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Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO) offered by Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company

Annual Notice of Changes for 2022

You are currently enrolled as a member of Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO). Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

- **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.
 - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
 - Do the changes affect the services you use?
 - Look in Section 1.5 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
 - Will your drugs be covered?
 - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost sharing?
 - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
 - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
 - Review the 2022 Drug List and look in Section 1.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
 - Your drug costs may have risen since last year. Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year. To get additional information on drug prices visit [go.medicare.gov/drugprices](https://www.go.medicare.gov/drugprices), and click the "dashboards" link in the middle of the second Note toward the bottom of the page. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers

have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price information. Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.

- Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
 - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
 - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
 - Look in Section 1.3 for information about our *Provider Directory*.
- Think about your overall health care costs.
 - How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
 - How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
 - How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?
- 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 personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website.
 - Review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2022* handbook.
 - Look in Section 3.2 to learn more about your choices.
- 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, 2021, you will be enrolled in Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO).
- To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.

4. **ENROLL:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2021**

- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, you will be enrolled in Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO).
- If you join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2022**. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

Additional Resources

- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-498-9731 for additional information. TTY users should call PA Relay 711 or 1-800-654-5984 (This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing and speaking). Calls to these numbers are free.

Our business hours:

October 1– March 31 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. 7 days a week

April 1 – September 30 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday

- Member Services has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers. Please call the numbers listed in Section 7.1 of this booklet. We can also give you plan information in braille, audio, large print, 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 Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO)

- Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO, and HMO D-SNP plans are offered by Geisinger Health Plan/Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company, health plans with a Medicare contract. Continued enrollment in Geisinger Gold depends on contract renewal. Geisinger Health Plan/Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company are part of Geisinger, an integrated health care delivery and coverage organization.
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO).

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Summary of Important Costs for 2022

The table below compares the 2021 costs and 2022 costs for Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at www.GeisingerGold.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Monthly plan premium*		

*Your premium may be higher or lower than these amounts.

See Section 1.1 for details.

Adams	\$85	\$86
Berks	\$85	\$86
Blair	\$110	\$111
Bradford	\$110	\$111
Bucks	\$85	\$86
Cambria	\$110	\$111
Cameron	\$110	\$111
Carbon	\$85	\$86
Centre	\$110	\$111
Chester	\$85	\$86
Clearfield	\$110	\$111
Clinton	\$110	\$111
Columbia	\$115	\$111
Cumberland	\$85	\$86
Dauphin	\$85	\$86
Franklin	\$85	\$86
Fulton	\$110	\$111
Huntingdon	\$110	\$111
Jefferson	\$110	\$111
Juniata	\$110	\$111
Lackawanna	\$110	\$111
Lancaster	\$85	\$86
Lebanon	\$85	\$86
Lehigh	\$85	\$86
Luzerne	\$115	\$111
Lycoming	\$110	\$111

Cost**2021 (this year)****2022 (next year)****Monthly plan premium***

*Your premium may be higher or lower than these amounts.

See Section 1.1 for details.

Mifflin	\$110	\$111
Monroe	\$85	\$86
Montour	\$115	\$111
Northampton	\$85	\$86
Northumberland	\$115	\$111
Perry	\$85	\$86
Pike	\$110	\$111
Potter	\$110	\$111
Schuylkill	\$115	\$111
Snyder	\$115	\$111
Somerset	\$110	\$111
Sullivan	\$110	\$111
Susquehanna	\$110	\$111
Tioga	\$110	\$111
Union	\$115	\$111
Wayne	\$110	\$111
Wyoming	\$110	\$111
York	\$85	\$86

	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amounts</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>From network providers: \$4,000</p> <p>From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$4,000</p>	<p>From network providers: \$4,000</p> <p>From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$4,000</p>
<p>Doctor office visits</p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$10 per visit in-or-out of network</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$25 per visit in-or-out of network</p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$10 per visit in-or-out of network</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$25 per visit in-or-out of network</p>
<p>Inpatient hospital care</p> <p>Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.</p>	<p>In or out-of-network</p> <p>You pay \$225 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p>	<p>In or out-of-network</p> <p>You pay \$200 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p> <p>For calendar year 2022, the inpatient hospital care benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$1,200. This means you will not pay any more than \$1,200 for inpatient hospital care.</p>

	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Inpatient mental health care	In or out-of-network	In or out-of-network
Covered services include mental health care services that require a hospital stay. You have a 190-day lifetime limit for inpatient services in a psychiatric hospital. The 190-day limit does not apply to mental health services provided in a psychiatric unit of a general hospital.	<p>You pay \$225 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p>	<p>You pay \$200 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p> <p>For calendar year 2022, the inpatient mental health care benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$1,200. This means you will not pay any more than \$1,200 for inpatient mental health care.</p>

	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Part D prescription drug coverage	<u>Deductible: \$0</u>	<u>Deductible: \$0</u>
(See Section 1.6 for details.)	Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:
Tier 1: Preferred Generic		
30-day retail copay	\$3.00	\$3.00
100-day retail copay	\$7.50	\$7.50
100-day mail order copay	\$4.50	\$0
Tier 2: Generic		
30-day retail copay	\$20.00	\$20.00
100-day retail copay	\$50.00	\$50.00
100-day mail order copay	\$30.00	\$0
Tier 3: Preferred Brand		
30-day retail copay	\$47.00	\$47.00
100-day retail copay	\$117.50	\$117.50
100-day mail order copay	\$70.50	\$70.50
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Brand		
30-day retail copay	\$100.00	\$100.00
100-day retail copay	\$250.00	\$250.00
100-day mail order copay	\$150.00	\$150.00
Tier 5: Specialty Tier		
30-day retail copay	33%	33%
100-day retail copay	N/A	N/A
100-day mail order copay	N/A	N/A
Tier 6: Vaccines (Specific)		
30-day retail copay	\$0	\$0
100-day retail copay	\$0	\$0
100-day mail order copay	\$0	\$0
Insulin Saver Program*		
30-day retail copay	\$35.00	\$35.00
100-day retail copay	\$87.50	\$87.50
100-day mail order copay	\$52.50	\$52.50

* To find out which drugs are Select Insulins, review the most recent Drug List we sent you in the mail. You can identify Select Insulins by looking for the “SI” abbreviation in the Requirements/Limits column within the Drug List. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call Pharmacy Member Services (phone numbers for Pharmacy Member Services are printed on the back cover of this booklet).

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SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year**Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium****Cost****2021 (this year)****2022 (next year)****Monthly premium**

(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)

	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Adams	\$85	\$86
Berks	\$85	\$86
Blair	\$110	\$111
Bradford	\$110	\$111
Bucks	\$85	\$86
Cambria	\$110	\$111
Cameron	\$110	\$111
Carbon	\$85	\$86
Centre	\$110	\$111
Chester	\$85	\$86
Clearfield	\$110	\$111
Clinton	\$110	\$111
Columbia	\$115	\$111
Cumberland	\$85	\$86
Dauphin	\$85	\$86
Franklin	\$85	\$86
Fulton	\$110	\$111
Huntingdon	\$110	\$111
Jefferson	\$110	\$111
Juniata	\$110	\$111
Lackawanna	\$110	\$111
Lancaster	\$85	\$86
Lebanon	\$85	\$86
Lehigh	\$85	\$86
Luzerne	\$115	\$111
Lycoming	\$110	\$111
Mifflin	\$110	\$111
Monroe	\$85	\$86
Montour	\$115	\$111

Cost**Monthly premium****2021 (this year)****2022 (next year)**

(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)

	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Northampton	\$85	\$86
Northumberland	\$115	\$111
Perry	\$85	\$86
Pike	\$110	\$111
Potter	\$110	\$111
Schuylkill	\$115	\$111
Snyder	\$115	\$111
Somerset	\$110	\$111
Sullivan	\$110	\$111
Susquehanna	\$110	\$111
Tioga	\$110	\$111
Union	\$115	\$111
Wayne	\$110	\$111
Wyoming	\$110	\$111
York	\$85	\$86

Cost**2021 (this year)****2022 (next year)****Health+ Optional Supplemental Benefits**

\$38

\$38

For members enrolled in this optional package, an additional monthly premium applies.

- 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 Amounts

To protect you, Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay “out-of-pocket” during the year. These limits are called the “maximum out-of-pocket amounts.” Once you reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount</p> <p>Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.</p>	<p>\$4,000</p> <p>Once you have paid \$4,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.</p>	<p>\$4,000</p> <p>Once you have paid \$4,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.</p>
<p>Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount</p> <p>Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from in-network and out-of-network providers count toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.</p>	<p>\$4,000</p> <p>Once you have paid \$4,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.</p>	<p>\$4,000</p> <p>Once you have paid \$4,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.</p>

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated *Provider Directory* is located on our website at www.GeisingerGold.com. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*. **Please review the 2022 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan, but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, we must furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.

Section 1.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated *Provider Directory* is located on our website at www.GeisingerGold.com. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*. **Please review the 2022 *Provider Directory* to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2022 Evidence of Coverage*.

Opioid treatment program services

Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can receive coverage of services to treat OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) which includes the following services:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications.
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)
- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Inpatient Hospital Care	<p>You pay a \$225 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p>	<p>You pay a \$200 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p> <p>For calendar year 2022, the inpatient hospital care benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$1,200. This means you will not pay any more than \$1,200 for inpatient hospital care.</p>
Inpatient Mental Health Care	<p>You pay a \$225 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p>	<p>You pay a \$200 copayment per day, days 1-6</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copayment per day, days 7-90</p> <p>For calendar year 2022, the inpatient mental health care benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$1,200. This means you will not pay any more than \$1,200 for inpatient mental health care.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Medicare Part B Prescription Drugs	You pay a 20% coinsurance for all Medicare Part B Drugs including Chemotherapy Drugs. May require prior authorization and/or step therapy.	You pay a 5% coinsurance for Insulin administered through Durable Medical Equipment (DME) (i.e., Insulin Pump). You pay a 20% coinsurance for all other Medicare Part B Drugs including Chemotherapy Drugs. May require prior authorization and/or step therapy.
Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies	You pay a \$25 copayment per day for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-rays • Ultrasound • Standard Conventional Radiation Therapy 	You pay a \$30 copayment per day for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-rays • Ultrasound • Standard Conventional Radiation Therapy
Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies	You pay a \$210 copayment per day for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRI • CT Scans • PET Scans • MRA • Nuclear Cardiology Studies • Virtual Colonoscopy • Other covered diagnostic radiology 	You pay a \$275 copayment per day for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRI • CT Scans • PET Scans • MRA • Nuclear Cardiology Studies • Virtual Colonoscopy • Other covered diagnostic radiology
Services to Treat Kidney Disease - Renal Dialysis	You pay a 20% coinsurance	You pay a 10% coinsurance for in-home dialysis and 20% coinsurance for all other dialysis.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Health+ Optional Supplemental Benefit Package	You pay a \$38 per month	You pay a \$38 per month
Dental Services	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment \$500 combined benefit annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exams (2 per year) • Routine Cleanings (2 per year) • Dental X-rays (1 per year) • Dentures • Simple Extractions • Simple Fillings • Crowns • Root Canals • Non-surgical periodontic services for treatment of gum disease 	<p>You pay a \$0 copayment \$600 combined benefit annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exams (2 per year) • Routine Cleanings (2 per year) • Dental X-rays (1 per year) • Dentures • Simple Extractions • Simple Fillings • Crowns • Root Canals • Non-surgical periodontic services for treatment of gum disease
Health and Wellness Education Programs – Fitness Center Benefit	Fitness Benefit of \$90 every calendar quarter for a membership at a gym, fitness center or exercise facility of your choice or fees for certain fitness/exercise classes.	Fitness Benefit of \$90 every calendar quarter for a membership at a gym, fitness center or exercise facility of your choice or fees for certain fitness/exercise classes.
Hearing Services	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for one (1) Routine Hearing exam per year</p> <p>\$500 annual allowance for hearing aid/hearing aid fitting (Both ears combined)</p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for one (1) Routine Hearing Exam per year</p> <p>\$500 annual allowance for hearing aid/hearing aid fitting (Both ears combined)</p>
Vision Services	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for one (1) Routine Eye exam per year. \$100 annual allowance for Routine Eyewear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact lenses • Eyeglasses (lenses and frames) • Eyeglass lenses • Eyeglass frames 	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for one (1) Routine Eye exam per year. \$100 annual allowance for Routine Eyewear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact lenses • Eyeglasses (lenses and frames) • Eyeglass lenses • Eyeglass frames

Section 1.6 – 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 in this envelope.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call Pharmacy Member Services.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Pharmacy Member Services to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

If you were approved for a formulary exception in 2021, unless otherwise noted in your Notice of Approval of Medical Coverage letter, a new formulary exception will not be needed for 2022 as long as you remain a member of the same plan.

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to Prescription Drug 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. Because you receive “Extra Help” you should receive this insert by September 30, 2021. If you have not received this insert by September 30, 2021, please call Member Services and ask for the “LIS Rider.”

There are four “drug payment stages.” How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at www.GeisingerGold.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (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

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (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>The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a retail network pharmacy. For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</p> <p>The number of days in a one-month supply is 31 days for Long Term Care pharmacies.</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>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a retail network pharmacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1: (Preferred Generic): You pay \$3 per prescription • Tier 2: (Generic): You pay \$20 per prescription • Tier 3: (Preferred Brand): You pay \$47 per prescription • Tier 4: (Non-Preferred Brand): You pay \$100 per prescription • Tier 5: (Specialty Tier): 33% of the total cost • Tier 6: (Vaccine Tier): You pay \$0 per prescription • You pay \$35 for a one-month supply of select insulins <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,130, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage)</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a retail network pharmacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1: (Preferred Generic): You pay \$3 per prescription • Tier 2: (Generic): You pay \$20 per prescription • Tier 3: (Preferred Brand): You pay \$47 per prescription • Tier 4: (Non-Preferred Brand): You pay \$100 per prescription • Tier 5: (Specialty Tier): 33% of the total cost • Tier 6: (Vaccine Tier): You pay \$0 per prescription • You pay \$35 for a one-month supply of select insulins <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage)</p>

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.** Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO) offers additional gap coverage including select insulins. During the Coverage Gap stage, your out-of-pocket costs for select insulins will be \$35.00 for a one-month supply. For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

Description	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
APPRISE – change in name to PA MEDI	APPRISE	Effective July 1, 2021 name changed to Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI)
Plan Membership Card Change	Maximum Out-Of-Pocket (MOOP) <i>not</i> displayed on card.	Maximum Out-Of-Pocket (MOOP) displayed on card.

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO)

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 Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO).

Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2022 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan timely,

- – *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, read *Medicare & You 2022*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to www.medicare.gov/plan-compare. **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

As a reminder, Geisinger Insurance Indemnity Company offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 7.1 of this booklet).
 - – *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, 2022.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, 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 may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan for January 1, 2022, 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, 2022. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In Pennsylvania, the SHIP is called Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI).

PA MEDI is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. PA MEDI 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 PA MEDI at 1-800-783-7067. You can learn more about PA MEDI by visiting their website at www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling/Pages/default.aspx.

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, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. 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. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
 - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** Pennsylvania has a program called PACE and PACENET 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 (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 5 of this booklet).

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. 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 Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call 1-800-922-9384. If you are currently enrolled in an ADAP, it can continue to provide you with Medicare Part D prescription cost-sharing assistance for drugs on the ADAP formulary. In order to be sure you continue receiving this assistance, please notify your local ADAP enrollment worker of any changes in your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number. For information please call the State Pharmaceutical Benefit Program (SPBP) customer service at 1-800-922-9384. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call the State Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) Customer Service number at 1-800-922-9384 or send questions to <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HIV/Pages/Special-Pharmaceutical-Benefits.aspx>.

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO)

Questions? We are here to help. Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-498-9731 or Pharmacy Member Services at 1-800-988-4861 for additional information. TTY users should call PA Relay 711 or 1-800-654-5984 (This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing and speaking). Calls to these numbers are free.

Our business hours:

October 1– March 31	8 a.m. – 8 p.m. 7 days a week
April 1 – September 30	8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday

Read your 2022 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 2022. For details, look in the *2022 Evidence of Coverage* for Geisinger Gold Preferred Advantage Rx (PPO). 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.GeisingerGold.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.GeisingerGold.com. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider 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

You can visit the Medicare website (www.medicare.gov). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans. You can find information about plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

Read *Medicare & You 2022*

You can read *Medicare & You 2022* Handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website (www.medicare.gov) 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.