

# Medicare Drug Insurance and You Colorado Options 2023



## What Is Part D Coverage?

Medicare prescription drug coverage, known as “Part D,” is prescription drug insurance provided by private insurance companies. This prescription drug coverage can be purchased as a “Stand-Alone” Part D plan or can be included in a purchased “Medicare Health Plan with Drug Coverage” plan. All Part D plans sold in Colorado have been approved by Medicare. The plans change each year, so new information is summarized annually in this publication.

In Colorado for 2023 there are 23 Stand-Alone Part D plans. Each of those plans is sold throughout the state. There are 27 Medicare Health Plans (HMO, PPO, or PFFS with drug coverage) and 16 Medicare Health Plans for special populations (Special Needs Plans) that include Part D coverage. Medicare Health Plan availability varies by county, so not all Medicare Health Plans are available throughout the state.

Each plan has a different list of covered drugs, premiums, deductibles, copays, and pharmacy networks. Each company must offer a “Standard Plan,” but may also offer enhanced plans with additional coverage.

## How and When Do I Enroll?

If you have Medicare Part A, Part B, or both, you are eligible for Medicare Part D. Many people will first enroll in a Part D plan when they enroll in Medicare Part A and B: three months before, the month of, or three months after their 65th birthday (seven-month Initial Enrollment Period).

Enrollment occurs when you review plans, pick a plan, and then call that plan, call Medicare, or enroll online to indicate which plan you have chosen.

There are additional Special Enrollment Periods for situations such as moving from one coverage area to another, moving in or out of a nursing home, or losing employer coverage. Some people have coverage from another source and might not need to get a Part D plan (see “Thinking About Skipping Part D?” p. 3).

Contact Medicare (1-800-MEDICARE), or your local SHIP at 1-888-696-7213, for additional information about the timelines for enrolling in Medicare Parts A, B, and D.

## Annual Open Enrollment!

### October 15 – December 7

#### Part D and Medicare Annual Open Enrollment Period

This is the time to enroll in or switch plans. Your selection or plan will take effect January 1, 2023. Most people will not be able to change plans again until the Annual Open Enrollment Period next year.

### January 1 – March 31

#### Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan on January 1, and change your mind, you have an opportunity to enroll in another Medicare Advantage Plan or disenroll to go back to Original Medicare and add a Stand-Alone Part D plan.

#### Other enrollment periods

You may qualify for other enrollment periods based on events such as becoming eligible for Medicare, eligibility for Extra Help, moving out of your plan area, or losing employer coverage. Enrollment into a “Five-star plan” or out of a “Low Performing Plan” also adds an enrollment opportunity during the year.

Call 1-800-MEDICARE or your local SHIP at 1-888-696-7213 to get reliable information for your situation so you know when to take action and what time limits may apply.

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### Can I Change Plans?

If your Stand-Alone Part D Plan or Medicare Health Plan with Drug Coverage is continuing into 2023, and if you want to keep that plan, you don't need to take any action. You should have received an "Annual Notice of Change" from your insurance provider by September 30. This notice gives you information on the premiums and general changes, but it does not have to include changes about what drugs will be covered by the plan.

Plans often make changes annually - there may be new premiums, copays, and changes in the lists of drugs that are covered. We recommend you evaluate your prescription drug coverage each year to determine which plan best fits your needs for the coming year. You can compare plans yourself at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) (see "Do-It-Yourself Plan Comparison Searches," p. 8) or get help by calling Medicare (1-800-MEDICARE) or call your local SHIP at (1-888-696-7213).

You can enroll or change your Part D plans and Medicare Health Plans from October 15 through December 7. The enrollment change will take effect on January 1, 2023. You can make this change by calling 1-800-MEDICARE, calling your new plan choice, or making your enrollment selection online at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

### Part D Standard Plan for 2023

The diagram to the lower right shows the "Standard Plan" for 2023. Each Part D insurer must offer a plan that is equivalent to this plan. They can also sell "enhanced" plans that have more generous coverage, usually for a higher premium. Few plans have the identical costs as described in the Standard Plan, but they can be sold because they are overall financially the same.

### Premiums and Deductibles

Premiums are the monthly cost of purchasing the Stand-Alone Part D coverage or the Medicare Health Plan. The deductible is the amount of money you have to pay out of your pocket before your insurance begins to pay its share.

### Copays

Copays vary from plan to plan and within plans depending on the medication. Most insurers use a "tiered" system where copays are lowest for generics, and highest for brand-name drugs. Each plan may also have "preferred" and "non-preferred" drugs that will also affect the copays.

Medicare drug insurance plan premiums for 2023 vary from \$3.50 to \$129.10 for Stand-Alone Plans, and from \$0 to \$186.00 for Medicare Health Plans with drug coverage. Deductibles range from \$0 to \$505 for either Stand-Alone Plans or Medicare Health Plans with Drug Coverage.

### The Coverage Gap (or "Donut Hole")

The Coverage Gap has been a feature of the Part D Standard Plan since its beginning in 2006. It became known as the "Donut Hole" because it is a hole in coverage in the middle of your insurance. Because of health care reform, the Coverage Gap has shrunk each year, but is as "closed" as it is going to get. In 2023, 75% of the cost of brand name covered drugs will be paid by the manufacturer and the plan. The consumer will pay 25% of the cost. 75% of the cost of generic drugs will be paid for by Medicare, and the other 25% will be paid for by the consumer.

### Formularies

Formularies are the lists of drugs covered by the individual plans.

When drugs are not on the formulary, you pay full price. Each plan will pay for some brand-name and some generic drugs in each treatment category, but not all drugs. Check if your drugs will be covered in 2023 by your current plan, or by the new plan you are considering. Eliminate plan choices that don't cover the majority of your prescriptions, especially more expensive brand-name drugs, or consider asking your doctor if you can switch to those drugs that are covered by your plan.

Certain types of drugs or categories of drugs are not covered by Part D plans, including over-the-counter drugs, drugs for weight management, fertility or sexual dysfunction, or cosmetic purposes. These are known as "exclusions."

### Which Pharmacies Do You Use?

Each insurer has a network of pharmacies where you can use your drug insurance. Check to ensure that the pharmacy you use is part of the network for the plan you choose. Drug purchases in out-of-network pharmacies cost more and may not count toward your true out-of-pocket expenses.

You can achieve the greatest cost savings with your prescription copayment or coinsurance amounts by checking the status of your pharmacy with your plan. Pharmacies listed with the plan as "Preferred Cost-Sharing" network pharmacies may offer even lower copayment or coinsurance amounts than "Standard Cost-Sharing" network pharmacies.

Most Medicare drug insurers also offer a mail order pharmacy option. It is important to compare how mail order costs compare to retail – they may be cheaper or more expensive, depending on the plan.

## 2023 Standard Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit

The amounts below do not include monthly premiums.

### DEDUCTIBLE

Beneficiary pays 100% or \$505

### COVERAGE ZONE

Beneficiary pays 25%

Coverage Zone ends when total drug cost = \$4,660

### COVERAGE GAP ("Donut Hole")

Beneficiary pays 25% For plan-covered brand name drugs (plus a nominal dispensing fee), and 25% for plan-covered generic drugs.

Gap ends when total drug cost = \$5,856.25

### CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE

Beneficiary pays no more than 5%  
Plan pays 15%, Medicare pays 80%



## You Have Employer or Retiree Drug Insurance

If you have drug benefits through your or your spouse's current employer plan or with a retiree plan, you may be able to keep your current coverage. If Medicare considers this coverage to be as good as or better than Medicare Part D ("creditable coverage"), you do not need to enroll in a Part D plan. If you later lose coverage, you'll be able to enroll in a Part D plan without facing a penalty for late enrollment.

Each year you should receive a notice regarding your coverage and confirming if your coverage is "creditable." Save this notice. If you have not received a notice by mid-October, contact your benefits administrator to request one. It is important that you contact your benefits administrator before making ANY decisions regarding your prescription drug coverage. If you choose a Part D plan outside your employer coverage, you could lose your employer health coverage entirely – ASK FIRST!

## You Are Covered Through FEHBP, TRICARE for Life, or VA

If you have prescription drug benefits through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) or TRICARE for Life, you may enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, if you choose. However, the drug coverage through these plans is typically better than the Medicare prescription drug plan coverage.

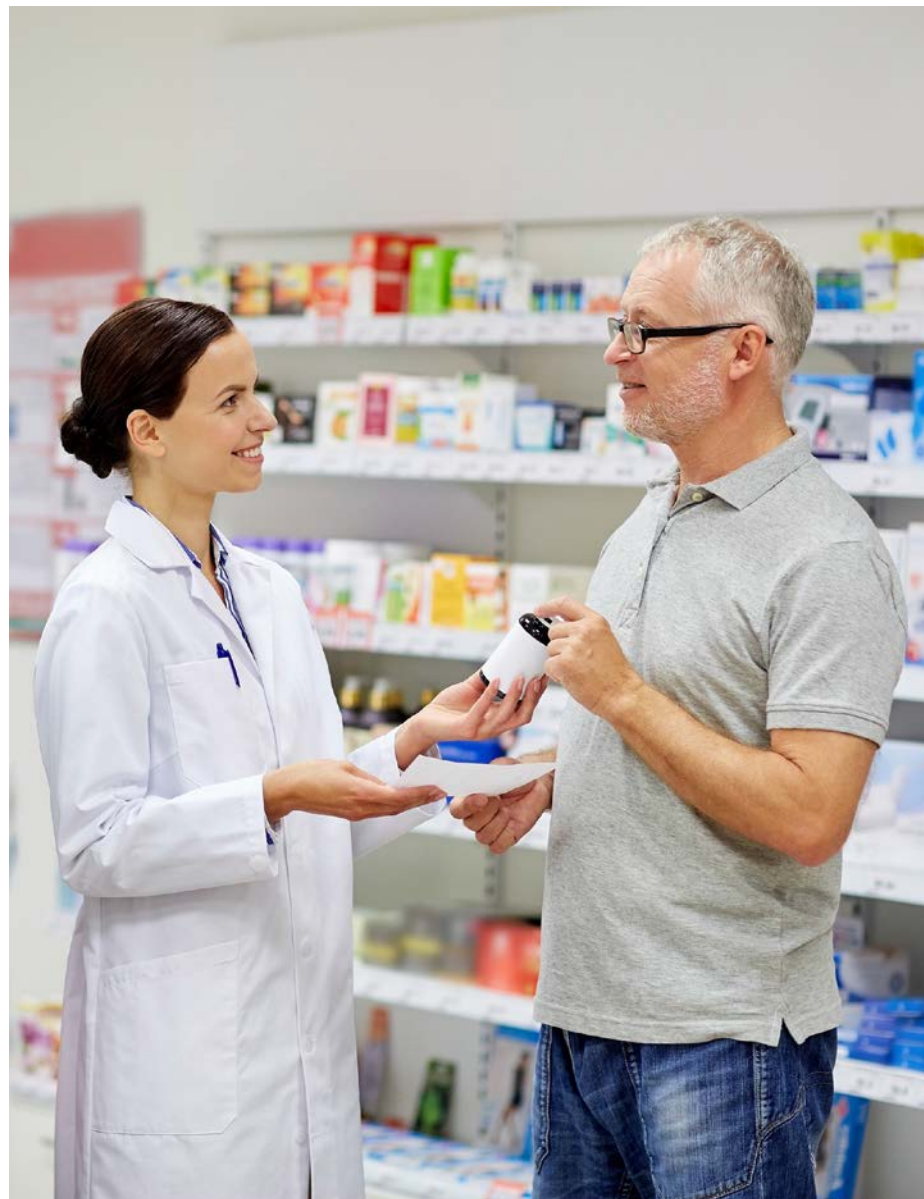
You might want to enroll in a Medicare drug plan if you are eligible for Extra Help in paying your prescription drug costs (see "Extra Help for Part D Costs," p. 5). Extra Help may provide lower drug copays than your retiree plan. You cannot receive the Extra Help through your FEHBP or TRICARE for Life.

If you have Veterans Affairs (VA) coverage, you have the option of getting your prescriptions through the VA and enrolling in a Medicare prescription drug plan. You cannot use both VA coverage and Medicare coverage at the same time. However, you can use your Medicare prescription drug coverage to receive Extra Help and to fill prescriptions at pharmacies outside the VA system.

## You Have Little or No Drug Costs

If you currently have little or no drug costs, you may be thinking about not enrolling in Part D. Consider that, like any other insurance, Part D is designed to protect you now and in the future; most people can't predict what their health care needs will be in six months.

The disadvantages of delaying enrollment include: 1) you risk not having the coverage if you need it; 2) after your first opportunity to enroll has passed, you will have only yearly opportunities to enroll during the Annual Enrollment Period October 15–December 7, with an effective date of January 1 of the following year; or 3) if you do enroll at a later date, you will likely have to pay a penalty for late enrollment (see "Penalties for Late Enrollment," discussed later on this page).



## You Have Drug Coverage Through a Medicare Supplement Plan Issued Before 2006

If you still have drug coverage from a Medicare Supplement issued before 2006, it is not creditable coverage and your penalty for late enrollment into Part D will increase each year you postpone the coverage. If and when you enroll in a Part D plan, be sure to notify your Medicare Supplement company that you no longer want drug coverage as part of the Supplement; you cannot have both.

## Penalties for Late Enrollment

Even though Medicare Part D coverage is voluntary in the sense that you have to choose to enroll in it and pick a plan, there is a penalty for enrolling late. The penalty is based on how many months have passed since you first became eligible for the benefit.

The penalty increases the longer you wait to enroll, begins when you finally do enroll, and continues to be assessed on top of your Part D premiums for as long as you have Part D. The number of months you didn't elect coverage but were eligible is multiplied by 1% of the National Base Average premium (\$32.74 for 2023) and applied monthly thereafter.

# CHART 1

# 2023 Colorado Medicare Stand-Alone Rx Plans

Data provided by Medicare in October 2022. Please confirm all information with the drug plan.

Company Name & Contact Information	Plan Name and ID Number	Monthly Premium	Tiered Copays Deductible	Annual	Extended Coverage <sup>2</sup>
Aetna Medicare 1-833-526-2445 aetnamedicare.com	<b>SilverScript Choice (PDP) S5601-054 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$39.30	not available	\$505	No
	SilverScript Plus (PDP) S5601-055	\$83.80	not available	\$0	Yes
	SilverScript Smart Rx (PDP) S5601-202	\$5.80	not available	\$505	No
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield 1-800-261-8667 shop.anthem.com/medicare	Anthem MediBlue Rx Plus (PDP) S5596-060	\$90.20	not available	\$0	No
	Anthem MediBlue Rx Standard (PDP) S5596-059	\$70.40	not available	\$505	No
Cigna Health Springs Rx 1-800-735-1459 cigna.com/medicare	<b>Cigna HealthSpring Secure Rx (PDP) S5617-133 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$37.70	not available	\$505	No
	Cigna HealthSpring Saver Rx (PDP) S5617-377	\$12.50	not available	\$505	No
	Cigna HealthSpring Extra Rx (PDP) S5617-272	\$69.70	not available	\$100	Yes
Clear Spring Health 1-877-317-6082 2022.clearspringhealthcare.com	<b>Clear Spring Health Premier Rx (PDP) S6946-066</b>	\$17.60	not available	\$505	No
	<b>Clear Spring Health Value Rx (PDP) S6946-062 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$28.70	not available	\$505	Yes
Elixir Insurance 1-888-377-1439 envisionrxplus.com	<b>Elixir RxSecure (PDP) S7694-027 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$45.30	not available	\$505	No
Humana Insurance Company 1-800-706-0872 humana.com/medicare	Humana Walmart Value Rx Plan (PDP) S5884-206	\$36.50	not available	\$505	No
	<b>Humana Basic Rx Plan (PDP) S5884-111 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$40.20	not available	\$505	Yes
	Humana Premiere Rx Plan (PDP) S5884-173	\$88.10	not available	\$300	No
Mutual of Omaha 1-800-961-9006 mutualofomaharx.com	Mutual of Omaha Rx Plus (PDP) S7126-026	\$100.00	not available	\$445	No
	Mutual of Omaha Rx Premier (PDP) S7126-096	\$26.90	not available	\$445	No
	Mutual of Omaha Rx Essential (PDP) S7126-129	\$21.30	not available	\$505	No
UnitedHealthcare 1-888-867-5564 aarpmedicareplans.com 1-800-753-8004	AARP Medicare Rx Preferred (PDP) S5820-026	\$129.10	not available	\$0	No
	<b>AARP Medicare Rx Saver Plus (PDP) S5921-372 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$47.20	not available	\$505	No
	AARP Medicare Rx Walgreens (PDP) S5921-408	\$30.90	not available	\$350	No
WellCare 1-888-293-5151 wellcarepdp.com	<b>WellCare Classic (PDP) S4802-091 <sup>1</sup></b>	\$36.20	not available	\$505	No
	Wellcare Medicare Rx Value Plus (PDP) S4802-230	\$71.30	not available	\$0	No
	Wellcare Value Script (PDP) S4802-160	\$3.50	not available	\$505	No

<sup>1</sup> **Bold & Italicized plan names are Benchmark Plans.** For people with full Extra Help, Benchmark Plans have \$0 premium, \$0 deductible, and no coverage gap. <sup>2</sup> Extended Coverage: Plans with extended coverage may offer discounts in the coverage gap on a subset of the formulary drugs.  
Note: Plans under sanction are not shown.

## Extra Help for Part D Costs

Extra Help is a program that is available for people with limited income and resources. If you qualify, you can have a plan with limited or no premium, low or no deductible, lower copays for your prescriptions, and a low or no coverage gap. You can also change plans during the year instead of waiting for the Annual Open Enrollment Period.

## Who will Qualify (may change in 2023)

Income Limits for 2022:

Single	\$1,719/month (\$20,625 annually)
Couple	\$2,309/month (\$27,705 annually)

Asset/Resource Limits for 2022:

Single	\$14,010
Couple	\$27,950

## Which Plan Should I Pick

If you qualify for Extra Help, the following Benchmark Plans will provide the lowest premiums and deductibles (highlighted in bold on the plan list).

- Cigna HealthSpring Secure Rx
- Clear Spring Health Value Rx
- SilverScript Choice
- Wellcare Classic
- Elixir Rx Secure
- Humana Basic Rx
- AARP Medicare Rx Saver Plus

Your copays for your drugs depend on how well your chosen plan covers your list of drugs. You can compare plans yourself at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) (see “Do-It-Yourself Plan Comparison Searches,” p. 8), get help by calling Medicare (1-800-MEDICARE), or call your local SHIP at (1-888-696-7213).

## How to Apply

If you are on Medicare and Medicaid and the state pays your Part B premium, you should automatically qualify for Extra Help without having to do anything.

Everyone else will need to apply for Extra Help. The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at [www.ssa.gov](https://www.ssa.gov) (see “Need More Information and Assistance?” p. 8).

## Medicare Savings Program (MSP) for Help with Medicare Health Costs

There are three MSPs, each with different income and resource limits. If you qualify for any MSP, the State will pay your Part B premium for you. One of the MSP programs even helps you with your Part A and B deductibles and copayments.

Generally, if you qualify for full benefits under the Extra Help program, you will qualify for MSP. For more information, contact SHIP, your local County Department of Human Services.

## Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (PAPs)

Many manufacturers of prescription drugs offer assistance for users of their products who need assistance. For information on whether help with costs is available for your prescriptions, go to [medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program](https://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program) or call your local SHIP.

# 2023 Colorado Medicare Health Plans (with Drug Coverage)

# CHART 2

Data was obtained from the Medicare website in October 2022. Please confirm all information with the drug plan. Not all plans are offered in all counties.

Company Name & Contact Information	Plan Name and ID Number	Monthly Premium	Tiered Copays	Annual Deductible	Extended Coverage <sup>1</sup>	In-Network MOOP Amt. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Aetna Medicare</b> 1-855-275-6627 aetnamedicare.com	Aetna Medicare Elite Prime 1 (HMO) H4711-006	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$4,900
	Aetna Medicare Eagle (HMO) H4711-010	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$5,000
	Aetna Medicare Eagle 1 (PPO) H5521-378	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$5,500
	Aetna Medicare Premiere 1 (HMO) H3931-153	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$4,900
	Aetna Medicare Premier Plus 1 (PPO) H5521-250	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$5,300
	Aetna Medicare Premier 1 (HMO) H4711-008	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$4,500
<b>Anthem Blue Cross</b> 1-800-797-1746 shop.anthem.com/medicare	Anthem MediBlue Access (HMO) H4909-022	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$6,050
	Anthem MediBlue Plus (HMO) H4346-012	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$6,700

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For questions or more help comparing Part D plans, call 1-800-Medicare or your local SHIP at 1-888-696-7213.



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Company Name & Contact Information	Plan Name and ID Number	Monthly Premium	Tiered Copays	Annual Deductible	Extended Coverage <sup>1</sup>	In-Network MOOP Amount <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cigna</b> 1-855-952-0786 cigna.com/medicare	Cigna Preferred Savings Medicare (HMO) H0672-001	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$3,700
	Cigna True Choice Savings Medicare (PPO) H7849-001	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$5,200
<b>Clear Spring Health</b> 1-877-364-4566 clearspringhealthcare.com	Clear Spring Health Essential (PPO) H6379-001	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$5,200
	Clear Spring Health Essential (PPO) H8014-001	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$5,500
<b>Devoted Health</b> 1-866-559-2501 Devoted.com	Devoted CHOICE Colorado (PPO) H4808-002	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$5,500
	Devoted CORE Colorado (HMO) H7147-004	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$3,900
	Devoted GIVEBACK Colorado (HMO) H7147-005	\$0.00	not available	\$150.00	Yes	\$5,900
<b>Elevate Medicare Advantage</b> 1-877-602-2111 Denverhealthmedicalplan.org	Elevate Medicare Select (HMO) H5608-002	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$4,700
<b>Humana</b> 1-800-833-2364 humana.com/medicare	Humana Gold Choice (PFFS) H8145-123	\$61.00	not available	\$300.00	No	\$0
	Humana Gold Plus (HMO) H0028-025	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$3,900
	Humana Gold Plus (HMO) H0028-047	\$34.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$5,500
	Humana Honor (PPO) H5216-213	\$61.00	not available	\$300.00		\$4,400
	Humana Value Plus (PPO) H5216-195	\$41.60	not available	\$500.00	No	\$7,550
	Humana Choice (PPO) H5216-077	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00		\$4,000
	Humana Choice (PPO) H5216-078	\$46.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$6,700
	Humana Choice (PPO) H5216-137	\$0.00	not available	\$445.00	No	\$7,350
	Humana Choice (PPO) H5216-223	\$28.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$4,900
	Humana Choice (PPO) H5216-261	\$0	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$5,200
Humana Choice (PPO) H5216-333	\$96.00	not available	\$0	Yes	\$2,900	
<b>Kaiser Permanente</b> 1-877-408-3492 kp.org/medicare	Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Core (HMO) H0630-013	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$4,200
	Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Silver (HMO) H0630-015	\$39.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$3,400
	Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Gold (HMO) H0630-016	\$186.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$3,000
	Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Bronze (HMO) H0630-025	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	No	\$4,900
<b>UnitedHealthcare</b> 1-800-555-5757 AARP Medicare Plans.com	AARP Medicare Advantage SecureHorizons Plan 1 (HMO) H0609-007	\$39.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$2,900
	AARP Medicare Advantage SecureHorizons Plan 2 (HMO) H0609-012	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$3,500
	AARP Medicare Advantage Patriot (HMO) H0609-018	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00		\$3,400
	AARP Medicare Advantage Walgreens (PPO) H2577-002	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$5,100
	AARP Medicare Advantage Plan 1 (HMO) H0609-048	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$3,900
	1-800-555-5757 rmhp.org/medicare	Rocky Mountain Health Plan Care Advantage Value (HMO) H2582-004	\$0.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes
Rocky Mountain Health Plan Care Advantage Enhanced (HMO) H2582-005		\$32.00	not available	\$0.00	Yes	\$4,500

<sup>1</sup> Plans with extended coverage may offer discounts in the coverage gap on a subset of the formulary drugs.

<sup>2</sup> MOOP is the maximum out-of-pocket limit on enrollee spending for all in-network Part A and Part B services.

Special Needs Plans are Medicare Health Plans with drug coverage for people who are on both Medicare and Medicaid, reside in an institutional setting, or have a specific chronic or disabling condition. The monthly premiums, deductibles, and co-payments for drugs depend upon the level of assistance the member receives from Medicaid and whether the member lives in an institutional setting.

Organization Name	Plan Name	Special Needs Plan Type
<b>Aetna</b> 1-855-275-6627 Aetnamedicare.com	Aetna Medicare Assure Premier (HMO D-SNP) H4711-012	Dual-Eligible
<b>Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield</b> 1-800-797-1746 shop.anthem.com/medicare	Anthem MediBlue Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP) H4346-014 Anthem MediBlue ESRD Care (HMO C-SNP) H4346-029	Dual-Eligible Chronic or Disabling Condition
<b>Cigna</b> 1-855-952-0786 Cigna.com/medicare	Cigna TotalCare (HMO D-SNP) H0672-009 Cigna Total Care Plus (HMO D-SNP) H-672-010	Dual-Eligible Dual-Eligible
<b>Devoted Health</b> 1-866-792-1673 Devoted.com	Devoted DUAL Colorado (HMO D-SNP) H7147-003	Dual-Eligible
<b>Elevate Medicare Advantage</b> 1-877-602-2111 Denverhealthmedicalplan.org	Elevate Medicare Choice (HMO D-SNP) H5608-001	Dual-Eligible
<b>Kaiser Permanente</b> 1-877-408-3492 kp.org/medicare	Senior Advantage Medicare Medicaid Plan (HMO D-SNP) H0630-014	Dual-Eligible
<b>Longevity Health Plan</b> 1-888-313-3609 longevityhealthplan.com	Longevity Health Plan (HMO I-SNP) H0363-001	Institutional
<b>Humana</b> 1-800-833-2364 Humana.com/medicare	HumanaChoice (PPO D-SNP) H5216-267	Dual-Eligible
<b>Kaiser Permanente</b> 1-877-408-3492 Kp.org/medicare	Senior Advantage Medicare Medicaid (HMO D-SNP) H0630-014	Dual-Eligible
<b>Longevity Health Plan</b> 1-888-886-9770 Longevityhealthplan.com	Longevity Health Plan (HMO I-SNP) H0363-001	Institutional
<b>Perennial Advantage</b> 1-844-788-6959 Perennialadvantage.com	Perennial Advantage Concierge (HMO C-SNP) H3419-002 Perennial Advantage Strive (HMO I-SNP) H3419-001	Chronic or Disabling Condition Institutional
<b>United Healthcare</b> 1-888-834-3721 UHCMedicareSolutions.com	United Healthcare Assisted Living Plan (PPO I-SNP) H0710-008 United Healthcare Nursing Home Plan (PPO I-SNP) H0710-007 United Healthcare Dual Complete (HMO D-SNP) H0624-001 United Healthcare Chronic Complete (HMO C-SNP) H0609-047 United Healthcare Dual Complete Choice (PPO D-SNP) H0271-046 United Healthcare Complete Choice Select (PPO D-SNP) H0271-045	Institutional Institutional Dual-Eligible Chronic or Disabling Condition Dual-Eligible Dual-Eligible
1-888-834-3721 rmhp.org/medicare	Rocky Mountain Health Plans Dual Care Plus (HMO D-SNP) H2582-002	Dual-Eligible

**NOTE:** Medicare beneficiaries who qualify for Medicaid will receive assistance in paying their monthly premiums and deductibles. Co-pays may vary based on the level of aid for which they qualify. Make sure to check with your plan provider to find out what you owe after assistance. Prescription co-pays will be \$1.35 for generic drugs and \$4.00 for brand name drugs.

## Medicare Health Plans without Drug Coverage

All of the Medicare Health Plans listed on page 6 have prescription drug coverage. Most people choose a Medicare Health Plan that includes drug coverage. People who have creditable drug coverage from another source but want a Medicare Health Plan should call 1-800-MEDICARE or your local SHIP to find out which plans can be combined with your drug plan, but not cause disenrollment from your original plan.

## Medication Management, Prior Authorization, Step Therapy, and Quantity Limits

Medicare drug plans are allowed to place restrictions on drugs. Prior Authorization means that the doctor must ask the plan's permission before prescribing the drug. Step Therapy means the doctor must demonstrate that a lower cost generic drug does not work for you before prescribing a higher cost brand-name drug. Plans may also place Quantity Limits on the amount of any drug you can get in one month. The patient and his/her doctor must consider those restrictions when deciding on a drug therapy.

Sometimes it is better for an individual to choose a higher cost plan without drug restrictions than to choose a lower cost plan with multiple restrictions. There is a process to seek an exception to drug restrictions from the drug plan. Visit the Medicare website ([Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov)), call 1-800-MEDICARE, or ask a SHIP counselor for assistance.

# Can My Agent Really Do That?

## YES, they can:

- Call their own clients, or someone who has given them permission to discuss new plan options.
- Conduct sales activities in appropriate common areas of healthcare settings
- Provide refreshments and light snacks to potential enrollees at sales presentations



## NO, they can't:

- Solicit potential client's door-to-door
- Say they're from Medicare or use "Medicare" misleadingly
- Market non-health related products to potential enrollees during Medicare Advantage Plan or Prescription Drug Plan sales activities or presentations
- Provide meals to potential enrollees at sales presentations



Call us at  
**(800) 503-5190**  
if you have  
any questions.



At [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) you will discover the new Medicare Plan Finder performs more functions, despite its simpler look. You can log in for a personalized experience, or get more information without logging in, plus qualify for a Special Enrollment Period, learn more about Medicare, and get information about Medigap plans.

### The Medicare Plan Finder – 2023

1. Log in for a personalized experience
2. Search anonymously
3. Learn More about Medicare
4. Find Medigap plans

After creating and logging into your [MyMedicare.gov](http://MyMedicare.gov) account, you will be asked a few questions regarding the type of 2023 coverage you are looking for—either a Medicare Advantage plan, drug plan or Medigap policy.

On the prescription drug screen, you will get a list of all the prescription drugs you filled through Medicare last year. Just check the boxes of the drugs still prescribed. *This personalization is only available to users who log-in to the Plan Finder with their MyMedicare user name and password.*

Once the drug lists are finalized, and pharmacies are chosen, it's time to compare plans (by scrolling down on this page).

Notice the “**Live Chat**” at the top of the page. Research shows that seniors often have questions when comparing plans. Once logged-in to your MyMedicare.gov account, you will be able to chat in real-time with a CSR at the 1-800 Medicare call center; from anywhere in the new Plan Finder.

The screenshot shows the Medicare Plan Finder interface. At the top, it says 'Open Enrollment starts October 15' and 'Welcome to Medicare'. Below this are four main navigation options: 'Log in or create an account', 'Find health & drug plans', 'Find care providers', and 'Talk to someone'. The 'Find health & drug plans' section is highlighted with a blue circle and the number 1. Below this, there are two sub-sections: 'Explore your Medicare coverage options' and 'Find Medicare health & drug plans'. The 'Find Medicare health & drug plans' section is highlighted with a blue circle and the number 2. Below this, there are two sub-sections: 'Answer a few quick questions' and 'Add your prescription drugs'. The 'Answer a few quick questions' section is highlighted with a blue circle and the number 3. Below this, there are two sub-sections: '26 Medicare Advantage Plans available' and 'Your current plan'. The '26 Medicare Advantage Plans available' section is highlighted with a blue circle and the number 4. Below this, there is a table of plans with columns for 'Plan name', 'Premium', and 'Monthly cost'. The first row shows 'Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage (HMO)' with a premium of '\$0.00' and a monthly cost of '\$4,074'.

Though not shown here, all plans available in your zip code will be listed on your screen.

## Need More Information and Assistance?

The Colorado SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) can help you with questions and can provide one-on-one assistance. Call the Colorado SHIP at 1-888-696-7213 to be directed to the SHIP office nearest you or visit [doi.colorado.gov](http://doi.colorado.gov) for more information. SHIP assistance is free and confidential. We do not endorse or sell drug or health plans.

The Social Security Administration takes applications and determines eligibility for the Extra Help program. Complete an online application at [www.ssa.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp](http://www.ssa.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp) or call the Colorado SHIP at 1-888-696-7213 for help.

Medicare can provide information on how drug plans or Medicare Health Plans with Drug Coverage cover your current prescriptions. Check [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Benefits Check Up has a website to help you find additional benefits through numerous local, state, and federal programs. Go to [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org) for more information.

For extensive general health insurance information, visit [doi.colorado.gov](http://doi.colorado.gov) and click on “Health Insurance.”