

Exciting news for your Medicare retiree plan in 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, you will have a new Medicare plan – the Blue Shield Medicare (PPO), a Group Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan (GMAPD). This new plan will replace the Medicare Medical and Prescription Drug plan you currently have. It will continue to provide comprehensive medical and prescription drug coverage while keeping your out-of-pocket expenses low.

Blue Shield Medicare plan highlights:



Access to the same network of doctors and other health care providers you use today including providers that are part of the Blue Shield of California network of doctors and providers that accept Medicare.

- You can find the most recent list of the Blue Shield Medicare network providers at blueshieldca.com/sfhss



Defined copayment amounts for doctor and specialist visits, just like an HMO plan, but with PPO flexibility and freedom



Access to out-of-network providers that accept Medicare nationwide



Same drug copays with a rich formulary



Access to the same benefits, including but not limited to an annual physical exam¹, NurseHelp 24/7SM, and more



Routine chiropractic and acupuncture services*



Routine Vision check every year



One, easy-to-use Customer Service phone number for both your medical and pharmacy benefits

* These are non-Medicare covered benefits.



Access to Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) from LifeStation®



The SilverSneakers® program allows access to fitness locations nationwide to help you stay healthy.



Book a ride to your doctor appointments at no cost.²



Meal delivery services at no cost for qualified members recovering from serious illness.³



Receive allowance for routine podiatry visits.⁴



Receive allowance for obtaining hearing aids at the provider of your choice⁵

What action do you need to take?

No action is required from you at this time. You will be enrolled automatically in the Blue Shield Medicare (PPO) plan from your current plan beginning January 2025.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the new plan, please contact your dedicated Blue Shield Concierge Service at **(800) 370-8852 (TTY: 711)**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pacific Time, seven days a week.

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1 Only one physical exam is covered per year.

2 The ride is applicable to plan approved health related locations like appointments only and limited to 24 one-way trips per year.

3 30 meals and 16 snacks per discharge.

4 \$100 allowance, per visit, for six visits per plan year.

5 Up to \$2500 per ear every three years

Blue Shield of California is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Blue Shield of California depends on contract renewal. Blue Shield of California offers individual and employer group retiree plans to Medicare beneficiaries who have Part A and Part B. Individual plans are open to all Medicare beneficiaries who reside within a plan's specific service area. Employer group retiree plans are open only to Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible group retirees and who reside within a plan's specific service area. Individual and employer group retiree plans have different service areas, benefits and provider networks.

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