



Summary of Benefits for MediBlue PlusSM (HMO)

**Available in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and
Schenectady Counties in New York**

A health plan with a Medicare contract.

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Section I: Introduction to the Summary of Benefits

Thank you for your interest in MediBlue Plus (HMO). Our plan is offered by Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. (Empire BlueCross), a Medicare Advantage Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).

This Summary of Benefits tells you some features of our plan. It doesn't list every service that we cover or list every limitation or exclusion. To get a complete list of our benefits, please call MediBlue Plus (HMO) and ask for the "Evidence of Coverage."

You Have Choices in Your Health Care

As a Medicare beneficiary, you can choose from different Medicare options. One option is the Original (fee-for-service) Medicare plan. Another option is a Medicare health plan, like MediBlue Plus (HMO). You may have other options too. You make the choice. No matter what you decide, you are still in the Medicare program.

You may join or leave a plan only at certain times. Please call MediBlue Plus (HMO) at the telephone number listed at the end of this introduction or **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** for more information. TTY/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can call this number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How Can I Compare My Options?

You can compare MediBlue Plus (HMO) and the Original Medicare plan using this Summary of Benefits. The charts in this booklet list some important health benefits. For each benefit, you can see what our plan covers and what the Original Medicare plan covers.

Our members receive all of the benefits that the Original Medicare plan offers. We also offer more benefits, which may change from year to year.

Where Is MediBlue Plus (HMO) Available?

The service area for this plan includes the following counties:

New York: Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady counties.

You must live in one of these areas to join the plan.

Who Is Eligible to Join MediBlue Plus (HMO)?

You can join MediBlue Plus (HMO) if you are entitled to Medicare Part A and enrolled in Medicare Part B and live in the service area. However, individuals with end-stage renal disease are generally not eligible to enroll in MediBlue Plus (HMO) unless they are members of our organization and have been since their dialysis began.

Can I Choose My Doctors?

MediBlue Plus (HMO) has formed a network of doctors, specialists, and hospitals. You can only use doctors who are part of our network. The health providers in our network can change at any time.

You can ask for a current Provider Directory or for an up-to-date list visit us at www.empireblue.com.

Our customer service number is listed at the end of this introduction.

What Happens If I Go to a Doctor Who's Not in Your Network?

If you choose to go to a doctor outside of our network, you must pay for these services yourself. Neither MediBlue Plus (HMO) nor the Original Medicare plan will pay for these services.

Does My Plan Cover Medicare Part B or Part D Drugs?

MediBlue Plus (HMO) does cover both Medicare Part B prescription drugs and Medicare Part D prescription drugs.

Where Can I Get My Prescriptions If I Join This Plan?

MediBlue Plus (HMO) has formed a network of pharmacies. You must use a network pharmacy to receive plan benefits. We may not pay for your prescriptions if you use an out-of-network pharmacy, except in certain cases.

The pharmacies in our network can change at any time. You can ask for a pharmacy directory or visit us at www.empireblue.com/medicare. Our customer service number is listed at the end of this introduction.

MediBlue Plus (HMO) has a list of preferred pharmacies. At these pharmacies, you may get your drugs at a lower copay or coinsurance. You may go to a non-preferred pharmacy, but you may have to pay more for your prescription drugs.

What Is a Prescription Drug Formulary?

MediBlue Plus (HMO) uses a formulary. A formulary is a list of drugs covered by your plan to meet patient needs. We may periodically add, remove, or make changes to coverage limitations on certain drugs or change how much you pay for a drug. If we make any formulary change that limits our members' ability to fill their prescriptions, we will notify the affected enrollees before the change is made. We will send a formulary to you, and you can see our complete formulary on our website at www.empireblue.com/medicare.

If you are currently taking a drug that is not on our formulary or subject to additional requirements or limits, you may be able to get a temporary supply of the drug. You can contact us to request an exception or switch to an alternative drug listed on our formulary with your physician's help. Call us to see if you can get a temporary supply of the drug or for more details about our drug transition policy.

How Can I Get Extra Help With My Prescription Drug Plan Costs?

You may be able to get extra help to pay for your prescription drug premiums and costs. To see if you qualify for getting extra help, call:

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
- The Social Security Administration at **1-800-772-1213** between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY/TDD users should call 1-800-325-0778; or
- Your State Medicaid Office.

What Are My Protections in This Plan?

All Medicare Advantage plans agree to stay in the program for a full year at a time. Each year, the plans decide whether to continue for another year.

Even if a Medicare Advantage plan leaves the program, you will not lose Medicare coverage. If a plan decides not to continue, it must send you a letter at least 60 days before your coverage will end. The letter will explain your options for Medicare coverage in your area.

As a member of MediBlue Plus (HMO), you have the right to request an organization determination, which includes the right to file an appeal if we deny coverage for an item or service, and the right to file a grievance.

You have the right to request an organization determination if you want us to provide or pay for an item or service that you believe should be covered.

If we deny coverage for your requested item or service, you have the right to appeal and ask us to review our decision.

You may ask us for an expedited (fast) coverage determination or appeal if you believe that waiting for a decision could seriously put your life or health at risk, or affect your ability to regain maximum function. If your doctor makes or supports the expedited request, we must expedite our decision.

Finally, you have the right to file a grievance with us if you have any type of problem with us or one of our network providers that does not involve coverage for an item or service.

If your problem involves quality of care, you also have the right to file a grievance with the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for your state:

Island Peer Review Organization
1-800-331-7767

As a member of MediBlue Plus (HMO) you have the right to request a coverage determination, which includes the right to request an exception, the right to file an appeal if we deny coverage for a prescription drug, and the right to file a grievance.

You have the right to request a coverage determination if you want us to cover a Part D drug that you believe should be covered.

An exception is a type of coverage determination. You may ask us for an exception if you believe you need a drug that is not on our list of covered drugs or believe you should get a non-preferred drug at a lower out-of-pocket cost.

You can also ask for an exception to cost utilization rules, such as a limit on the quantity of a drug.

If you think you need an exception, you should contact us before you try to fill your prescription at a pharmacy. Your doctor must provide a statement to support your exception request.

If we deny coverage for your prescription drug(s), you have the right to appeal and ask us to review our decision.

Finally, you have the right to file a grievance if you have any type of problem with us or one of our network pharmacies that does not involve coverage for a prescription drug.

If your problem involves quality of care, you also have the right to file a grievance with the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for your state:

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What Is a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program?

A Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program is a free service we may offer. You may be invited to participate in a program designed for your specific health and pharmacy needs. You may decide not to participate, but it is recommended that you take full advantage of this covered service if you are selected. Contact MediBlue Plus (HMO) for more details.

What Types of Drugs May Be Covered Under Medicare Part B?

Some outpatient prescription drugs may be covered under Medicare Part B. These may include, but are not limited to, the following types of drugs. Contact MediBlue Plus (HMO) for more details.

- Some Antigens: If they are prepared by a doctor and administered by a properly instructed person (who could be the patient) under doctor supervision.
- Osteoporosis Drugs: Injectable drugs for osteoporosis for certain women with Medicare.
- Erythropoietin (Epoetin Alfa or Epogen®): By injection if you have end-stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure requiring either dialysis or transplantation) and need this drug to treat anemia.
- Hemophilia Clotting Factors: Self-administered clotting factors if you have hemophilia.
- Injectable Drugs: Most injectable drugs administered incident to a physician's service.
- Immunosuppressive Drugs: Immunosuppressive drug therapy for transplant patients if the

transplant was paid for by Medicare, or paid by a private insurance that paid as a primary payer to your Medicare Part A coverage, in a Medicare-certified facility.

- Some Oral Cancer Drugs: If the same drug is available in injectable form.
- Oral Anti-Nausea Drugs: If you are part of an anti-cancer chemotherapeutic regimen.
- Inhalation and Infusion Drugs provided through DME.

Plan Ratings

The Medicare program rates how well plans perform in different categories (for example, detecting and preventing illness, ratings from patients and customer service).

If you have access to the Web, you may use the Web tools on www.medicare.gov and select "Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans" or "Compare Health Plans and Medigap Policies in Your Area" to compare the plan ratings for Medicare plans in your area.

You can also call us directly at 1-800-499-9554 to obtain a copy of the plan ratings for this plan. TTY users call 1-800-241-6894.

Please Call Empire BlueCross for More Information About MediBlue Plus (HMO)

- Visit us at www.empireblue.com/medicare or call us:
- **Customer Service Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week
- **Current members should call, toll free, 1-800-499-9554** (TTY/TDD: 1-800-241-6894).
- **Prospective members should call, toll free, 1-800-809-7328** (TTY/TDD: 1-800-241-6894).
- **Current members should call, locally, 1-800-499-9554** (TTY/TDD: 1-800-241-6894).
- **Prospective members should call, locally, 1-800-809-7328** (TTY/TDD: 1-800-241-6894).
- **For more information about Medicare, please call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).** TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Or, visit www.medicare.gov on the Web.
- If you have special needs, this document may be available in other formats.

If you have any questions about this plan's benefits or costs, please contact Empire BlueCross and Blue Shield for details.

Section II: Summary of Benefits

Benefit	Original Medicare	MediBlue Plus (HMO)
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Important Information

<p>1. <i>Premium and Other Important Information</i></p>	<p>In 2009 the monthly Part B Premium was \$96.40 and will change for 2010 and the yearly Part B deductible amount was \$135 and will change for 2010.</p> <p>If a doctor or supplier does not accept assignment, their costs are often higher, which means you pay more.</p> <p>Most people will pay the standard monthly Part B premium. However, starting January 1, 2010, some people will pay a higher premium because of their yearly income. (For 2009, this amount was \$85,000 for singles, \$170,000 for married couples. This amount may change for 2010.) For more information about Part B premiums based on income, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.</p>	<p>General</p> <hr/> <p>\$60 monthly plan premium in addition to your monthly Medicare Part B premium.</p> <hr/> <p>In-Network</p> <p>\$4,000 out-of-pocket limit.</p> <p>There is no limit on cost sharing for the following services:</p> <p>Medicare Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hearing Services ▪ Vision Services <p>This limit includes only Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>2. <i>Doctor and Hospital Choice</i></p> <p>(For more information, see Emergency - #15 and Urgently Needed Care - #16.)</p>	<p>You may go to any doctor, specialist or hospital that accepts Medicare.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>You must go to network doctors, specialists, and hospitals.</p> <p>No referral required for network doctors, specialists, and hospitals.</p>

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Inpatient Care

<p>3. <i>Inpatient Hospital Care</i></p> <p>(includes Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Services)</p>	<p>In 2009 the amounts for each benefit period were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Days 1 - 60: \$1,068 deductible ▪ Days 61 - 90: \$267 per day ▪ Days 91 - 150: \$534 per lifetime reserve day <p>These amounts will change for 2010. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) for information about lifetime reserve days.</p> <p>Lifetime reserve days can only be used once.</p> <p>A “benefit period” starts the day you go into a hospital or skilled nursing facility. It ends when you go for 60 days in a row without hospital or skilled nursing care. If you go into the hospital after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. You must pay the inpatient hospital deductible for each benefit period. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>For Medicare-covered hospital stays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Days 1 - 7: \$75 copay per day ▪ Days 8 - 90: \$0 copay per day <p>\$0 copay for additional hospital days</p> <p>No limit to the number of days covered by the plan each benefit period.</p> <p>Except in an emergency, your doctor must tell the plan that you are going to be admitted to the hospital.</p>
<p>4. <i>Inpatient Mental Health Care</i></p>	<p>Same deductible and copay as inpatient hospital care (see “Inpatient Hospital Care” above).</p> <p>190-day lifetime limit in a psychiatric hospital.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>For Medicare-covered hospital stays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Days 1 - 7: \$75 copay per day ▪ Days 8 - 90: \$0 copay per day <p>Plan covers 60 lifetime reserve days. Cost per lifetime reserve day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Days 1 - 7: \$75 copay per day ▪ Days 8 - 60: \$0 copay per day <p>You get up to 190 days in a psychiatric hospital in a lifetime.</p> <p>Except in an emergency, your doctor must tell the plan that you are going to be admitted to the hospital.</p>

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<p>5. <i>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)</i></p> <p>(in a Medicare-certified skilled nursing facility)</p>	<p>In 2009 the amounts for each benefit period after at least a 3-day covered hospital stay were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Days 1 - 20: \$0 per day ▪ Days 21 - 100: \$133.50 per day <p>These amounts will change for 2010. 100 days for each benefit period.</p> <p>A “benefit period” starts the day you go into a hospital or SNF. It ends when you go for 60 days in a row without hospital or skilled nursing care. If you go into the hospital after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. You must pay the inpatient hospital deductible for each benefit period. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have.</p>	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network For SNF stays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Days 1 - 100: \$25 copay per day <p>Plan covers up to 100 days each benefit period No prior hospital stay is required.</p>
<p>6. <i>Home Health Care</i></p> <p>(includes medically-necessary intermittent skilled nursing care, home health aide services, and rehabilitation services, etc.)</p>	<p>\$0 copay.</p>	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered home health visits.</p>
<p>7. <i>Hospice</i></p>	<p>You pay part of the cost for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care.</p> <p>You must get care from a Medicare-certified hospice.</p>	<p>General You must get care from a Medicare-certified hospice.</p>

Outpatient Care

<p>8. <i>Doctor Office Visits</i></p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p>	<p>General See “Physical Exams” for more information.</p>
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		<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$10 copay for each primary care doctor visit for Medicare-covered benefits.</p> <p>\$20 copay for each in-area, network urgent care Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>\$20 copay for each specialist visit for Medicare-covered benefits.</p>
<p>9. <i>Chiropractic Services</i></p>	<p>Routine care not covered</p> <p>20% coinsurance for manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation (a displacement or misalignment of a joint or body part) if you get it from a chiropractor or other qualified providers.</p>	<p>General</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network</p> <p>\$20 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>Medicare-covered chiropractic visits are for manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation (a displacement or misalignment of a joint or body part) if you get it from a chiropractor or other qualified providers.</p>
<p>10. <i>Podiatry Services</i></p>	<p>Routine care not covered.</p> <p>20% coinsurance for medically necessary foot care, including care for medical conditions affecting the lower limbs.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$20 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>\$20 copay for up to one routine visit(s) every three months</p> <p>Medicare-covered podiatry benefits are for medically-necessary foot care.</p>
<p>11. <i>Outpatient Mental Health Care</i></p>	<p>45% coinsurance for most outpatient mental health services.</p>	<p>General</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network</p> <p>\$40 copay for each Medicare-covered individual or group therapy visit.</p>
<p>12. <i>Outpatient Substance Abuse Care</i></p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p>	<p>General</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network</p> <p>\$40 copay for Medicare-covered individual or group visits.</p>

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<p>13. <i>Outpatient Services/ Surgery</i></p>	<p>20% coinsurance for the doctor 20% of outpatient facility charges</p>	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network \$100 copay for each Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical center visit. \$20 to \$100 copay for each Medicare-covered outpatient hospital facility visit.</p>
<p>14. <i>Ambulance Services</i></p> <p>(medically-necessary ambulance services)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p>	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network \$50 copay for Medicare-covered ambulance benefits.</p>
<p>15. <i>Emergency Care</i></p> <p>(You may go to any emergency room if you reasonably believe you need emergency care.)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance for the doctor 20% of facility charge, or a set copay per emergency room visit</p> <p>You don't have to pay the emergency room copay if you are admitted to the hospital for the same condition within 3 days of the emergency room visit.</p> <p>NOT covered outside the U.S. except under limited circumstances.</p>	<p>General \$50 copay for Medicare-covered emergency room visits. Worldwide coverage. If you are admitted to the hospital within 72-hour(s) for the same condition, you pay \$0 for the emergency room visit</p>
<p>16. <i>Urgently Needed Care</i></p> <p>(This is NOT emergency care, and in most cases, is out of the service area.)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance, or a set copay NOT covered outside the U.S. except under limited circumstances.</p>	<p>General \$20 copay for Medicare-covered urgently needed care visits.</p>
<p>17. <i>Outpatient Rehabilitation Services</i></p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p>	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network \$20 to \$40 copay for Medicare-covered</p>

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(Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy)		occupational therapy visits. \$20 to \$40 copay for Medicare-covered physical and/or speech/language therapy visits.

Outpatient Medical Services and Supplies

<p>18. <i>Durable Medical Equipment</i></p> <p>(includes wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.)</p>	20% coinsurance	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network 20% of the cost for Medicare-covered items.</p>
<p>19. <i>Prosthetic Devices</i></p> <p>(includes braces, artificial limbs and eyes, etc.)</p>	20% coinsurance	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network 20% of the cost for Medicare-covered items.</p>
<p>20. <i>Diabetes Self-Monitoring Training, Nutrition Therapy, and Supplies</i></p> <p>(includes coverage for glucose monitors, test strips, lancets, screening tests, and self-management training)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p> <p>Nutrition therapy is for people who have diabetes or kidney disease (but aren't on dialysis or haven't had a kidney transplant) when referred by a doctor. These services can be given by a registered dietitian or include a nutritional assessment and counseling to help you manage your diabetes or kidney disease.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for diabetes self-monitoring training.</p> <p>\$0 copay for nutrition therapy for diabetes.</p> <p>10% of the cost for diabetes supplies.</p> <p>Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 copay may apply.</p>
<p>21. <i>Diagnostic Tests, X-Rays, Lab</i></p>	20% coinsurance for diagnostic tests and X-rays	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p>

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<p><i>Services, and Radiology Services</i></p>	<p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered lab services</p> <p>Lab Services: Medicare covers medically necessary diagnostic lab services that are ordered by your treating doctor when they are provided by a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certified laboratory that participates in Medicare. Diagnostic lab services are done to help your doctor diagnose or rule out a suspected illness or condition. Medicare does not cover most routine screening tests, like checking your cholesterol.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ lab services ▪ diagnostic procedures and tests <p>\$20 to \$60 copay for Medicare-covered X-rays.</p> <p>\$20 to \$60 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology services.</p> <p>20% of the cost for Medicare-covered therapeutic radiology services.</p> <p>Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 may apply.</p>

Preventive Services

<p>22. <i>Bone Mass Measurement</i></p> <p>(for people with Medicare who are at risk)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p> <p>Covered once every 24 months (more often if medically necessary) if you meet certain medical conditions.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered bone mass measurement</p> <p>Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 may apply.</p>
<p>23. <i>Colorectal Screening Exam</i></p> <p>(for people with Medicare age 50 and older)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance</p> <p>Covered when you are high risk or when you are age 50 and older.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered colorectal screenings.</p> <p>Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 may apply.</p>
<p>24. <i>Immunizations</i></p> <p>(Flu vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine - for people with Medicare who are at risk, pneumonia vaccine)</p>	<p>\$0 copay for flu and pneumonia vaccines</p> <p>20% coinsurance for Hepatitis B vaccine</p> <p>You may only need the pneumonia vaccine once in your lifetime. Call your doctor for more information.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for flu and pneumonia vaccines.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Hepatitis B vaccine.</p> <p>No referral needed for flu and pneumonia vaccines.</p>

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<p>25. <i>Mammograms (Annual Screenings)</i> (for women with Medicare age 40 and older)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance No referral needed. Covered once a year for all women with Medicare age 40 and older. One baseline mammogram covered for women with Medicare between age 35 and 39.</p>	<p>In-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered screening mammograms. Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 may apply.</p>
<p>26. <i>Pap Smears and Pelvic Exams</i> (for women with Medicare)</p>	<p>\$0 copay for Pap smears Covered once every 2 years. Covered once a year for women with Medicare at high risk. 20% coinsurance for pelvic exams</p>	<p>In-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered Pap smears and pelvic exams ▪ up to one additional Pap smear(s) and pelvic exam(s) every year Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 may apply.</p>
<p>27. <i>Prostate Cancer Screening Exams</i> (for men with Medicare age 50 and older)</p>	<p>20% coinsurance for the digital rectal exam. \$0 for the PSA test; 20% coinsurance for other related services. Covered once a year for all men with Medicare over age 50.</p>	<p>In-Network \$0 copay for Medicare-covered prostate cancer screening Separate office visit cost sharing of \$10 to \$20 may apply.</p>
<p>28. <i>End-Stage Renal Disease</i></p>	<p>20% coinsurance for renal dialysis 20% coinsurance for nutrition therapy for end-stage renal disease Nutrition therapy is for people who have diabetes or kidney disease (but aren't on dialysis or haven't had a kidney transplant) when referred by a doctor. These services can be given by a registered dietitian or include a nutritional assessment and counseling to help you manage your diabetes or kidney disease.</p>	<p>In-Network 10% of the cost for renal dialysis \$0 copay for nutrition therapy for end-stage renal disease</p>
<p>29. <i>Prescription Drugs</i></p>	<p>Most drugs are not covered under Original Medicare. You can add prescription drug coverage to Original Medicare by joining a Medicare Prescription Drug plan, or you can get all your Medicare coverage, including prescription drug coverage, by joining a</p>	<p><i>Drugs Covered Under Medicare Part B</i> General 20% of the cost for Part B-covered</p>

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	<p>Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Cost plan that offers prescription drug coverage.</p>	<p>chemotherapy drugs and other Part B-covered drugs.</p> <p><i>Drugs Covered Under Medicare Part D</i></p> <p>General</p> <p>This plan uses a formulary. The plan will send you the formulary. You can also see the formulary at www.empireblue.com/medicare on the Web.</p> <p>Different out-of-pocket costs may apply for people who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ have limited incomes, ▪ live in long-term care facilities, or ▪ have access to Indian / Tribal / Urban (Indian Health Service). <p>The plan offers national in-network prescription coverage (i.e., this would include 50 states and DC). This means that you will pay the same cost-sharing amount for your prescription drugs if you get them at an in-network pharmacy outside of the plan’s service area (for instance when you travel).</p> <p>Total yearly drug costs are the total drug costs paid by both you and the plan. Some drugs have quantity limits.</p> <p>Your provider must get prior authorization from MediBlue Plus (HMO) for certain drugs.</p> <p>You must go to certain pharmacies for a very limited number of drugs, due to special handling, provider coordination, or patient education requirements for these drugs that cannot be met by most pharmacies in your network. These drugs are listed on the plan’s website, formulary, and printed materials, as well as on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder on www.medicare.gov.</p> <p>If the actual cost of a drug is less than the normal cost-sharing amount for that drug, you will pay the actual cost, not the</p>

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		<p>higher cost-sharing amount.</p> <p>If you request a formulary exception for a drug and MediBlue Plus (HMO) approves the exception, you will pay Tier 3 Non-Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs cost-sharing for that drug.</p> <p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 deductible.</p> <p>Some covered drugs don't count toward your out-of-pocket drug costs.</p> <p>Initial Coverage</p> <p>You pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830:</p> <p>Retail Pharmacy</p> <p><i>Tier 1 Preferred Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier ▪ \$21 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 2 Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$42 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier ▪ \$126 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 3 Non-Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$80 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier ▪ \$240 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 4 Non-Specialty Injectable Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 33% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier ▪ 33% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier

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		<p><i>Tier 3 Non-Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$160 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier from a preferred mail-order pharmacy. ▪ \$240 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier from a non-preferred mail-order pharmacy. <p><i>Tier 4 Non-Specialty Injectable Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 33% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier from a preferred mail-order pharmacy. ▪ 33% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs in this tier from a non-preferred mail-order pharmacy. <p><i>Tier 5 Specialty Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 33% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier from a preferred mail-order pharmacy. ▪ 33% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier from a non-preferred mail-order pharmacy. <p>Coverage Gap</p> <p>The plan covers many generics (65%-99% of formulary generic drugs) through the coverage gap.</p> <p>You pay the following:</p> <p>Retail Pharmacy</p> <p><i>Tier 1 Preferred Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of all drugs covered in this tier ▪ \$21 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of all drugs covered in this tier

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		<p>Long-Term-Care Pharmacy</p> <p><i>Tier 1 Preferred Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$7 copay for a one-month (34-day) supply of all drugs covered in this tier <p>Mail Order</p> <p><i>Tier 1 Preferred Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$14 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of all drugs covered in this tier from a preferred mail-order pharmacy ▪ \$21 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of all drugs covered in this tier from a non-preferred mail-order pharmacy <p>For all other covered drugs, after your total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830, you pay 100%, until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550.</p> <p>Catastrophic Coverage</p> <p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A \$2.50 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and a \$6.30 copay for all other drugs, or ▪ 5% coinsurance. <p>Out-of-Network</p> <p>Plan drugs may be covered in special circumstances, for instance, illness while traveling outside of the plan’s service area where there is no network pharmacy. You may have to pay more than your normal cost-sharing amount if you get your drugs at an out-of-network pharmacy. In addition, you will likely have to pay the pharmacy’s full charge for the drug and submit documentation to receive reimbursement from MediBlue Plus (HMO).</p>

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		<p>Out-of-Network Initial Coverage</p> <p>You will be reimbursed up to the full cost of the drug, minus the following for drugs purchased out-of-network until total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830:</p> <p><i>Tier 1 Preferred Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 2 Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$42 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 3 Non-Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$80 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 4 Non-Specialty Injectable Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 33% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p><i>Tier 5 Specialty Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 33% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs in this tier <p>Out-of-Network Coverage Gap</p> <p>You will be reimbursed for these drugs purchased out-of-network up to the full cost of the drug, minus the following:</p> <p><i>Tier 1 Preferred Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of all drugs covered in this tier <p><i>Tier 2 Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After your total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830, you pay 100% of the pharmacy's full charge for drugs purchased out-of-network, until your

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		<p>yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You will not be reimbursed by MediBlue Plus (HMO) for out-of-network purchases when you are in the coverage gap. ▪ However, you should still submit documentation to MediBlue Plus (HMO) so we can add the amounts you spent out-of-network to your total out-of-pocket costs for the year. <p><i>Tier 3 Non-Preferred Brand & Certain Generic Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After your total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830, you pay 100% of the pharmacy’s full charge for drugs purchased out-of-network, until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550. ▪ You will not be reimbursed by MediBlue Plus (HMO) for out-of-network purchases when you are in the coverage gap. ▪ However, you should still submit documentation to MediBlue Plus (HMO) so we can add the amounts you spent out-of-network to your total out-of-pocket costs for the year. <p><i>Tier 4 Non-Specialty Injectable Drugs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After your total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830, you pay 100% of the pharmacy’s full charge for drugs purchased out-of-network, until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550. ▪ You will not be reimbursed by MediBlue Plus (HMO) for out-of-network purchases when you are in the coverage gap. ▪ However, you should still submit documentation to MediBlue Plus (HMO) so we can add the amounts you

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		<p>spent out-of-network to your total out-of-pocket costs for the year.</p> <p>Tier 5 Specialty Drugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ After your total yearly drug costs reach \$2,830, you pay 100% of the pharmacy’s full charge for drugs purchased out-of-network, until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550. ▪ You will not be reimbursed by MediBlue Plus (HMO) for out-of-network purchases when you are in the coverage gap. ▪ However, you should still submit documentation to MediBlue Plus (HMO) so we can add the amounts you spent out-of-network to your total out-of-pocket costs for the year. <p>Out-of-Network Catastrophic Coverage</p> <p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,550, you will be reimbursed for drugs purchased out-of-network up to the full cost of the drug, minus the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A \$2.50 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and a \$6.30 copay for all other drugs, or ▪ 5% coinsurance.
<p>30. <i>Dental Services</i></p>	<p>Preventive dental services (such as cleaning) not covered.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered dental benefits</p> <p>In general, preventive dental benefits (such as cleaning) not covered.</p>
<p>31. <i>Hearing Services</i></p>	<p>Routine hearing exams and hearing aids not covered.</p> <p>20% coinsurance for diagnostic hearing exams.</p>	<p>In-Network</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic hearing exams</p> <p>\$0 copay for</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ up to one routine hearing test(s) every year ▪ up to one fitting-evaluation(s) for a hearing aid every year \$0 copay for up to two hearing aid(s) every three years. \$1,000 limit for hearing aids every three years.
32. <i>Vision Services</i>	20% coinsurance for diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye. Routine eye exams and glasses not covered. Medicare pays for one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery. Annual glaucoma screenings covered for people at risk.	In-Network \$0 copay for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery ▪ up to one pair(s) of glasses every two years ▪ up to one pair(s) of contacts every two years \$20 copay for exams to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye. \$20 copay for up to one routine eye exam(s) every year \$175 limit for eye glasses (lenses and frames) every two years. \$80 limit for contact lenses every two years. Plan offers additional vision benefits.
33. <i>Physical Exams</i>	20% coinsurance for one exam within the first 12 months of your new Medicare Part B coverage When you get Medicare Part B, you can get a one time physical exam within the first 12 months of your new Part B coverage. The coverage does not include lab tests.	In-Network \$0 copay for routine exams. No limit on the number of covered exams.
<i>Health/Wellness Education</i>	Smoking Cessation: Covered if ordered by your doctor. Includes two counseling attempts within a 12-month period if you are diagnosed with a smoking-related illness or are taking medicine that may be affected by	In-Network The plan covers the following health/wellness education benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ health club membership/fitness classes

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	tobacco. Each counseling attempt includes up to four face-to-face visits. You pay coinsurance, and Part B deductible applies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ nursing hotline \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered smoking cessation counseling session.
<i>Transportation</i> (Routine)	Not covered.	<p>General Authorization rules may apply.</p> <p>In-Network \$0 copay for up to 24 one-way trip(s) to plan-approved location every year.</p>
<i>Acupuncture</i>	Not covered.	<p>In-Network This plan does not cover acupuncture.</p>