



## **SCAN Balance (HMO C-SNP) offered by SCAN Health Plan**

# **Annual Notice of Changes for 2025**

You are currently enrolled as a member of SCAN Balance. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. **Please see page 5 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.**

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 [www.scanhealthplan.com](http://www.scanhealthplan.com). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

- **You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**

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### **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](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.

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

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2024, you will stay in SCAN Balance.
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2025**. This will end your enrollment with SCAN Balance.
- 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.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-855-844-7226 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](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

**About SCAN Balance**

- SCAN Balance (HMO C-SNP) 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 Balance.

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2025

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for SCAN Balance in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> 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.)	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	<b>Primary care visits:</b> \$0 copayment per visit. <b>Specialist visits:</b> \$0 copayment per visit for endocrinology visits. \$15 copayment per visit for all other specialist services.	<b>Primary care visits:</b> \$0 copayment per visit. <b>Specialist visits:</b> \$0 copayment per visit for cardiology and endocrinology visits. \$15 copayment per visit for all other specialist services.
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b>	\$200 copayment per day for days 1-3 and \$0 copayment per day for days 4 and beyond.	\$200 copayment per day for days 1-3 and \$0 copayment per day for days 4 and beyond.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (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"> <li>• <b>Drug Tier 1:</b> \$0 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Drug Tier 2:</b> \$7 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</li> </ul> <p>\$0 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$0 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"> <li>• <b>Drug Tier 1:</b> \$0 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Drug Tier 2:</b> \$7 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</li> </ul> <p>\$0 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$0 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="711 323 1039 541"> <p>• <b>Drug Tier 3:</b> \$40 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$35 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> </li> <li data-bbox="711 1360 1039 1709"> <p>• <b>Drug Tier 4:</b> \$100 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$90 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1084 323 1396 827"> <p>• <b>Drug Tier 3:</b> \$47 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>\$42 per prescription for other drugs (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> </li> <li data-bbox="1084 1360 1396 1709"> <p>• <b>Drug Tier 4:</b> 50% of the total cost (<i>Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> <p>50% of the total cost (<i>Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply</i>)</p> </li> </ul>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Drug Tier 5:</b> 33% of the total cost (<i>Standard cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply)</li>   <li>33% of the total cost (<i>Preferred cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply)</li>   <li>• <b>Drug Tier 6:</b> \$0 per prescription (<i>Standard cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply)</li>   <li>\$0 per prescription (<i>Preferred cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply)</li>   <li>Catastrophic Coverage:</li>   <li>• During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Drug Tier 5:</b> 33% of the total cost (<i>Standard cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply)</li>   <li>33% of the total cost (<i>Preferred cost-sharing</i> 30-day supply)</li>   <li>• <b>Drug Tier 6:</b> Not available</li>   <li>Catastrophic Coverage:</li>   <li>• During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.</li> </ul>



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

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0
<b>Monthly Optional Supplemental Plan Premium</b>	Dental PPO Plan: \$25	Not available.

- 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 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	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>  Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$2,000	\$2,000  Once you have paid \$2,000 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 calendar year.

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## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

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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](http://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 next year. **Please review the 2025 *Provider & Pharmacy Directory* ([www.scanhealthplan.com](http://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 next year. **Please review the 2025 *Provider & Pharmacy Directory* ([www.scanhealthplan.com](http://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.

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## Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Abridge</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment for access to Abridge.	Abridge is <u>not</u> covered.
<b>Acupuncture services (routine/ Non-Medicare-covered)</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment for each visit for up to 24 routine acupuncture visits per year. Combined with chiropractic services.	You pay a \$5 copayment for each visit for up to 20 routine acupuncture visits per year. Combined with chiropractic services.
<b>Care Navigator, For You+ services</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment for care navigation services.	Care navigation services are <u>not</u> covered.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Chiropractic services (routine/ Non-Medicare-covered)</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment for each visit for up to 24 routine chiropractic visits per year. Combined with acupuncture services.	You pay a \$5 copayment for each visit for up to 20 routine chiropractic visits per year. Combined with acupuncture services.
<b>Dental services (Optional Supplemental)</b>	Optional Supplemental Dental PPO plan is available for an additional monthly premium.	Optional Supplemental Dental PPO plan is <u>not</u> available.
<b>Dental services (routine/Non-Medicare covered)</b>	You have dental plan TXC73.	You have a dental plan with a \$2,000 allowance. Please see your DeltaCare® USA <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> for other changes to your dental benefits.
<b>Doctor office visits</b> - Specialists	You pay a \$0 copayment per endocrinologist visit. You pay a \$15 copayment per visit for all other specialist visits.	You pay a \$0 copayment per endocrinologist or cardiologist visit. You pay a \$15 copayment per visit for all other specialist visits.
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>	You pay 0%-20% of the total cost for continuous glucose monitors (CGM).	You pay a \$0 copayment for continuous glucose monitors (CGM).
<b>Fitbit Activity Tracker</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment for a Fitbit activity tracker.	A Fitbit activity tracker is <u>not</u> covered.
<b>Groceries (SSBCI)</b>	Grocery (SSBCI) benefits are <u>not</u> covered.	You are covered for up to \$50 per quarter for groceries (SSBCI). Please see your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> for more details.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Hearing services (routine/non-Medicare covered)</b> - Hearing aids	You pay a \$450 copayment per aid for a TruHearing Advanced hearing aid or a \$750 copayment per aid for a TruHearing Premium hearing aid every 12 months.	You pay a \$550 copayment per aid for a TruHearing Advanced hearing aid or an \$850 copayment per aid for a TruHearing Premium hearing aid every 12 months.
<b>Over-the-counter (OTC) items</b>	You are covered for up to \$50 per quarter for over-the-counter products through a mail-order catalog.	You are covered for up to \$65 per quarter for over-the-counter products through a mail-order catalog or CVS retail locations.
<b>Transportation (routine)</b>	You pay a \$0 copayment for up to 54 one-way rides per year (75-mile limit each way).	You pay a \$0 copayment for up to 54 one-way rides per year (50-mile limit each way).

## 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

**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	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

For drugs on Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug, your cost-sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage is changing from a copayment to coinsurance. 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>For 2024 you paid a \$100 copayment (Standard cost-sharing 30-day supply) and a \$90 copayment (Preferred cost-sharing 30-day supply) for drugs on Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug. For 2025 you will pay a 50% coinsurance for drugs on this tier.</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><b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$0.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$0.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply is:</p> <p><b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$0.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$0.</p>

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p><b>Tier 2: Generic:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$7 per prescription. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$7.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$0.</p> <p><b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$40 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$40.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$35 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$35.</p>	<p><b>Tier 2: Generic:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$7 per prescription. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$7.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$0.</p> <p><b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand:</b></p> <p><i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$47.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay \$42 per prescription for other drugs. You pay \$0 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$42.</p>

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p><b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug:</b>  <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay \$100 per prescription.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$100.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay \$90 per prescription.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is \$90.</p> <p><b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier:</b>  <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay 33% of the total cost.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is 33% of the total cost.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay 33% of the total cost.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is 33% of the total cost.</p>	<p><b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug:</b>  <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay 50% of the total cost.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is 50% of the total cost.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay 50% of the total cost.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is 50% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier:</b>  <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay 33% of the total cost.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is 33% of the total cost.</p> <p><i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay 33% of the total cost.                      Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is 33% of the total cost.</p>



Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p><b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs:</b>  <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay \$0 per prescription.  <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i>                      You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p><b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs:</b>                      Not available.</p> <hr/> <p>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	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Medicare Prescription Payment Plan</b></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<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</p>

Description	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
		<p>across <b>monthly payments that vary throughout the year</b> (January – December).                      To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 1-866-845-1803 or visit <a href="https://www.Medicare.gov">Medicare.gov</a>.</p>
<p><b>SSBCI Eligibility Requirements</b></p>	<p>Eligibility for special supplemental benefits for the chronically ill includes cancer, cardiovascular disorders, chronic heart failure, dementia, diabetes, end-stage renal disease, and Parkinson’s disease.</p>	<p>Eligibility for special supplemental benefits for the chronically ill includes an expanded list of chronic conditions in addition to cardiovascular disorders, chronic heart failure, diabetes, cancer, and chronic lung disorders. Please see your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> for a full list and for changes to applicable eligibility requirements.</p>

**SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose**

**Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in SCAN Balance**

**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 by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in our SCAN Balance.

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## Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

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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, 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](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)), read the *Medicare & You 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

### Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from SCAN Balance.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from SCAN Balance.
- 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 next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2025.

### 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.

## 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 Texas, the SHIP is called Texas Health Information, 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. Texas Health Information, 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 Texas Health Information, Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-252-9240. You can learn more about Texas Health Information, Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) by visiting their website ([hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicare](https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicare)).

## 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.** Texas has a program called the Kidney Health Care Program (KHC) 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 Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP), P.O. Box 149347, MC 1873 Austin, TX 78714. 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 1-800-255-1090. 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 Balance

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-855-844-7226. (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 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 SCAN Balance. 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](http://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](http://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)*.

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## **Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare**

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

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

Read 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: 1-855-844-7226  
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](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/Language_Access.aspx).
- Electronically: Send an email to [CivilRights@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto: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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226 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 1-855-844-7226 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226 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 1-855-844-7226 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 1-855-844-7226 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 1-855-844-7226. 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、1-855-844-7226 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226 '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 1-855-844-7226។ មានគេដែលនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរអាចជួយលោកអ្នកបាន។ សេវាកម្មនេះមិនគិតថ្លៃទេ។

**Hmong:** Peb muaj cov kev pab cuam txhais lus los teb koj cov lus nug uas koj muaj txog ntawm pib lub phiaj xwm kho mob thiab tshuaj kho mob. Kom tau txais tus kws txhais lus, tsuas yog hu pib ntawm 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226 पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

**Thai:** เรามีบริการล่ามฟรีเพื่อตอบสนองข้อสงสัยต่าง ๆ ที่คุณอาจมีเกี่ยวกับแผนสุขภาพและด้านเภสัชกรรมของเรา ขอความช่วยเหลือจากล่ามโดยโทรติดต่อเราที่หมายเลข 1-855-844-7226 เจ้าหน้าที่ในภาษาไทยจะเป็นผู้ให้บริการโดยไม่มีค่าใช้จ่ายใด ๆ

**Lao:** ພວກເຮົາມີການບໍລິການນາຍພາສາຟຣີ ເພື່ອຕອບຄໍາຖາມທີ່ທ່ານອາດຈະມີກ່ຽວກັບສຸຂະພາບ ຫຼື ແຜນການຢາຂອງ ພວກເຮົາ. ເພື່ອຮັບເອົານາຍພາສາ, ພວງແຕ່ໂທຫາພວກເຮົາທີ່ເບີ 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. 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 pib 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 pib ntawm 1-855-844-7226. 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 1-855-844-7226. Вам може допомогти людина, яка володіє українською мовою. Ця послуга безкоштовна.

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