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# Annual Notice of Changes

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**NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Base Plan

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## Thank you for being a Humana member

Inside you'll find a comparison of your 2024 benefits to your 2025 benefits, along with more information about your 2025 plan coverage.

All 2025 Humana plans continue to cover preventive services, annual tests and no-cost vaccines—including the shingles shot—to support your best health.

Your plan will automatically renew on January 1, 2025.

### **2025 Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Coverage**



**See how your plan is different.**

Review this Annual Notice of Changes (ANOC) document for upcoming changes to your medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and costs like premium, copays, and coinsurance.



**Know that this document doesn't include all your benefits.**

The ANOC highlights plan changes but does not include a full list of your plan benefits. As of mid-October you will be able to view your Evidence of Coverage (also known as a member contract or subscriber agreement) for a complete listing of your plan benefits for the Humana Group Medicare PPO plan at [your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents](https://your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents). You may also call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care at 1-888-700-2263 (TTY: 711) Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Eastern time to request a copy of your Evidence of Coverage.



## Annual Notice of Changes for 2025

You are currently enrolled as a member of **NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits.

***Please see page 7 for a Summary of Important Costs.***

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 [your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents](https://your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents). You may also call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

### 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 coverage restrictions and cost sharing.
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums and cost sharing.
  - Check the changes in the 2025 Drug Guide to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
  - Compare the 2024 and 2025 plan information to see if any of these drugs are moving to a different cost-sharing tier or will be subject to different restrictions, such as prior authorization, step therapy, or a quantity limit, for 2025.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- Check if you qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. People with limited incomes may qualify for "Extra Help" from Medicare.
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

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## 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 2025* handbook. For additional support, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to speak with a trained counselor.
- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.
- Before you make any changes, please talk to your benefits administrator or Humana's Group Medicare Customer Care Team to go over your healthcare options. The group may not let you change plans outside their open enrollment period, which could leave you without group coverage.

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

- If you want to keep the **NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan, you don't need to do anything. You will stay in the **NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.
- To change to a **different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from **NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan. You will remain a member of the State Health Plan. We recommend contacting the State Health Plan's Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center, 855-859-0966, for details.
- If you would like to select another health plan option offered by the State Health Plan, **please call the State Health Plan's Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center at 855-859-0966.**

### **Additional Resources**

- This document is available for free in other languages.
- Please contact our Humana Group Medicare Customer Care at the phone number located on the back cover of this booklet for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Humana Group Medicare Customer Care also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
- This information is available in a different format, including Braille, large print, and audio. Please call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care at the phone number located on the back cover of this booklet if you need plan information in another format.
- **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 NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan**

- **NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan is a Medicare Advantage PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in this Humana plan depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our", it means Humana Insurance Company, Humana Insurance Company of New York, Humana Insurance of Puerto Rico, Inc., Empesys Insurance Company and Humana Benefit Plan of Illinois, Inc. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means **NC State Health Plan** Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2025

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for **NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan** in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2024 (this year)		2025 (next year)	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<p><b>Maximum out-of-pocket amounts</b></p> <p>This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)</p>	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00 combined in and out-of-network	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00 combined in and out-of-network
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: \$20 copayment per visit	Primary care visits: \$20 copayment per visit	Primary care visits: \$20 copayment per visit	Primary care visits: \$20 copayment per visit
	Specialist visits: \$40 copayment per visit	Specialist visits: \$40 copayment per visit	Specialist visits: \$40 copayment per visit	Specialist visits: \$40 copayment per visit
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b>	\$160 copayment per day, days 1-10	\$160 copayment per day, days 1-10	\$160 copayment per day, days 1-10	\$160 copayment per day, days 1-10

Cost	2024 (this year)		2025 (next year)	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.5 for details)</b>	Deductible: Your plan does not have a deductible  Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drug Tier 1: \$10</li> <li>● Drug Tier 2: \$40</li> <li>● Drug Tier 3: \$64</li> <li>● Drug Tier 4: 25% with \$100 maximum out-of-pocket per prescription</li> </ul> When your maximum out-of-pocket costs ( <b>what you personally pay out-of-pocket</b> ) reach <b>\$2,500.00</b> you will not pay any copayments or coinsurances.		Deductible: Your plan does not have a deductible  Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drug Tier 1: \$10</li> <li>● Drug Tier 2: \$40</li> <li>● Drug Tier 3: \$64</li> <li>● Drug Tier 4: 25% with \$100 maximum out-of-pocket per prescription</li> </ul> When your maximum out-of-pocket costs ( <b>what you personally pay out-of-pocket</b> ) reach <b>\$2,000.00</b> you will not pay any copayments or coinsurances.	

You may be receiving a subsidy from your former employer or union to pay for some or all of your plan's premium. Please contact your former employer or union's group benefit plan administrator for information about your plan premium. (See Chapter 1, Section 4.1 of the *Evidence of Coverage* for more information.)



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

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<b>Section 1.1      Changes to the Monthly Premium</b>
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You may be receiving a subsidy from your former employer or union to pay for some or all of your plan's premium. Please contact your former employer or union's group benefit plan administrator for information about your plan premium. (See Chapter 1, Section 4.1 of the *Evidence of Coverage* for more information.)

- 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 Amounts**

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out-of-pocket for the year. These limits are 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.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2024 (this year)</b>	<b>2025 (next year)</b>
<p><b>In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>                      Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.</p>	\$4,000.00	<p>\$4,000.00</p> <p>Once you have paid \$4,000.00 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services from network providers, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.</p>
<p><b>Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>                      Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from in-network and out-of-network providers count toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for outpatient prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.</p>	\$4,000.00	<p>\$4,000.00</p> <p>Once you have paid \$4,000.00 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from in-network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.</p>

**Section 1.3 Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks**

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. Our network includes pharmacies with preferred cost sharing, which may offer you lower cost sharing than the standard cost sharing offered by other network pharmacies for some drugs.

We included a copy of our current *Provider and/or Pharmacy Directory* in the envelope with this document. Updated directories are located on our website at ([www.Humana.com/SearchResources](http://www.Humana.com/SearchResources)). You may also call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2025 Provider Directory ([www.Humana.com/SearchResources](http://www.Humana.com/SearchResources)) 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 2025 Provider Directory ([www.Humana.com/SearchResources](http://www.Humana.com/SearchResources)) 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 Humana Group Medicare Customer Care so we may assist.

**Section 1.4 There are no changes to your benefits or amounts you pay for medical services**

Our benefits and what you pay for these covered medical services will be exactly the same in 2025 as they are in 2024.

## Section 1.5 Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

### Changes to Our Drug Guide

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or Drug Guide. The Drug Guide includes many - but not all - of the drugs that we will cover next year. If you don't see your drug on this list, it might still be covered. **You can get the *complete Drug Guide*** by calling Humana Group Medicare Customer Care (see back cover) or visiting our website **[your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents](https://your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents)**.

We made changes to our Drug Guide, 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 Guide 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 Guide are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the plan year. We update our online Drug Guide at least monthly to provide the most up-to-date list of drugs. If we make a change that will affect your access to a drug you are taking, we will send you a notice about the change.

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 Humana Group Medicare Customer Care for more information.

We currently can immediately remove a brand name drug on our Drug Guide if we replace it with a new generic drug version on the same or a lower cost-sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions as the brand name drug it replaces. Also, when adding a new generic, we may also decide to keep the brand name drug on our Drug Guide, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions or both.

Starting in 2025, we can immediately replace original biological products with certain biosimilars. This means, for instance, if you are taking an original biological product that is being replaced by a biosimilar, you may not get notice of the change 30 days before we make it or get a month's supply of your original biological product at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the original biological product at the time we make the change, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after we make the change.

Some of these drug types may be new to you. For definitions of drug types, please see Chapter 12 of your *Evidence of Coverage*. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also provides consumer information on drugs. See FDA website: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients>. You may also contact Customer Care or ask your health care provider, prescriber, or pharmacist for more information.

## Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits and 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 sent you 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 you haven't received this insert, please call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care and ask for the *LIS Rider*.

Beginning in 2025, there are three **drug payment stages:** the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. The Coverage Gap Stage and the Coverage Gap Discount Program will no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program will also be replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Initial Coverage Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (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

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*.

Please see the following chart for the changes from 2024 to 2025.

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (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 chart are for a one-month 30-day supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost-sharing.</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>Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.</p>	<p>Your cost for a 30 day supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing</p> <p>\$10 copayment for Tier 1 drug 30 day supply</p> <p>\$40 copayment for Tier 2 drug 30 day supply</p> <p>\$64 copayment for Tier 3 drug 30 day supply</p> <p>25% with \$100 maximum out-of-pocket per prescription for Tier 4 drug 30 day supply</p> <hr/> <p>When your maximum out-of-pocket costs (<b>what you personally pay out-of-pocket</b>) reach <b>\$2,500.00</b> you will not pay any copayments or coinsurances.</p>	<p>Your cost for a 30 day supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing</p> <p>\$10 copayment for Tier 1 drug 30 day supply</p> <p>\$40 copayment for Tier 2 drug 30 day supply</p> <p>\$64 copayment for Tier 3 drug 30 day supply</p> <p>25% with \$100 maximum out-of-pocket per prescription for Tier 4 drug 30 day supply</p> <hr/> <p>When your maximum out-of-pocket costs (<b>what you personally pay out-of-pocket</b>) reach <b>\$2,000.00</b> you will not pay any copayments or coinsurances.</p>

**Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines** - Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Call Customer Care for more information.

**Important Message About What You Pay for Insulin** - You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on.

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

The Catastrophic Coverage Stage is the third and final stage. Beginning in 2025, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

If you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, **you pay nothing** for covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.

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

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## **SECTION 2      Administrative Changes**

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<b>Description</b>	<b>2024 (this year)</b>	<b>2025 (next year)</b>
<b>Medicare Prescription Payment Plan</b>	Not applicable	<p>The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option that works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across <b>monthly payments that vary throughout the year</b> (January – December).</p> <p>To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at (888) 700-2263 or visit Medicare.gov.</p>



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## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

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### Section 3.1 If you want to stay in NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan

**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, you will automatically be enrolled as a member of our plan for 2025.

### 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 plans for 2025 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, there may be 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 *Medicare & You 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) (see "Exhibit A" in the *Evidence of Coverage*), or call Medicare. (See Section 6.2).

Additionally, you may contact your former employer or union to obtain more information on electing other coverage.

#### Step 2: Change your coverage

- **To change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from **NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan**. **You will remain a member of the State Health Plan. Before you make a plan change, we recommend you contact the State Health Plan's Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center, 855-859-0966, for details.**
- **To change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from **NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan**. **You will remain a member of the State Health Plan. Before you make a plan change, we recommend you contact the State Health Plan's Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center, 855-859-0966, for details.**

- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - To disenroll from the NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage Plan, please contact the State Health Plan's Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center, 855-859-0966, for details.
  - --OR-- Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Humana Group Medicare Customer Care 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.

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## **SECTION 4      Deadline for Changing Plans**

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### **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, 2025, 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 Medicare prescription drug coverage), between January 1 and March 31, 2025.

If you recently moved into or, currently live in, 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. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

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## **SECTION 5      Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare**

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The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) 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. Contact information for your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can be found in "Exhibit A" in the *Evidence of Coverage*.

## **SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs**

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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, yearly deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a 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 a.m. and 7 p.m. 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.
- **Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program.** Many states have State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAPs) 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.
- **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. 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. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the ADAP in your state. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program or if you are currently enrolled how to continue receiving assistance, please see "Exhibit A" in the *Evidence of Coverage*. Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.
- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option to help you manage your out-of-pocket drug costs, starting in 2025. This new payment option works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across **monthly payments that vary throughout the year** (January - December). **This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.**

"Extra Help" from Medicare and help from your SPAP and ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in this payment option, regardless of income level, and all Medicare drug plans and Medicare health plans with drug coverage must offer this payment option. To learn more about this payment option, please contact Humana Group Medicare Customer Care

or visit Medicare.gov.

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## **SECTION 7      Questions?**

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### **Section 7.1    Getting Help from NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan**

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care at the phone number located on the back cover of this document (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2025 *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 2025. For details, look in the 2025 *Evidence of Coverage* for **NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan**. 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 [your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents](https://your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents). You may also call Humana Group Medicare Customer Care to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [your.humana.com/ncshp](https://your.humana.com/ncshp). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Find a Doctor tool*) and our *list of covered drugs (Formulary/"Drug Guide")*.

## **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**

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. To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

### **Read Medicare & You 2025**

Read *Medicare & You 2025* 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.

## **Notice of Privacy Practices**

### **For your personal health information**

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

The privacy of your personal and health information is important. You don't need to do anything unless you have a request or complaint.

This Notice of Privacy Practices applies to all entities that are part of the Insurance ACE, an Affiliated Covered Entity under HIPAA. The ACE is a group of legally separate covered entities that are affiliated and have designated themselves as a single covered entity for purposes of HIPAA. A complete list of the members of the ACE is available at <https://huma.na/insuranceace>.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, as allowed by law. This includes the right to make changes in our privacy practices and the revised terms of our notice effective for all personal and health information we maintain. This includes information we created or received before we made the changes. When we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this notice and send the notice to our health plan subscribers.

### **What is Nonpublic personal or health information?**

Health information - from now on referred to as "information" - includes both medical information and individually identifiable information, like your name, address, telephone number, or Social Security number, account numbers, payment information, or demographic information. The term "information" in this notice includes any nonpublic personal and health information created or received by a health care provider or health plan that relates to your physical or mental health or condition, providing health care to you, or the payment for such health care. We protect this information in all formats including electronic, written, and oral information.

### **How do we collect information about you?**

We collect information about you and your family when you complete applications and forms. We also collect information from your dealings with us, our affiliates, or others. For example, we may receive information about you from participants in the healthcare system, such as your doctor or hospital, as well as from employers or plan administrators, credit bureaus, and the Medical Information Bureau.

### **What information do we receive about you?**

The information we receive may include such items as your name, address, telephone number, date of birth, Social Security number, premium payment history, and your activity on our website. This also includes information regarding your medical benefit plan, your health benefits, and health risk assessments.

### **How do we protect your information?**

In keeping with federal and state laws and our own policy, we have a responsibility to protect the privacy of your information. We have administrative, technical and physical safeguards in place to protect your information in various ways including:

- Limiting who may see your information
- Limiting how we use or disclose your information Informing you of our legal duties about your information
- Training our associates about company privacy programs and procedures

### **How do we use and disclose your information?**

We must use and disclose your information:

- To you or someone who has the legal right to act on your behalf
- To the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services
- Where required by law

We have the right to use and disclose your information:

- To a doctor, a hospital, or other health care provider so you can receive medical care.
- For payment activities, include claims payment for covered services provided to you by healthcare providers and for health plan premium payments.
- For health care operation activities including processing your enrollment, responding to your inquiries and requests for services, coordinating your care, resolving disputes, conducting medical management, improving quality, reviewing the competence of health care professionals, and determining premiums.
- For performing underwriting activities. However, we will not use any results of genetic testing or ask questions regarding family history.
- To your plan sponsor to permit them to perform, plan administration functions such as eligibility, enrollment and disenrollment activities. We may share summary level health information about you with your plan sponsor in certain situations such as to allow your plan sponsor to obtain bids from other health plans. We will not share detailed health information to your plan sponsor unless you provide us your permission, or your plan sponsor must certify they agree to maintain the privacy of your information.

- To contact you with information about health-related benefits and services, appointment reminders, or about treatment alternatives that may be of interest to you. If you have opted out, we will not contact you.
- To your family and friends if you are unavailable to communicate, such as in an emergency.
- To your family and friends, or any other person you identify, provided the information is directly relevant to their involvement with your health care or payment for that care. For example, if a family member or a caregiver calls us with prior knowledge of a claim, we may confirm whether or not the claim has been received and paid.
- To provide payment information to the subscriber for Internal Revenue Service substantiation.
- To public health agencies, if we believe there is a serious health or safety threat.
- To appropriate authorities when there are issues about abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.
- In response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process.
- For law enforcement purposes, to military authorities and as otherwise required by law.
- To assist in disaster relief efforts.
- For compliance programs and health oversight activities.
- To fulfill our obligations under any workers' compensation law or contract.
- To avert a serious and imminent threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.
- For research purposes in limited circumstances and provided that they have taken appropriate measures to protect your privacy.
- For procurement, banking, or transplantation of organs, eyes, or tissue.
- To a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director.

**Will we use your information for purposes not described in this notice?**

In all situations other than described in this notice, we will request your written permission before using or disclosing your information. You may revoke your permission at any time by notifying us in writing. We will not use or disclose your information for any reason not described in this notice without your permission. The following uses and disclosures will require an authorization:

- Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes
- Marketing purposes
- Sale of personal and protected health information



**What do we do with your information when you are no longer a member or you do not obtain coverage through us?**

Your information may continue to be used for purposes described in this notice when your membership is terminated or you do not obtain coverage through us. After the required legal retention period, we destroy the information following strict procedures to maintain the confidentiality.

**What are my rights concerning my information?**

The following are your rights with respect to your information. We are committed to responding to your rights request in a timely manner:

- Access - You have the right to review and obtain a copy of your information that may be used to make decisions about you, such as claims and case or medical management records. You also may receive a summary of this health information. As required under applicable law, we will make this personal information available to you or to your designated representative.
- Adverse Underwriting Decision - You have the right to be provided a reason for denial or adverse underwriting decision if we decline your application for insurance.\*
- Alternate Communications - You have the right to receive confidential communications of information in a different manner or at a different place to avoid a life-threatening situation. We will accommodate your request if it is reasonable.
- Amendment - You have the right to request correction of any of this personal information through amendment or deletion. Within 60 business days of receipt of your written request, we will notify you of our amendment or deletion of the information in dispute, or of our refusal to make such correction after further investigation. If we refuse to amend or delete the information in dispute, you have the right to submit to us a written statement of the reasons for your disagreement with our assessment of the information in dispute and what you consider to be the correct information. We shall make such a statement accessible to any and all parties reviewing the information in dispute.
- Disclosure - You have the right to receive a listing of instances in which we or our business associates have disclosed your information for purposes other than treatment, payment, health plan operations, and certain other activities. We maintain this information and make it available to you for a period of six years at your request. If you request this list more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.
- Notice - You have the right to receive a written copy of this notice any time you request.
- Restriction - You have the right to ask to restrict uses or disclosures of your information. We are not required to agree to these restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement. You also have the right to agree to or terminate a previously submitted restriction.

\* This right applies only to our Massachusetts residents in accordance with state regulations.

### **What should I do if I believe my privacy has been violated?**

If you believe your privacy has been violated in any way, you may file a complaint with us by calling us at 1-866-861-2762 any time.

You may also submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights (OCR). We will give you the appropriate OCR regional address on request. You also have the option to e-mail your complaint to **OCRCComplaint@hhs.gov**. We support your right to protect the privacy of your personal and health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you elect to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We support your right to protect the privacy of your personal and health information.

### **Our Responsibilities**

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you.

The new notice will be available upon request, in our office, and on our web site.

### **How do I exercise my rights or obtain a copy of this notice?**

All of your privacy rights can be exercised by obtaining the applicable forms. You may obtain any of the forms by:

- Contacting us at 1-866-861-2762
- Accessing our Website at **Humana.com** and going to the Privacy Practices link
- Send completed request form to:

Humana Inc.

Privacy Office 003/10911

101 E. Main Street

Louisville, KY 40202

## Notice of Non-Discrimination

Humana Inc. and its subsidiaries comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate or exclude people because of their race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, military status, veteran status, genetic information, ancestry, ethnicity, marital status, language, health status, or need for health services. Humana Inc.:

- Provides people with disabilities reasonable modifications and free appropriate auxiliary aids and services to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Provides free language assistance services to people whose primary language is not English, which may include:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages.

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids, or language assistance services contact **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**. Hours of operation: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., Eastern time. If you believe that Humana Inc. has not provided these services or discriminated on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, military status, veteran status, genetic information, ancestry, ethnicity, marital status, language, health status, or need for health services, you can file a grievance in person or by mail or email with Humana Inc.'s Non-Discrimination Coordinator at P.O. Box 14618, Lexington, KY 40512-4618, **877-320-1235 (TTY: 711)**, or **accessibility@humana.com**. If you need help filing a grievance, Humana Inc.'s Non-Discrimination Coordinator can help you.

You can also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at **<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>**, or by mail or phone at:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201. **800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)**.

### California members:

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the California Dept. of Health Care Services, Office of Civil rights by calling **916-440-7370 (TTY: 711)**, emailing **Civilrights@dhcs.ca.gov**, or by mail at: Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health Care Services, P.O. Box 997413, MS 0009, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413. Complaint forms available at: **[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language\\_Access.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language_Access.aspx)**.

This notice is available at **[www.humana.com/legal/non-discrimination-disclosure](http://www.humana.com/legal/non-discrimination-disclosure)**.

## 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 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711). Someone who speaks English 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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (听障专线：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 1-877-320-1235 (聽障專線：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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (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 بخططنا الصحية أو خطة الأدوية الموصوفة لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على (TTY: 711) 1-877-320-1235. 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 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711) पर फोन करें. कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है. यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है.

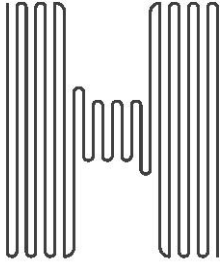
**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711). Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio 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 1-877-320-1235 (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 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711). Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

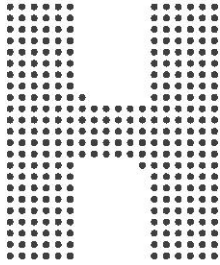
**Polish:** Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer 1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711). Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

**Japanese:** 当社の健康保険と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をご用意しています。通訳をご用命になるには、1-877-320-1235 (TTY: 711) にお電話ください。日本語を話す者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。



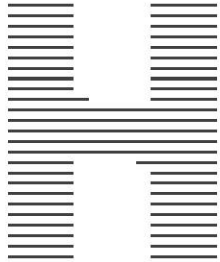
## The information you need is just a click away

You can view and search these 2025 plan documents online at [your.Humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents](https://your.humana.com/ncshp/coverage-and-documents). Here you can see the most up-to-date information about your plan. It's easy to search, so you can find the information you are looking for quickly.

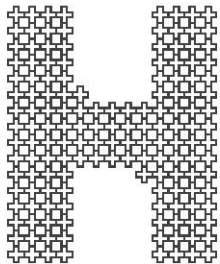


- See your EOC for your plan's specific details, benefits and costs.
- View the Provider Directory to see a list of providers, specialists and pharmacies in your plan's network.

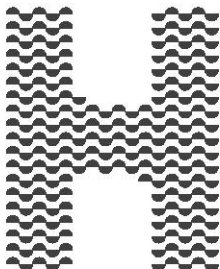
We're here for you. If you need help using these online tools, please call the number on the back of your Humana member ID card for support.



To get paper copies of these documents by mail, submit your request online at the website above, or call **(888) 700-2263 (TTY: 711)**. Please have your Humana member ID card ready when you call. When asked for the reason you've called, say "Evidence of Coverage" and/or "Provider Directory." Please allow up to two weeks to receive the documents by mail.

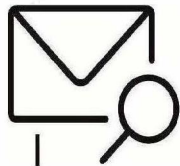


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Important information about changes to your  
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Plan



### **Look inside**

Here's a summary of your **NC State Health Plan Humana Group Medicare Advantage PPO Base Plan** that takes effect on January 1, 2025.

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