



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

### Annual Notice of Changes for 2024

You are currently enrolled as a member of Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced Rx (PPO). Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *Please see page 4 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.geisingergold.com](http://www.geisingergold.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 authorization requirements and costs.
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
- Check the changes in the 2024 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- 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 [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2024* handbook.
- 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, 2023, you will stay in Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced Rx (PPO).
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2024**. This will end your enrollment with Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced Rx (PPO).
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of 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.

**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 document. We can also give you plan information in braille, in audio, in 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](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

**About Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced 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 document says “we,” “us,” or “our”, it means Geisinger Indemnity Insurance Company. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced Rx (PPO).
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## Summary of Important Costs for 2024

The table below compares the 2023 costs and 2024 costs for Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced Rx (PPO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Monthly plan premium*</b></p> <p>* Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.</p>	\$0	\$15
<p><b>Maximum out-of-pocket amounts</b></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: \$7,550</p> <p>From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$7,550</p>	<p>From network providers: \$7,550</p> <p>From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$7,550</p>
<p><b>Doctor office visits</b></p>	<p><b>Primary care visits:</b></p> <p><b>In-Network:</b> \$0 copayment per visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$0 copayment per visit</p> <p><b>Specialist visits:</b></p> <p><b>In-Network:</b> \$35 copayment per visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$35 copayment per visit</p>	<p><b>Primary care visits:</b></p> <p><b>In-Network:</b> \$0 copayment per visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$0 copayment per visit</p> <p><b>Specialist visits:</b></p> <p><b>In-Network:</b> \$35 copayment per visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$35 copayment per visit</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Inpatient hospital stays</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p>For calendar year 2023, the inpatient hospital stays benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$975. This means you will not pay any more than \$975 for inpatient hospital stays.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p>For calendar year 2024, the inpatient hospital stays benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$975. This means you will not pay more than \$975 for inpatient hospital stays.</p>
<p><b>Inpatient hospital stays (Psychiatric)</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p>For calendar year 2023, the inpatient hospital stays (Psychiatric) benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$975. This means you will not pay any more than \$975 for inpatient Psychiatric care.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> \$325 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.</p> <p>For calendar year 2024, the inpatient hospital stays (Psychiatric) benefit will have a service specific maximum out-of-pocket of \$975. This means you will not pay more than \$975 for inpatient Psychiatric care.</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.5 for details.)</p>	<p><b>In-Network and Out-of-network</b> Deductible: \$0 Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$0 copayment</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$5 copayment</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 copayment</li> </ul> <p>You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each select insulin product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100 copayment</li> </ul> <p>You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each select insulin product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% coinsurance</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$0 copayment</li> </ul> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage)</p> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In-Network and Out-of-network</b> Deductible: \$0 Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$0 copayment</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$5 copayment</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 copayment</li> </ul> <p>You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100 copayment</li> </ul> <p>You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% coinsurance</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$0 copayment</li> </ul> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage)</p> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs.</li> </ul>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For each prescription, you pay whichever of these is larger: a payment equal to 5% of the cost of the drug (this is called <b>coinsurance</b>), 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).</li></ul>	You pay nothing.

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

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$15

- 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

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> 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.	\$7,550	\$7,550 Once you have paid \$7,550 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.



Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount</b></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 costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.</p>	<p>\$7,550</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$7,550</p> <p>Once you have paid \$7,550 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>

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out-of-pocket for 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.

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

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Updated directories are located on our website at [www.geisingergold.com](http://www.geisingergold.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 2024 Provider Directory 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 2024 Provider Directory 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 a 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	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Chiropractic services (in-network)</b>	You pay a \$20 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.	You pay a \$15 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.
<b>Chiropractic services (out-of-network)</b>	You pay a \$20 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.	You pay a \$15 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.
<b>Combined Benefit Package (Flexible Spending Card)</b>	\$500 combined in and out-of-network annual benefit using a prepaid flexible spending card to use towards additional supplemental dental, supplemental hearing and supplemental vision covered services.	\$450 combined in and out-of-network annual benefit using a prepaid flexible spending card to use towards supplemental routine eyewear, routine hearing exam copayment, routine eye exam copayment, additional dental coverage, hearing aids, hearing aid fitting and testing.
<b>Emergency Care</b>	<p>You pay a \$95 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.</p> <p>Copayment is waived if you are admitted to a hospital within 3 days for the same condition.</p>	<p>You pay a \$100 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.</p> <p>Copayment is waived if you are admitted to a hospital within 3 days for the same condition.</p>
<b>Hearing services - Hearing Aids, Hearing Aid Fitting and Testing</b>	Up to a \$100 annual allowance for both ears combined every year for hearing aids.	<b>Not</b> covered. See Combined Benefit Package.
<b>Medicare Part B prescription drugs (in-network)</b>	<p>You pay a 5% - 20% coinsurance depending on the Medicare-covered service.</p> <p>You pay 5% per month supply of insulin administered through an insulin pump.</p>	<p>You pay a 0% - 20% coinsurance depending on the Medicare-covered service.</p> <p>You will pay no more than a \$35 copayment per month supply for each covered insulin product.</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Medicare Part B prescription drugs (out-of-network)</b>	<p>You pay a 5% - 20% coinsurance depending on the Medicare-covered service.</p> <p>You pay 5% per month supply of insulin administered through an insulin pump.</p>	<p>You pay a 0% - 20% coinsurance depending on the Medicare-covered service.</p> <p>You will pay no more than a \$35 copayment per month supply for each covered insulin product.</p>
<b>Over the Counter Items (OTC)</b>	<p>You are eligible for \$25 every month to be used toward the purchase of over-the-counter (OTC) health and wellness products.</p> <p>Unused credits do not roll over to the next period.</p>	<p>You are eligible for \$35 every month to be used toward the purchase of over-the-counter (OTC) health and wellness products.</p> <p>Unused credits do not roll over to the next period.</p>
<b>Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services (in-network)</b>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.</p>	<p>You pay a \$15 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.</p>
<b>Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services (out-of-network)</b>	<p>You pay a \$20 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.</p>	<p>You pay a \$15 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.</p>
<b>Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI)</b>	<p>\$1,000 benefit limit per year.</p>	<p>Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) is <b>not</b> covered.</p>

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Vision care - Additional routine eyewear</b>	Up to a \$250 combined benefit every year for all additional eyewear.	<b>Not</b> covered. See Combined Benefit Package.
<b>Worldwide Emergency Coverage</b>	You pay a \$95 copayment per visit.  \$100,000 benefit limit per year (Combined Worldwide Emergency/Urgent Coverage)  Waive if admitted.	You pay a \$100 copayment per visit.  \$100,000 benefit limit per year (Combined Worldwide Emergency/Urgent Coverage/Ground Ambulance)  Waive if admitted.

## 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, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules. For instance, we can immediately remove drugs considered unsafe by the FDA or withdrawn from the market by a product manufacturer. We update our online "Drug List" to provide the most up to date list of drugs.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please

review Chapter 5 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 Pharmacy Member Services for more information.

**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. If you receive “Extra Help” and you haven’t received this insert by September 30, 2023, please call Member Services and ask for the LIS Rider.

There are four **drug payment stages**. The information below shows the changes 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.)

**Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (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

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></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>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 filled at a retail network pharmacy:</p> <p><b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic:</b> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2: Generic:</b> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p>You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each select insulin product.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a retail network pharmacy:</p> <p><b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic:</b> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 2: Generic:</b> You pay \$5 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p>You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product.</p>

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (continued)</b>	<b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Brand:</b> You pay \$100 per prescription.	<b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug:</b> You pay \$100 per prescription.
	You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each select insulin product.	You pay no more than \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product.
	<b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.	<b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.
	<b>Tier 6: Vaccines (\$0 cost sharing):</b> You pay \$0 per prescription.	<b>Tier 6: Vaccines (\$0 cost sharing):</b> You pay \$0 per prescription.
	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

**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.**

**Beginning in 2024, if you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for covered Part D drugs.**

For specific 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	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Over-the-Counter (OTC)</b>	InComm Healthcare & Affinity	NationsBenefits
<p><b>Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) – change in vendor</b></p> <p>(Geisinger Health Plan uses a vendor to process payments for all prescriptions filled at an outpatient pharmacy)</p>	PBM Vendor is PerformRx	<p>PBM Vendor is Navitus</p> <p>For additional information visit <a href="https://www.GeisingerHealthPlan.com/find">GeisingerHealthPlan.com/find</a> or call Member Services at 1-800-498-9731. 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).</p> <p>New ID cards should be presented at your pharmacy for prescriptions filled on or after Jan. 1, 2024.</p>

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced 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 Enhanced 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 plans for 2024 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 2024* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

As a reminder, Geisinger Indemnity Insurance 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 Enhanced 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 Enhanced 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 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, 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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan for January 1, 2024, 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, 2024.

If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of 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.

## 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 Pennsylvania, the SHIP is called Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (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 Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI) at 1-800-783-7067. You can learn more about Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI) by visiting their website (<https://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. 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 (applications).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** Pennsylvania has a program called PACE Program - Prescription Assistance 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. 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 Enhanced Rx (PPO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-498-9731 or Pharmacy Member Services at 1-800-988-4861 for additional information. TTY users should call PA Relay at 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 **2024 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. For details, look in the *2024 Evidence of Coverage* for Geisinger Gold Preferred Enhanced 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](http://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](http://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**

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 2024***

Read the *Medicare & You 2024* 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.