

**Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
Medicare Advantage Connect (PPO) offered by
SAPPHIRE EDGE, INC.**

Annual Notice of Change for 2026

You're enrolled as a member of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect (PPO).

This material describes changes to our plan's costs and benefits next year.

- **You have from October 15 – December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.** If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2025, you'll stay in Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect.
- To change to a **different plan**, visit **www.Medicare.gov** or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2026* handbook.
- Note this is only a summary of changes. More information about costs, benefits, and rules is in the *Evidence of Coverage*. Get a copy at **myNebraskaBlue.com** or call Member Services at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) to get a copy by mail.

More Resources

- Per the final rule CMS-4205-F released on April 4, 2024, §§ 422.2267(e)(31)(ii) and 423.2267(e)(33)(ii), plans must provide a Notice of Availability of language assistance services and auxiliary aids and services that at a minimum states that our plan provides language assistance services and appropriate auxiliary aids and services free of charge. Our plan must provide the notice in English and at least the 15 languages most commonly spoken by people with limited English proficiency in the relevant state or states in our plan's service area and must provide the notice in alternate formats for people with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication.
- Call Member Services at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711). Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Central time, seven days a week from Oct. 1 through March 31; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Central time, Monday through Friday, April 1 through Sept. 30. This call is free.
- This document is available for free in large print, braille, and audio. Please call Member Services at the number listed above.

About Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect

- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage depends on contract renewal.

- When this material says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means SAPPHIRE EDGE, INC. (Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska). When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect.
- **If you do nothing by December 7, 2025, you’ll automatically be enrolled in Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect.** Starting January 1, 2026, you’ll get your medical and drug coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect. Go to Section 3 for more information about how to change plans and deadlines for making a change.

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Summary of Important Costs for 2026

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium can be higher than this amount. Go to Section 1 for details.	\$0	\$0
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the <u>most</u> you'll pay out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services. (Go to Section 1.2 for details.)	From network providers: \$4,900 From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$8,000	From network providers: \$4,900 From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$8,000
Primary care office visits	\$0 per visit	\$0 per visit
Specialist office visits	\$35 per visit	\$35 per visit
Inpatient hospital stays Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you're formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you're discharged is your last inpatient day.	For Medicare-covered hospital stays: \$400 copay per day for days 1 through 4 \$0 copay per day for days 5 and beyond.	For Medicare-covered hospital stays: \$400 copay per day for days 1 through 4 \$0 copay per day for days 5 and beyond.
Part D drug coverage deductible (Go to Section 1.7 for details.)	\$0	\$400 on Tier 4 and Tier 5 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Part D drug coverage (Go to Section 1.7 for details, including Yearly Deductible, Initial Coverage, and Catastrophic Coverage Stages.)	Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: Drug Tier 1: \$0 copay per prescription Drug Tier 2: \$14 copay per prescription Drug Tier 3: \$47 copay per prescription You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Drug Tier 4: \$100 copay per prescription You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost Catastrophic Coverage Stage: During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.	Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: Drug Tier 1: \$0 copay per prescription Drug Tier 2: \$14 copay per prescription Drug Tier 3: \$47 copay per prescription You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Drug Tier 4: \$100 copay per prescription (<i>after deductible</i>) You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Drug Tier 5: 28% of the total cost (<i>after deductible</i>) Catastrophic Coverage Stage: During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 Changes to the Monthly Plan Premium

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Monthly plan premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0
Part B premium reduction This amount will be deducted from your Part B premium. This means you'll pay less for Part B.	\$12	\$0

Factors that could change your Part D Premium Amount

- Late Enrollment Penalty - Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you're required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that's at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- Higher Income Surcharge - If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for Medicare drug coverage.

Section 1.2 Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out of pocket for the year. This limit is called the maximum out-of-pocket amount. Once you've paid this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) from network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$4,900	\$4,900 Once you've paid \$4,900 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount (continued) Your costs for prescription drugs don't count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		network providers for the rest of the calendar year.
Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) from in-network and out-of-network providers count toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for outpatient prescription drugs don't count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.	\$8,000	\$8,000 Once you've paid \$8,000 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll 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.

Section 1.3 Changes to the Provider Network

Our network of providers has changed for next year. Review the 2026 *Provider Directory* **NebraskaBlue.com/MedicareProviders** to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network. Here's how to get an updated *Provider Directory*:

- Visit our website at **NebraskaBlue.com/MedicareProviders**.
- Call Member Services at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) to get current provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*.

We can make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, call Member Services at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) for help.

Section 1.4 Changes to the Pharmacy Network

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs can 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 no changes to our network of pharmacies for next year.

We can make changes to the pharmacies that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our pharmacies affects you, call Member Services at 855-457-1349 (TTY users call 711) for help.

Section 1.5 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Medical Services

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Cardiac rehabilitation services	\$55 copay for Medicare-covered in-network intensive cardiac rehabilitation services. \$60 copay for Medicare-covered out-of-network intensive cardiac rehabilitation services.	\$50 copay for Medicare-covered in-network intensive cardiac rehabilitation services. \$60 copay for Medicare-covered out-of-network intensive cardiac rehabilitation services.
Chiropractic services	\$20 copay for each Medicare-covered visit. \$20 copay for each routine care visit.	\$15 copay for each Medicare-covered visit. \$15 copay for each routine care visit.
Dental services	You receive a maximum member reimbursement of \$1,500 for supplemental preventive and comprehensive dental services.	You receive a maximum member reimbursement of \$1,200 for supplemental preventive and comprehensive dental services.
Diabetes supplies	\$0 copay for preferred Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) products. Preferred products are Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7 when used with a Dexcom Receiver, Abbott Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2, and Freestyle Libre 3 when used with a Freestyle Libre receiver.	\$0 copay for preferred Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) products when purchased from a network pharmacy. Preferred products are Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7 when used with a Dexcom Receiver, and Abbott Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2 Plus

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Diabetes supplies (continued)	20% coinsurance for all non-preferred CGM products.	and Freestyle Libre 3, Freestyle Libre 3 Plus when used with a Freestyle Libre receiver. 20% coinsurance for all non-preferred CGM products and/or CGMs purchased through a DME supplier.
Health fitness program	\$0 copay for FitOn Health. Members are provided a monthly allotment of 32 credits to use within the FitOn Health network. Any unused credits from the monthly allotment do not carry over to the next month. Fitness services must be provided at FitOn Health participating locations.	You receive a \$300 annual Fitness Allowance on your FlexCard. Fitness funds can be used toward gym memberships, studio classes, home fitness videos, and fitness equipment available through the Fitness catalog on myNebraskaBlue.com. Any unused allowance does not carry over to the next year.
Outpatient diagnostic colonoscopies and mammograms	\$350 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic colonoscopies. \$195 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic mammograms.	\$0 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic colonoscopies. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic mammograms.
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care	For Medicare-covered Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care: In-Network \$0 copay per day for days 1-20.	For Medicare-covered Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care: In-Network \$0 copay per day for days 1-20.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care (continued)	\$196 copay per day for days 21-50. \$0 copay per day for days 51-100. Out-of-Network \$0 copay per day for days 1-20. \$196 copay per day for days 21-65. \$0 copay per day for days 66-100.	\$214 copay per day for days 21-70. \$0 copay per day for days 71-100. Out-of-Network \$0 copay per day for days 1-20. \$214 copay per day for days 21-90. \$0 copay per day for days 91-100.
Urgently needed services	\$55 copay for Medicare-covered urgently needed services.	\$50 copay for Medicare-covered urgently needed services.

Section 1.6 Changes to Part D Drug Coverage

Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a formulary or Drug List. A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically.

We made changes to our Drug List, which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs, or moving them to a different cost-sharing tier. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the calendar year. We update our online Drug List at least monthly to provide the most up-to-date list of drugs. If we make a change that will affect your access to a drug you're taking, we'll send you a notice about the change.

If you're affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, review Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage* and talk to your prescriber to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception, and/or working to find a new drug. Call Member Services at 855-457-1349 (TTY users call 711) for more information.

Starting in 2026, we can immediately remove brand name drugs or original biological products on our Drug List if we replace them with new generics or certain biosimilar versions of the brand name drug or original biological product on the same or lower cost-sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions. Also, when adding a new version, we can decide to keep the brand name drug or original biological product on our Drug List but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions or both.

For example: If you take a brand name drug or biological product that's being replaced by a generic or biosimilar version, you may not get notice of the change 30 days in advance, or before you get a month's supply of the brand name drug or biological product. You might get information on the specific change after the change is already made.

Some of these drug types may be new to you. For definitions of drug types, go to Chapter 12 of your *Evidence of Coverage*. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also provides consumer information on drugs. Go to the FDA website: [www.FDA.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients). You can also call Member Services at 855-457-1349 (TTY users call 711) or ask your health care provider, prescriber, or pharmacist for more information.

Section 1.7 Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits & Costs

Do you get Extra Help to pay for your drug coverage costs?

If you're in a program that helps pay for your drugs (Extra Help), **the information about costs for Part D drugs may not apply to you**. We sent you a separate material, called the *Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs*, which tells about your drug costs. If you get Extra Help and you don't get this material by October 1st, call Member Services at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *LIS Rider*.

Drug Payment Stages

There are **3 drug payment stages**: the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. The Coverage Gap Stage and the Coverage Gap Discount Program no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

- **Stage 1: Yearly Deductible**

You start in this payment stage each calendar year. During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 4 and Tier 5 Part D drugs until you reach the yearly deductible.

- **Stage 2: Initial Coverage**

Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. In this stage, our plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share of the

cost. You generally stay in this stage until your year-to-date Out-of-Pocket costs reach \$2,100.

- **Stage 3: Catastrophic Coverage**

This is the third and final drug payment stage. In this stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs. You generally stay in this stage for the rest of the calendar year.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program has been replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of our plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Initial Coverage Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program don't count toward out-of-pocket costs.

Drug Costs in Stage 1: Yearly Deductible

The table shows your cost per prescription during this stage.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Yearly Deductible	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage doesn't apply to you.	\$400 During this stage, you pay \$0 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1, \$14 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 2, \$47 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 3, and the full cost of drugs on Tier 4 and Tier 5 until you've reached the yearly deductible.

Drug Costs in Stage 2: Initial Coverage

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. Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you. For more information about the costs of vaccines, or information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, go to Chapter 6 of your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Once you've paid \$2,100 out of pocket for covered Part D drugs, you'll move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Tier 1: Preferred Generic 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.	\$0 copay per prescription	\$0 copay per prescription
Tier 2: Generic 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.	\$14 copay per prescription	\$14 copay per prescription
Tier 3: Preferred Brand 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.	\$47 copay per prescription You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.	\$47 copay per prescription You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug 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.	\$100 copay per prescription You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.	\$100 copay per prescription (after deductible) You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.
Tier 5: Specialty Tier 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.	33% of the total cost	28% of the total cost (after deductible)

Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage

If you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.

For specific information about your costs in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, go to Chapter 6, Section 6 in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Health fitness program	Phone: 855-706-2284 FitOnHealth.com/BCBSNE	Phone: 844-451-1003 myNebraskaBlue.com
Medicare Prescription Payment Plan	The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a payment option that began this year and can help you manage your out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by our plan by spreading them across the calendar year (January-December). You may be participating in this payment option.	If you're participating in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan and stay in the same Part D plan, your participation will be automatically renewed for 2026. To learn more about this payment option, call us at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) or visit www.Medicare.gov.

SECTION 3 How to Change Plans

To stay in Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect, you don't need to do anything. Unless you sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, 2025, you'll automatically be enrolled in our Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect.

If you want to change plans for 2026, follow these steps:

- **To change to a different Medicare health plan,** enroll in the new plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect.
- **To change to Original Medicare with Medicare drug coverage,** enroll in the new Medicare drug plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect.
- **To change to Original Medicare without a drug plan,** you can send us a written request to disenroll. Call Member Services at 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) for

more information on how to do this. Or call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. If you don't enroll in a Medicare drug plan, you may pay a Part D late enrollment penalty (Go to Section 1.1).

- **To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans,** visit **www.Medicare.gov**, check the *Medicare & You 2026* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (go to Section 5), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). As a reminder, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare drug plans. These other plans can have different coverage, monthly plan premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Section 3.1 Deadlines for Changing Plans

People with Medicare can make changes to their coverage from **October 15 – December 7** each year.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2026, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without separate Medicare drug coverage) between January 1 – March 31, 2026.

Section 3.2 Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, people can have other chances to change their coverage during the year. Examples include people who:

- Have Medicaid
- Get Extra Help paying for their drugs
- Have or are leaving employer coverage
- Move out of our plan's service area

If you recently moved into or currently live in, an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can change your Medicare coverage **at any time**. You can change to any other Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without separate Medicare drug coverage) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for 2 full months after the month you move out.

SECTION 4 Get Help Paying for Prescription Drugs

You can qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Different kinds of help are available:

- **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 drug plan premiums, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Also, people who qualify won't have a late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday – Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users call 1-800-325-0778.
- Your State Medicaid Office.
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible people living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your state, you 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 drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing help through the Ryan White Part B Program, Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program, or, if you're currently enrolled, how to continue getting help, call 402-471-3121 (TTY users call 800-833-7352). Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.
- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a payment option that works with your current drug coverage to help you manage your out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by our plan by spreading them across the calendar year (January – December). Anyone with a Medicare drug plan or Medicare health plan with drug coverage (like a Medicare Advantage plan with drug coverage) can use this payment option. **This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.**

Extra Help from Medicare and help from your SPAP and ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. To learn more about this payment option, call us at 888-488-9850 (TTY users should call 711) or visit **www.Medicare.gov**.

SECTION 5 Questions?

Get Help from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect

- **Call Member Services at 888-488-9850. (TTY users call 711.)**

We're available for phone calls 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Central time, seven days a week from Oct. 1 through March 31; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Central time, Monday through Friday, April 1 through Sept. 30. Calls to these numbers are free.

- **Read your 2026 *Evidence of Coverage***

This *Annual Notice of Change* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2026. For details, go to the 2026 *Evidence of Coverage* for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Medicare Advantage Connect. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of our plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. Get the *Evidence of Coverage* on our website at **myNebraskaBlue.com** or call Member Services 888-488-9850 (TTY users call 711) to ask us to mail you a copy.

- **Visit Medicare.NebraskaBlue.com**

Our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory/Pharmacy Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs* (formulary/Drug List).

Get Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Nebraska, the SHIP is called Nebraska State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

Call Nebraska SHIP to get free personalized health insurance counseling. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. Call Nebraska SHIP at 800-234-7119 (TTY 800-833-7352). Learn more about Nebraska SHIP by visiting **doi.nebraska.gov/ship-smp**.

Get Help 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 can call 1-877-486-2048.

- **Chat live with www.Medicare.gov**

You can chat live at **www.Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone**.

- **Write to Medicare**

You can write to Medicare at PO Box 1270, Lawrence, KS 66044

- **Visit www.Medicare.gov**

The official Medicare website has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area.

- **Read *Medicare & You 2026***

The *Medicare & You 2026* handbook is mailed to people with Medicare every fall. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most

frequently asked questions about Medicare. Get a copy at **www.Medicare.gov** or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.