Instructions to Health Plans

* [Plans may include the ANOC in the 2021 Member Handbook (Evidence of Coverage) or provide it to members separately.]
* [Before use and under the appropriate, State-specific material code(s), plans must upload in HPMS only (1) a standalone ANOC and (2) a standalone EOC (Member Handbook). Plans should work with their marketing reviewers to withdraw any duplicate material submitted in error. Plans must enter Actual Mail Dates (AMDs) for ANOCs in accordance with CMS requirements as detailed in the “Update AMD/Beneficiary Link/Function” section of the Marketing Review Users Guide in HPMS. Note that plans must enter AMD information for ANOC mailings only for mailings to current members. Plans should not enter ANOC AMD information for October 1, November 1, or December 1 effective enrollment dates or for January 1 effective enrollment dates for any new members.]
* [Plans are subject to the notice requirements under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. For more information, refer to[*www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/section-1557*](https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/section-1557).]
* [Plans should follow the instructions in the Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines and the State’s specific Marketing Guidance regarding use of the standardized plan type (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) following the plan name. Plans should not use ICO when referring to themselves. Plans should use health plan or MI Health Link where appropriate.]
* [Plans may change references of “member” to “enrollee” as they choose.]
* [Plans should replace the reference to “Member Services” with the term the plan uses.]
* [Plans should refer members to the 2021 Member Handbook using the appropriate chapter number, section, and/or page number. For example, “see Chapter 9, Section A, page 1.” An instruction [plans may insert reference, as applicable] is listed next to each cross reference.]
* [Where the template instructs inclusion of a phone number, plans must ensure it is a toll-free number and include a toll-free TTY number and days and hours of operation.]
* [Wherever possible, plans are encouraged to adopt good formatting practices that make information easier for English-speaking and non-English-speaking enrollees to read and understand. The following are based on input from beneficiary interviews:
* Format a section, chart, table, or block of text to fit onto a single page. In instances where plan-customized information causes an item or text to continue on the following page, enter a blank return before right aligning with clear indication that the item continues (for example, similar to the Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 of the Member Handbook, insert: **This section is continued on the next page**).
* Ensure plan-customized text is in plain language and complies with reading level requirements established in the three-way contract.
* Break up large blocks of plan-customized text into short paragraphs or bulleted lists and give a couple plan-specific examples as applicable.
* Spell out an acronym or abbreviation before its first use in a document or on a page (for example, Long term services and supports (LTSS) or low income subsidy (LIS)).
  + Include the meaning of any plan-specific acronym, abbreviation, or key term with its first use.
* Avoid separating a heading or subheading from the text that follows when paginating the model.
* Use universal symbols or commonly understood pictorials.
* Draft and format plan-customized text and terminology in translated models to be culturally and linguistically appropriate for non-English speakers.
* Consider using regionally appropriate terms or common dialects in translated models.
* Include instructions and navigational aids in translated models in the translated language rather than in English.
* Consider producing translated models in large print.]

**<Plan name> [insert plan type] offered by [insert sponsor name]**

*Annual Notice of Changes* for 2021

[**Optional:** insert member name]

[**Optional:** insert member address]

Introduction

[If there are any changes to the plan for 2021, insert: You are currently enrolled as a member of <plan name>. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan’s [insert as applicable: benefits, coverage, [and] rules]. This [insert as applicable: section **or** Annual Notice of Changes] tells you about the changes and where to find more information about them. Key terms and their definitions appear in alphabetical order in the last chapter of the Member Handbook.]

[If there are no changes whatsoever for 2021 (e.g., no changes to benefits, coverage, rules, networks, etc.), insert: You are currently enrolled as a member of <plan name>. Next year, there are no changes to the plan’s benefits, coverage, [and] rules. However, you should still read this [insert as applicable: section **or** Annual Notice of Changes] to learn about your coverage choices. Key terms and their definitions appear in alphabetical order in the last chapter of the Member Handbook.]

[Plans must update the Table of Contents to this document to accurately reflect where the information is found on each page after plan adds plan-customized information to this template.]

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# Disclaimers

* [Plans must include all applicable disclaimers as required in the State-specific Marketing Guidance.]
* [Plans may insert additional disclaimers or state-required statements, including state-required disclaimer language, here.]

# Reviewing Your Medicare and Michigan Medicaid Coverage for Next Year

It is important to review your coverage now to make sure it will still meet your needs next year. If it does not meet your needs, you may be able to leave the plan. See section G2 for more information.

If you leave our plan, you will still be in the Medicare and Michigan Medicaid programs as long as you are eligible.

* You will have a choice about how to get your Medicare benefits (go to page <page number> to see your choices).
* If you do not want to enroll in a different Medicare-Medicaid Plan after you leave <plan name>, you will go back to getting your Medicare and Michigan Medicaid services separately.

| B1. Additional Resources  * ATTENTION: If you speak [insert language of the disclaimer], language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call [insert Member Services toll-free phone and TTY numbers, and days and hours of operation]. The call is free. [This disclaimer must be included in all non-English languages that meet the Medicare and/or state thresholds for translation. If the plan doesn’t meet either the Medicare or state threshold for translation of written materials, the disclaimer should not be included.] * [*Plans may increase the font size and/or use bold font to emphasize the following information.*]You can also get this document for free in other formats, such as large print, braille, or audio. Call [insert Member Services toll-free phone and TTY numbers, days and hours of operation]. The call is free. * [Plans also must describe in simple terms:   + how they will request a member’s preferred language other than English and/or alternate format,   + *how they will keep the member’s information as a standing request for future mailings and communications so the member does not need to make a separate request each time, and*   + *how a member can change a standing request for preferred language and/or format.*]  B2. Information about <plan name>  * <Plan name> is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and Michigan Medicaid to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. * Coverage under <plan name> is qualifying health coverage called “minimum essential coverage.” It satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. 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 on the individual shared responsibility requirement. * <Plan name> is offered by [insert sponsor name]. When this *Annual Notice of Changes* says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means [insert sponsor name]. When it says “the plan” or “our plan,” it means <plan name>*.*  B3. Important things to do:  * **Check if there are any changes to our benefits that may affect you.** * Are there any changes that affect the services you use? * It is important to review benefit changes to make sure they will work for you next year. * Look in sections <section number> [plans may insert reference, as applicable] and <section number> [plans may insert reference, as applicable] for information about benefit changes for our plan. * **Check if there are any changes to our prescription drug coverage that may affect you.**    + Will your drugs be covered? Are they in a different tier? Can you continue to use the same pharmacies?   + It is important to review the changes to make sure our drug coverage will work for you next year.   + Look in section <section number> [plans may insert reference, as applicable] for information about changes to our drug coverage. * **Check to see if your providers and pharmacies will be in our network next year.**   + Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network? What about your pharmacy? What about the hospitals or other providers you use?   + Look in section <section number> [plans may insert reference, as applicable] for information about our *Provider and Pharmacy Directory.* * **Think about your overall costs in the plan.** * [Insert if applicable: How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?]   + How do the total costs compare to other coverage options?   **Think about whether you are happy with our plan.** |
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| **If you decide to stay with <2021 plan name>:** | **If you decide to change plans:** |
| --- | --- |
| If you want to stay with us next year, it’s easy – you don’t need to do anything. If you don’t make a change, you will automatically stay enrolled in our plan. | [Plans should revise this paragraph as necessary] If you decide other coverage will better meet your needs, you may be able to switch plans (see section G2 for more information). If you enroll in a new plan, your new coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. Look in section <section number>, page <page number> [plans may insert additional reference, as applicable] to learn more about your choices. |

# Changes to the plan’s name

[Plans that are not changing the plan name, delete this section. Plans with an anticipated name change at a time other than January 1 may modify the date below as necessary.]

On January 1, 2021, our plan name will change from <2020 plan name> to <2021 plan name>.

[Insert language to inform members whether they will get new Member ID Cards and how, as well as how the name change will affect any other member communication.]

# Changes to the network providers and pharmacies

[Plans with no changes to network providers and pharmacies insert: We have not made any changes to our network of providers and pharmacies for next year.

However, it is important that you know that we may make changes to our network during the year. If your provider does leave the plan, you have certain rights and protections. For more information, see Chapter 3 of your Member Handbook [plans may insert reference, as applicable].]

[Plans with changes to provider and/or pharmacy networks, as described in Chapter 4 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, Chapter 5 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual, and the Provider and Pharmacy Directories Requirements subsection in the Introduction to the State’s specific Marketing Guidance, insert: Our[insert if applicable: provider] [and] [insert if applicable: pharmacy] network[s] [insert as applicable: has or have] changed for 2021.

We strongly encourage you to **review our current Provider and Pharmacy Directory** to see if your providers or pharmacy are still in our network. An updated Provider and Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at <MMP web address>. You may also call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers> for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider and Pharmacy Directory.

It is important that you know that we may also make changes to our network during the year. If your provider does leave the plan, you have certain rights and protections. For more information, see Chapter 3 of your Member Handbook [plans may insert reference, as applicable].]

# Changes to benefits for next year

## E1. Changes to benefits for medical services

[If there are no changes in benefits, replace the rest of the section with: There are no changes to your benefits for health care services. Our benefits will be exactly the same in 2021 as they are in 2020.]

We are changing our coverage for certain health care services next year. The table below describes these changes.

[The table must include:

* all new benefits that will be added or 2020 benefits that will end for 2021;
* new or changing limitations or restrictions, including prior authorizations, on benefits for 2021.]

|  | **2020 (this year)** | **2021 (next year)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **[Insert benefit name]** | [For benefits that were not covered in 2020, insert:  [insert benefit name] is **not** covered.] | [For benefits that will not be covered in 2021, insert:  [insert benefit name] is **not** covered.] |
| **[Insert benefit name]** | [Insert 2020 coverage, using format described above.] | [Insert 2021 coverage, using format described above.] |

## E2. Changes to prescription drug coverage

**Changes to our Drug List**

[Plans thatdid not includea List of Covered Drugs in the envelope and will not mail it separately unless requested, insert: You will get a 2021 List of Covered Drugs in a separate mailing].

[Plans thatdid not includea List of Covered Drugs in the envelope and will not mail it separately unless requested, insert: An updated List of Covered Drugs is located on our website at <MMP web address>. You may also call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers> for updated drug information or to ask us to mail you a List of Covered Drugs.]

[Plans thatincludeda List of Covered Drugs in the envelope, insert: We sent you a copy of our 2021 List of Covered Drugs in this envelope.] The *List of Covered Drugs* is also called the “Drug List.”

[Plans with no changes to covered drugs, tier assignment, or restrictions may replace the rest of this section with: We have not made any changes to our Drug List for next year. The drugs included on our Drug List will be the same in 2021 as in 2020. However, we are allowed to make changes to the Drug List from time to time throughout the year, with approval from Medicare and/or the state. See the 2021 Drug List for more information.]

[Plans that offer indication-based formulary design must include: If we cover a drug only for some medical conditions, it is clearly identified on our Drug List and in Medicare Plan Finder along with the specific medical conditions that are covered.]

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs.

Review the Drug Listto **make sure your drugs will be covered next year** and to see if there will be any restrictions.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, we encourage you to:

* Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug that we cover.
  + You can call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers> [insert if applicable:or contact your Care Coordinator] to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same condition.
  + This list can help your provider find a covered drug that might work for you.
* [Plans should include the following language if they have an advance transition process for current members:]Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception to cover the drug.
  + You can ask for an exception before next year and we will give you an answer within 72 hours after we get your request (or your prescriber’s supporting statement).
  + To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of the *2021 Member Handbook* [plans may insert reference, as applicable] or call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>.
  + If you need help asking for an exception, you can contact Member Services [insert if applicable: or your Care Coordinator]. See Chapter 2 [plans may insert reference, as applicable] and Chapter 3 [plans may insert reference, as applicable] of the *Member Handbook* to learn more about how to contact your Care Coordinator.
* [Plans should include the following language if all current members will not be transitioned in advance for the following year:]Ask the plan to cover a temporary supply of the drug.
  + In some situations, we will cover a **temporary** supply of the drug during the first [must be at least 90] days of the calendar year.
  + This temporary supply will be for up to [insert supply limit (must be the number of days in plan’s one-month supply)] days. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5 of the *Member Handbook* [plans may insert reference, as applicable].)
  + When you get a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

[Plans must include additional information about processes for transitioning current enrollees to formulary drugs when your formulary changes relative to the previous plan year.]

[Plans must include language to explain whether current formulary exceptions will still be covered next year or a new one needs to be submitted.]

**Changes to prescription drug costs**

There are no changes to the amount you pay for prescription drugs in 2021. Read below for more information about your prescription drug coverage.

[Insert if applicable: **We moved some of the drugs on the Drug List to a lower or higher drug tier.** To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up in the Drug List.]

The following table shows your costs for drugs in each of our <number of tiers> drug tiers.

[Plans must list all drug tiers in the following table.]

|  | 2020 (this year) | **2021 (next year)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Drugs in Tier <Tier number>**  ([Insert short description of tier (e.g., generic drugs)])  Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier <Tier number> that is filled at a network pharmacy | [Insert 2020 cost sharing: Your copay for a one-month ([insert number of days in a one-month supply]-day) supply is **$0 per prescription**.] | [Insert 2021 cost sharing: Your copay for a one-month ([insert number of days in a one-month supply]-day) supply is **$0 per prescription**.] |
| **Drugs in Tier <Tier number>**  ([Insert short description of tier (e.g., generic drugs)])  Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier <Tier number> that is filled at a network pharmacy | [Insert 2020 cost sharing: Your copay for a one-month ([insert number of days in a one-month supply]-day) supply is **$0 per prescription**.] | [Insert 2021 cost sharing: Your copay for a one-month ([insert number of days in a one-month supply]-day) supply is **$0 per prescription**.] |

# Administrative changes

[This section is optional. Plans with administrative changes that impact members (e.g., change in contract or PBP number) may insert this section, include an introductory sentence that explains the general nature of administrative changes, and describe the specific changes in the table below.]

|  | **2020 (this year)** | **2021 (next year)** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| [Insert a description of the administrative process/item that is changing] | [Insert 2020 administrative description] | [Insert 2021 administrative description] |
| [Insert a description of the administrative process/item that is changing] | [Insert 2020 administrative description] | [Insert 2021 administrative description] |

# How to choose a plan

## G1. How to stay in our plan

We hope to keep you as a member next year.

You do not have to do anything to stay in your health plan.If you do not sign up for a different Medicare-Medicaid Plan, change to a Medicare Advantage Plan, or change to Original Medicare, you will automatically stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2021

## G2. How to change plans

[Plans in states that continue to implement a continuous Special Enrollment Period for dual eligible members (duals SEP) insert: You can end your membership at any time during the year by enrolling in another Medicare Advantage Plan, enrolling in another Medicare-Medicaid Plan, or moving to Original Medicare.]

[Plans in states that implement the dual-eligible individual and other LIS-eligible individual quarterly SEP effective 2021, insert:Most people with Medicare can end their membership during certain times of the year. Because you have Michigan Medicaid, you may be able to end your membership in our plan or switch to a different plan one time during each of the following **Special Enrollment Periods**:

* January to March
* April to June
* July to September

In addition to these three Special Enrollment periods, you may end your membership in our plan during the following periods:

* The **Annual Enrollment Period**, which lasts from October 15 to December 7. If you choose a new plan during this period, your membership in <plan name> will end on December 31 and your membership in the new plan will start on January 1.
* The **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period**, which lasts from January 1 to March 31. If you choose a new plan during this period, your membership in the new plan will start the first day of the next month.

There may be other situations when you are eligible to make a change to your enrollment. For example, when:

* Medicare or <insert name of State> has enrolled you into a Medicare-Medicaid Plan,
* Your eligibility for Michigan Medicaid or Extra Help has changed,
* You are getting care in a nursing home or a long-term care hospital, or
* You have moved out of our service area.]

These are the four ways people usually end membership in our plan:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1. You can change to:**  **A different Medicare-Medicaid Plan** | **Here is what to do:**  Call Michigan ENROLLS toll-free at 1-800-975-7630. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call the TTY number at 1-888-263-5897. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 7 PM.  Your coverage in our plan will end the last day of the month after you tell us you want to leave. |
| **2. You can change to:**  **A Medicare health plan (such as a Medicare Advantage Plan or Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE))** | **Here is what to do:**  Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.  If you need help or more information:   * Call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-803-7174. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call 711. The call is free. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. In Michigan, the SHIP is called the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).   You will automatically be disenrolled from <plan name> when your new plan’s coverage begins. |
| **3. You can change to:**  **Original Medicare with a separate Medicare prescription drug plan** | **Here is what to do:**  Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.  If you need help or more information:   * Call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-803-7174. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call 711. The call is free. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. In Michigan, the SHIP is called the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).   You will automatically be disenrolled from <plan name> when your Original Medicare coverage begins. |
| **4. You can change to:**  **Original Medicare without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan**  **NOTE**: If you switch to Original Medicare and do not enroll in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan, unless you tell Medicare you don’t want to join.  You should only drop prescription drug coverage if you have drug coverage from another source, such as an employer or union. If you have questions about whether you need drug coverage, call MMAP at 1-800-803-7174. | **Here is what to do:**  Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.  If you need help or more information:   * Call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-803-7174. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call 711. The call is free. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. In Michigan, the SHIP is called the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).   You will automatically be disenrolled from <plan name> when your Original Medicare coverage begins. |

# How to get help

## H1. Getting help from <plan name>

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers>. We are available for phone calls <days and hours of operation>. Calls to these numbers are free.

**Your *2021* *Member Handbook***

The *2021* *Member Handbook* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It has details about next year's benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs.

[If the ANOC is sent or provided separately from the Member Handbook, include the following: The 2021 Member Handbook will be available by October 15.] [Insert if applicable: You can also review the <attached **or** enclosed **or** separately mailed> Member Handbook to see if other benefit changes affect you.] An up-to-date copy of the *2021 Member Handbook* is always available on our website at <MMP web address>. You may also call Member Services at <toll-free phone and TTY numbers> to ask us to mail you a *2021 Member Handbook.*

**Our website**

You can also visit our website at <MMP web address>. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider and pharmacy network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*) and our Drug List (*List of Covered Drugs*).

## H2. Getting help from Michigan ENROLLS

For questions about your enrollment, call **Michigan ENROLLS** toll-free **at 1-800-975-7630**. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call the TTYnumber at 1-888-263-5897. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 7 PM.

## H3. Getting help from the MI Health Link Ombudsman Program

The MI Health Link Ombudsman Program can help you if you are having a problem with <plan name>. The ombudsman’s services are free.

* The MI Health Link Ombudsman Program works as an advocate on your behalf. They can answer questions if you have a problem or complaint and can help you understand what to do.

The MI Health Link Ombudsman Program makes sure you have information related to your rights and protections and how you can get your concerns resolved.

The MI Health Link Ombudsman Program is not connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. Call 1-888-746-MHLO (1-888-746-6456). Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM EST.

## H4. Getting help from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

You can also call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). The SHIP has trained counselors in every state, and services are free. In Michigan, the SHIP is called the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP). MMAP counselors can help you understand your Medicare-Medicaid Plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. MMAP is not connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan.

Call MMAP at 1-800-803-7174. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call 711. The call is free. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

## H5. Getting help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare, 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.

**Medicare’s Website**

You can visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). If you choose to disenroll from your Medicare-Medicaid Plan and enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, the Medicare website has information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare Advantage plans.

You can find information about Medicare Advantage plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and click on “Find plans.”)

***Medicare & You* *2021***

You can read the *Medicare & You 2021* Handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare.

If you don’t have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) or by calling 1‑800‑MEDICARE (1‑800‑633‑4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1‑877‑486‑2048.

## H6. Getting help from Michigan Medicaid

Call the Beneficiary Help Line at 1-800-642-3195. Persons with hearing and speech disabilities may call the TTY number at 1-866-501-5656. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 7 PM.

[Plans may insert similar sections for the QIO or additional resources that might be available.]