

# **Introduction to the Consistent Poor Performer Notice**

## **What's the purpose of this notice?**

This notice lets people know that they are enrolled in a plan that has been identified as a consistent poor performer. This means that the plan has received an overall star rating of less than three stars for at least three years.

This notice encourages people to use the Annual Election Period (also known as the Medicare fall open enrollment period) as their opportunity to review other plans available in their area and consider enrolling in a plan with a higher star rating.

## **Who gets this notice?**

Medicare mails this notice to people who are enrolled in plans that have an overall star rating of “poor” or “below average” for at least the last three years.

## **When do people get this notice?**

This notice is mailed in mid to late-October.

## **What should people do next?**

People with Medicare should consider their options carefully. They should:

- Review their health and prescription drug needs and use the Medicare Plan Finder to find and compare plans in their area.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.
- Call their State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP) for free personalized health insurance counseling. See the “Medicare & You” handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for the phone number for their state.

People should reference CMS Product No. 11627 or 11627-S if they call Medicare or their SHIP with questions.



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## Important information about your Medicare plan options

You're getting this notice because the Medicare plan you're enrolled in has been given consistently low Star Ratings by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). <PLAN NAME> has been rated "below average" or "poor" for at least the last three years.

Most Medicare plans are rated as "excellent," "above average," or "average." **You may want to compare your plan to other plans available in your area and decide if it's still right for you.**

### What are Medicare Star Ratings based on?

A plan can get an overall rating between 1 and 5 stars. (Some plans may be too new or not have enough information to be rated.) Medicare health and drug plan Star Ratings are based on a number of factors, including:

- Member experience with the plan
- Plan customer service, including how well the plan handles appeals
- Member complaints, and how often members get recommended tests and treatment

### What to do next

If you think you may want to switch plans, visit the Medicare Plan Finder at [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to find and compare plans in your area. It's important to consider these factors:

- How much are your premiums, deductibles, and other costs?
- Are the services or prescription drugs you need covered?
- Do your doctors, pharmacies, and other health care providers accept the plan?
- What's the plan's Star Rating?

If you decide that the plan you have now is still the right choice, you don't have to do anything.

### You can switch plans from October 15 - December 7

If you decide you want to switch, you can join a new plan every year during Open Enrollment from October 15 - December 7 for coverage starting January 1. To change plans you can:

- Call the new plan directly.
- Go to [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to enroll in the new plan.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

After January 1, if you didn't change plans during Open Enrollment, you have a one-time chance to enroll in a new plan that is not rated "below average" or "poor." Call 1-800-MEDICARE to make a change. Your new coverage will start the first day of the month after you call.



## Get help & more information

For help understanding this notice, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at <SHIP Phone Number> for free, personalized health insurance counseling. Or, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for help. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.



**Nondiscrimination Notice** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) doesn't exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, or age. If you think you've been discriminated against or treated unfairly for any of these reasons, you can file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by:

- Calling 1-800-368-1019. TTY users can call 1-800-537-7697.
- Visiting [hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/complaints](https://hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/complaints).
- Writing: Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201

**Notice of Availability of Auxiliary Aids & Services** - We're committed to making our programs, benefits, services, facilities, information, and technology accessible in accordance with Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. We'll take appropriate steps to make sure that people with disabilities, including people who are deaf, hard of hearing or blind, or who have low vision or other sensory limitations, have an equal opportunity to participate in our services, activities, programs, and other benefits. We provide various auxiliary aids and services to communicate with people with disabilities, including:

- Relay service — TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.
- Alternate formats — This notice is available in alternate formats, including large print, Braille, data CD and audio CD. To request your notice in an alternate format, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

**Aviso sobre la discriminación** - Los Centros de Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (CMS) no excluye, niega beneficios o discrimina contra ninguna persona por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, incapacidad, género o edad. Si cree que ha sido discriminado o tratado injustamente por cualquiera de estos motivos, puede presentar una queja ante el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos, Oficina de Derechos Civiles:

- Llamando al 1-800-368-1019. Los usuarios de TTY pueden llamar al 1-800-537-7697.
- Visitando [hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/complaints](https://hhs.gov/ocr/civilrights/complaints).
- Escribiendo a la: Oficina de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201

**Ayuda y servicios auxiliares para personas con incapacidades** - Medicare está dedicado a ofrecerles a todos sus beneficiarios los programas, beneficios, servicios, dependencias, información y su tecnología, en cumplimiento con las Secciones 504 y 508 de la Ley de Rehabilitación del 1973. Medicare tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurarse de que las personas incapacitadas, entre los que se incluyen los que tiene problemas auditivos, son sordos, ciegos, tienen problemas visuales u otro tipo de limitaciones, tengan las mismas oportunidades de participar y aprovechar los programas y beneficios disponibles. Medicare ofrece varios servicios y ayuda para facilitar la comunicación con las personas incapacitadas incluyendo:

- Servicios de retransmisión de mensajes — Los usuarios de TTY pueden llamar al 1-877-486-2048.
- Formatos alternativos — Los productos de Medicare, incluyendo este documento, están disponible en letra grande, versión digital, Braille y audio. Para ordenar su aviso en un



formato alternativo, llame al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios de TTY pueden llamar al 1-877-486-2048.

**ATTENTION:** If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**عربي (Arabic)** ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برق 1-800-MEDICARE (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: 1-877-486-2048).

**հայերեն (Armenian)** ՈՒՇԱԳՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆՆԵՐ Եթե խոսում եք հայերեն, ապա ձեզ անվճար կարող են տրամադրվել լեզվական աջակցության ծառայություններ: Չանգահարեք 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY (հեռաձայն)՝ 1-877-486-2048)

**繁體中文 (Chinese)** 注意: 如果您使用繁體中文, 您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY : 1-877-486-2048) 。

**فارسی (Farsi)** توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048) تماس بگیرید.

**Français (French)** ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-800-MEDICARE (ATS : 1-877-486-2048).

**Kreyòl Ayisyen (French Creole)** ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**Deutsch (German)** ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**Italiano (Italian)** ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**日本語 (Japanese)** 注意事項: 日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-800-MEDICARE (TTY:1-877-486-2048) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

**한국어 (Korean)** 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**Polski (Polish)** UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**Português (Portuguese)** ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**Русский (Russian)** ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-MEDICARE (телетайп: 1-877-486-2048).



**Español (Spanish) ATENCIÓN:** Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**Tagalog (Tagalog) PAUNAWA:** Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

**Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) CHÚ Ý:** Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).