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p>	<p><b>Tier 5 Specialty:</b> <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p>
	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p>	<p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p>

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	<p><b>Tier 6 \$0 Part D Vaccines:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p><b>Tier 6 \$0 Part D Vaccines:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost sharing:</i> Tier 6 has been removed, but Part D vaccines are still covered at \$0 per IRA provisions.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> Tier 6 has been removed, but Part D vaccines are still covered at \$0 per IRA provisions.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, 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.**

**Beginning in 2024, if you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for covered Part D drugs.**

For specific information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.



## SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

Administrative changes may be strictly informational, with little to no impact on your benefits, or they may change how you access your care and which services and prescription drugs are available to you. The table below lists the administrative changes we are making for next year.

Description	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Dental Vendor</b>	Dominion Dental	Delta Dental of Oregon
<b>Fitness Vendor</b>	Silver & Fit	Optum: One Pass
<b>InComm Catalog Vendor</b>	Medline	Convey
<b>Part D Three Month Supply</b>	Up to 90 days	Up to 100 days
<b>Preferred Test Strips</b>	All Accu-Chek test strips are preferred.	Accu-Chek Guide test strips are preferred.
<b>Referrals</b>	Referrals required to see in-network specialists.	Referrals not required to see in-network specialists.
<b>Supplemental Coverage Gap</b>	You continue to pay your Tier 1 Preferred Generic cost-share for Tier 1 drugs in the Coverage Gap.	You continue to pay your Tier 1 Preferred Generic cost-share for Tier 1 drugs and your Tier 2 Generic cost-share for Tier 2 drugs in the Coverage Gap.
<b>Tier 3 Preferred Brand Mail Order</b>	Tier 3 Preferred Brand Mail Order Copay for a 90-day supply is 3x the 30-day copay.	Tier 3 Preferred Brand Mail Order copay for a 100-day supply is 2x the 30-day copay.
<b>Vendor Contact Information</b>	Chapter 4, Section 2.1	Chapter 2, Section 1

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO)

**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 Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO).

### 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 2024, follow these steps:

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

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- *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 1.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder ([www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)), read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

As a reminder, Providence Health Assurance offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

#### Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer Service if you need more information on how to do so.
  - – *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, 2024.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include 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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2024, and don’t like your plan choice, you can switch to another 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) between January 1 and March 31, 2024.

If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), 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 an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Oregon, the SHIP is called Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA). In Washington, the SHIP is called Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (also SHIBA).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. SHIBA 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 SHIBA in Oregon at 1-800-722-4134 (TTY 711). You can call SHIBA in Washington at 1-800-562-6900 (TTY 360-586-0241). You can learn more about SHIBA by visiting their website ([www.shiba.oregon.gov](http://www.shiba.oregon.gov) or [www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba](http://www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba)).

## SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help.

- **“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. 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 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. 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. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through CAREAssist in Oregon or Early Intervention Program (EIP) in Washington. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call CAREAssist at 971-673-0144 or 1-800-805-2313 (TTY 711), or the Early Intervention Program (EIP) at 1-877-376-9316.

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO)

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call Customer Service at 503-574-8000 or 1-800-603-2340. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Pacific Time), seven days a week. Calls to these numbers are free.

## Read your 2024 *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 2024. For details, look in the 2024 *Evidence of Coverage* for Providence Medicare Timber + Rx (HMO). 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.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com/EOC](http://www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com/EOC). You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

### Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at [www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthAssurance.com). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs (Formulary/“Drug List”)*.

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## Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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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

Visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area. To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

### Read *Medicare & You 2024*

Read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook. Every fall, this document 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 document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) 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.

## Multi-Language Insert

### Multi-language Interpreter Services

**English:** We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

**Spanish:** Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

**Chinese Mandarin:** 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711)。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

**Chinese Cantonese:** 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問，為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務，請致電 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711)。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

**Tagalog:** Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

**French:** Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

**Vietnamese:** Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711) sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

**German:** Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

**Korean:** 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 대해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711)번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와 드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.

**Russian:** Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

**Arabic:** إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالصحة أو جدول الأدوية لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). سيقوم شخص ما يتحدث العربية بمساعدتك. هذه خدمة مجانية.

**Hindi:** हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं. एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711) पर फोन करें. कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है. यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है.

**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

**Portuguese:** Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

**French Creole:** Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal oswa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

**Polish:** Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer 1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711). Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

**Japanese:** 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするために、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、1-800-603-2340 (TTY: 711)にお電話ください。日本語を話す人者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。