



SCAN Retiree Group – Newport-Mesa Unified School District (N-MUSD) (HMO) offered by SCAN Health Plan

Annual Notice of Changes for October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

You are currently enrolled as a member of SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD. Starting October 1, 2024, there will be changes to the plan’s costs and benefits. **Please see page 5 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*. You can also review the *Evidence of Coverage* in your on-line member portal to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you. You may also call Member Services 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, deductibles, and cost-sharing.
 - Check the changes in the 2025 “Drug List” 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.

2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at the www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2024 and 2025* handbooks. 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.

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

- If you don't join another plan by the end of the open enrollment time-frame, you will stay in SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD.
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans during the N-MUSD Open Enrollment Period. Your new coverage will start on **October 1, 2024**. This will end your enrollment with SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD.
- If you recently moved into or currently live in an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time. 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.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish and Chinese.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-559-3500 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week from October 1 to March 31. From April 1 to September 30, hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received on holidays and outside of our business hours will be returned within one business day. This call is free.
- We can also give you information for free in large print, braille, audio recording, or other alternate formats if you need it.
- **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 for more information.

About SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD

- SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD (HMO) is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in SCAN Health Plan depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means SCAN Health Plan. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD.

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Summary of Important Costs for October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

The table below compares the 2023/2024 costs and 2024/2025 costs for SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
<p>Monthly plan premium*</p> <p>* Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.</p>	<p>Please contact your plan sponsor benefits administrator for information about your plan premium.</p>	<p>Please contact your plan sponsor benefits administrator for information about your plan premium.</p>
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</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>	<p>\$3,400</p>	<p>\$3,400</p>
<p>Doctor office visits</p>	<p><u>Basic Plan</u> Primary care visits: \$15 copayment per visit. Specialist visits: \$15 copayment per visit.</p> <p><u>Enhanced Plan</u> Primary care visits: \$10 copayment per visit. Specialist visits: \$10 copayment per visit.</p>	<p><u>Basic Plan</u> Primary care visits: \$15 copayment per visit. Specialist visits: \$15 copayment per visit.</p> <p><u>Enhanced Plan</u> Primary care visits: \$10 copayment per visit. Specialist visits: \$10 copayment per visit.</p>

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
<p>Inpatient hospital stays</p>	<p><u>Basic Plan</u> \$100 copayment per admission.</p> <p><u>Enhanced Plan</u> \$0 copayment per admission.</p>	<p><u>Basic Plan</u> \$100 copayment per admission.</p> <p><u>Enhanced Plan</u> \$0 copayment per admission.</p>
<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.5 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$0</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: \$10 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) • Drug Tier 2: \$10 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <p>\$5 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$5 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$0</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: \$10 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) • Drug Tier 2: \$10 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <p>\$5 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$5 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p>

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="711 323 1042 541">• Drug Tier 3: \$20 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="755 562 1042 814">You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="755 835 1042 1024">\$20 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="755 1045 1042 1297">You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="711 1318 1042 1507">• Drug Tier 4: \$20 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="755 1528 1042 1663">\$20 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1084 323 1399 541">• Drug Tier 3: \$20 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="1128 562 1399 814">You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="1128 835 1399 1024">\$20 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="1128 1045 1399 1297">You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="1084 1318 1399 1507">• Drug Tier 4: \$20 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>) <li data-bbox="1128 1528 1399 1663">\$20 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 5: 25% of the total cost (<i>Standard cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply) 25% of the total cost (<i>Preferred cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply) • Drug Tier 6: Not available <p>Catastrophic Coverage: Effective 10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs. • For each prescription, you pay whichever of these is larger: a payment equal to 5% of the cost of the drug (this is called coinsurance), or a copayment (\$4.15 for a generic drug or a drug that is treated like a generic, and \$10.35 for all other drugs.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 5: 25% of the total cost (<i>Standard cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply) 25% of the total cost (<i>Preferred cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply) • Drug Tier 6: \$11 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply) \$11 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply) <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
	<p>Effective 1/1/2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit. You pay nothing.	

**SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025**

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	Please contact your plan sponsor benefits administrator for information about your plan premium.	Please contact your plan sponsor benefits administrator for information about your plan premium.

- 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.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving “Extra Help” with your prescription drug costs. Please see Section 6 regarding “Extra Help” from Medicare.

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

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

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$3,400	\$3,400
		Once you have paid \$3,400 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the plan year.

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.

Updated directories are located on our website at www.scanhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services 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 the next plan year. **Please review the 2024 and 2025 Provider & Pharmacy Directory (www.scanhealthplan.com) to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for the next plan year. **Please review the 2024 and 2025 Provider & Pharmacy Directory (www.scanhealthplan.com) 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 Member Services so we may assist.

Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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

Cost	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
Abridge	You pay a \$0 copayment for access to Abridge.	Abridge is <u>not</u> covered. (Effective 1/1/2025)

Section 1.5 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or Drug List. A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically.

We made changes to our “Drug List,” which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs, or moving them to a different

cost-sharing tier. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the plan year. We update our online Drug List 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 Member Services for more information.

We currently can immediately remove a brand name drug on our Drug List 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 List, 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 Member Services or ask your health care provider, prescriber, or pharmacist for more information.

Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits and Costs
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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 by September 30, 2024, please call Member Services 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	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

Changes to Your Cost-Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</p> <p>During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share of the cost.</p> <p>We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our “Drug List.” To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the “Drug List.”</p> <p>Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply is:</p> <p>Tier 1: Preferred Generic:</p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2: Generic:</p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply is:</p> <p>Tier 1: Preferred Generic:</p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2: Generic:</p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p>

Stage	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
	<p>Tier 3: Preferred Brand: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 5: Specialty Tier: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay 25% of the total cost. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p>	<p>Tier 3: Preferred Brand: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$20 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 5: Specialty Tier: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay 25% of the total cost. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay 25% of the total cost.</p>

Stage	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
	<p>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs: Not available.</p> <hr/> <p>Once you have paid \$7,400 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>	<p>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs: <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$11 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$11 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Effective 10/01/2024 to 12/31/2024: Once you have paid \$8,000 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p> <p>Effective 01/01/2025: Once you have paid \$2,000 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>

Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage

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.

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

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

The table below compares the administrative changes for next year:

Description	2023/2024 (this year)	2024/2025 (next year)
Medicare Prescription Payment Plan	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 monthly payments that vary throughout the year (January – December).</p> <p>To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 1-866-845-1803 or visit Medicare.gov.</p>

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD

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 in our SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD. **You should check with your plan sponsor's benefits administrator for the open enrollment procedures.**

Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member for the next plan year but if you want to change plans for 2024/2025 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- Contact your plan sponsor benefits administrator for information on changing plans.

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- – *OR* – You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 1.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder (www.medicare.gov/plan-compare), read the *Medicare & You 2024 and 2025* handbooks, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

Step 2: Change your coverage

- Contact your Benefits Administrator for plan changes. Changing coverage outside of your Group Retiree Administration may **negatively impact** your Group Retiree Benefits.
- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll or visit our website to disenroll online. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
 - – *OR* – Contact **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 4 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for the next plan year, you can do it during your plan sponsor's open enrollment period. The change will take effect on October 1, 2024.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include people with Medicaid, those who get "Extra Help" paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area.

You should check with your plan sponsor's benefits administrator for their annual open enrollment procedures for making a plan change. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

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.

SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In California, the SHIP is called Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-434-0222. You can learn more about Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) by visiting their website (aging.ca.gov/hicap/).

SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

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

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, yearly deductibles, 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 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778; or
 - Your State Medicaid Office.
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** California has a program called the Genetically Handicapped Persons Program (GHPP) 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 Office of AIDS, Center for Infectious Diseases – California Department of Public Health, MS7700, P.O. Box 997426, Sacramento, CA 95899-7426. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program or if you are currently enrolled how to continue receiving assistance, call 1-844-421-7050. 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 us at 1-866-845-1803 or visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov).

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-559-3500. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week from October 1 to March 31. From April 1 to September 30, hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received on holidays and outside of our business hours will be returned within one business day. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2024/2025 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 2024/2025. For details, look in the *2024/2025 Evidence of Coverage* for SCAN Retiree Group – N-MUSD. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at www.scanhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

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

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

Read *Medicare & You 2024 and 2025*

Read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook and the *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.

SCAN Health Plan complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of, or because of, race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. SCAN Health Plan provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters, and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats). SCAN Health Plan provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages. If you need these services, contact SCAN Member Services.

If you believe that SCAN Health Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance in person, by phone, mail, or fax, at:

SCAN Health Plan
Attention: Grievance and Appeals Department
P.O. Box 22616
Long Beach, CA 90801-5616

SCAN Member Services
PHONE: 1-800-559-3500
FAX: 1-562-989-0958
TTY: 711

Or by filling out the “File a Grievance” form on our website at:

<https://www.scanhealthplan.com/contact-us/file-a-grievance>

If you need help filing a grievance, SCAN Member Services is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights 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, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019 (TTY: 1-800-537-7697)

Complaint forms are available at <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/index.html>.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the California Department of Health Care Services, Office of Civil Rights by phone, in writing, or electronically:

- By phone: Call 1-916-440-7370. If you cannot speak or hear well, please call 711 (Telecommunications Relay Services).
- In writing: Fill out a complaint form or send a letter to:
Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights
Department of Health Care Services
Office of Civil Rights
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0009
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413
Complaint forms are available at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language_Access.aspx.
- Electronically: Send an email to CivilRights@dhcs.ca.gov

English: We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at 1-800-559-3500. 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, llame al 1-800-559-3500. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

Chinese Cantonese (Traditional): 我們提供免費的口譯服務，以解答您對我們的健康或藥物計劃可能有的任何問題。如需獲得口譯服務，請致電 1-800-559-3500 聯絡我們。我們有會說中文的工作人員可以為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

Chinese Mandarin (Simplified): 我们提供免费的口译服务，以解答您对我们的健康或药物计划可能有的任何问题。如需获得口译服务，请致电 1-800-559-3500 联系我们。我们有会说中文的工作人员可以为您提供帮助。这是一项免费服务。

Vietnamese: Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời bất kỳ câu hỏi quý vị có thể có về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Để được thông dịch, chỉ cần gọi theo số 1-800-559-3500. Người nói Tiếng Việt có thể trợ giúp quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

Tagalog: Mayroon kaming mga libreng serbisyo ng interpreter upang masagot ang anumang katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng interpreter, tawagan lamang kami sa 1-800-559-3500. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

Korean: 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 대해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 1-800-559-3500 번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와 드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.

Armenian: Առողջութեան կամ դեղերի ծրագրի վերաբերյալ որևէ հարց առաջանալու դեպքում կարող եք օգտվել անվճար թարգմանչական ծառայությունից: Թարգմանչի ծառայությունից օգտվելու համար զանգահարե՛ք 1-800-559-3500 հեռախոսահամարով: Ձեզ կօգնի հայերենին տիրապետող մեր աշխատակիցը: Ծառայությունն անվճար է:

Persian: توجه: ما خدمات مترجم رایگان داریم تا به هر سؤالی که ممکن است در مورد برنامه بهداشتی یا داروهای ما داشته باشید پاسخ دهیم. برای آن که مترجم دریافت کنید فقط کافیسست با شماره 1-800-559-3500 تماس بگیرید. شخصی که به زبان فارسی صحبت می کند، می تواند به شما کمک کند. این یک سرویس رایگان است.

Russian: Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно плана медицинского обслуживания или обеспечения лекарственными препаратами, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по номеру 1-800-559-3500. Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит на русском языке. Данная услуга бесплатная.

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。通訳をご利用になるには、1-800-559-3500にお電話ください。日本語を話す人者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。

Arabic: إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة لديك تتعلق بخططنا الصحية أو جدول الدواء. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على الرقم 1-800-559-3500. سيقوم شخص ما يتحدث العربية بمساعدتك. هذه الخدمة المجانية.

Punjabi: ਸਾਡੀ ਸਿਹਤ ਜਾਂ ਦਵਾਈ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਕੋਲ ਮੁਫਤ ਦੁਬਾਸ਼ੀਆ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਹਨ। ਕੋਈ ਦੁਬਾਸ਼ੀਆ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ, ਬੱਸ ਸਾਨੂੰ 1-800-559-3500 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। ਕੋਈ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਜੋ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਮੁਫਤ ਸੇਵਾ ਹੈ।

Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:

យើងខ្ញុំមានសេវាអ្នកបកប្រែផ្ទាល់មាត់ដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃចាំឆ្លើយរាល់សំណួរដែលអ្នកអាចមានអំពីសុខភាព ឬផែនការឱសថរបស់យើងខ្ញុំ។ ដើម្បីទទួលបានអ្នកបកប្រែ គ្រាន់តែហៅទូរស័ព្ទមកយើងខ្ញុំតាមរយៈលេខ 1-800-559-3500។ មានគេដែលនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរអាចជួយលោកអ្នកបាន។ សេវាកម្មនេះមិនគិតថ្លៃទេ។

Hmong: Peb muaj cov kev pab cuam txhais lus los teb koj cov lus nug uas koj muaj txog ntawm peb lub phiaj xwm kho mob thiab tshuaj kho mob. Kom tau txais tus kws txhais lus, tsuas yog hu peb ntawm 1-800-559-3500. Muaj qee tus neeg hais lus Hmoob tuaj yeem pab tau koj. Qhov no yog kev pab cuam pab dawb.

Hindi: हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं। एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें 1-800-559-3500 पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

Thai: เรามีบริการล่ามฟรีเพื่อตอบสนองข้อสงสัยต่าง ๆ ที่คุณอาจมีเกี่ยวกับแผนสุขภาพและด้านเภสัชกรรมของเรา ขอความช่วยเหลือจากล่ามโดยโทรติดต่อเราที่หมายเลข 1-800-559-3500 เจ้าหน้าที่ในภาษาไทยจะเป็นผู้ให้บริการโดยไม่มีค่าใช้จ่ายใด ๆ

Lao: ພວກເຮົາມີການບໍລິການນາຍພາສາຟຣີ ເພື່ອຕອບຄໍາຖາມທີ່ທ່ານອາດຈະມີກ່ຽວກັບສຸຂະພາບ ຫຼື ແຜນການຢາຂອງ ພວກເຮົາ. ເພື່ອຮັບເອົານາຍພາສາ, ພວງແຕ່ໂທຫາພວກເຮົາທີ່ເບີ 1-800-559-3500. ບາງຄົນທີ່ເວົ້າພາສາລາວ ສາມາດຊ່ວຍທ່ານໄດ້. ນີ້ແມ່ນການບໍລິການຟຣີ.

French: Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 1-800-559-3500. Quelqu'un parlant français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

German: Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihre Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter 1-800-559-3500. Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

Italian: È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per usufruire di un interprete, contattare il numero 1-800-559-3500. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italiano Le fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

Portuguese: Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número 1-800-559-3500. Irá encontrar alguém que fale português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

French Creole: Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan sante oswa medikaman nou yo. Pou w jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan 1-800-559-3500. Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

Polish: Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer 1-800-559-3500. Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

Hmong-Mien: Peb muaj kev pab cuam txhais lus pub dawb los teb cov lus nug uas koj muaj txog ntawm peb lub phiaj xwm kev noj qab haus huv los sis phiaj xwm tshuaj kho mob. Kom tau txais tus kws txhais lus, tsuas yog hu peb ntawm 1-800-559-3500. Muaj tus neeg hais lus Hmoob tuaj yeem pab tau koj. Qhov kev pab cuam no yog pab dawb xwb.

Ukrainian: Ми надаємо безкоштовні послуги усного перекладача, який відповість на будь-які ваші запитання щодо нашого плану медичного обслуговування або лікарського забезпечення. Щоб отримати послуги перекладача, просто зателефонуйте нам за номером 1-800-559-3500. Вам може допомогти людина, яка володіє українською мовою. Ця послуга безкоштовна.

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