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- › See if your prescriptions are on our covered drug list (formulary) — available **Oct. 15, 2024**.
- › View a copy of our Evidence of Coverage (EOC) — available **Oct. 15, 2024**.
- › Check your claims and balances anytime.

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# Multi-language Interpreter Services

**English:** We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

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**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

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## ***BlueAdvantage Extra (PPO)<sup>SM</sup> offered by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc.***

### **Annual Notice of Changes for 2025**

You are currently enrolled as a member of BlueAdvantage Extra. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. ***Please see page 5 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 [bcbstmedicare.com](http://bcbstmedicare.com). You may also call Member Service 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 coverage restrictions and cost sharing.
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
  - Check the changes in the 2025 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
  - Compare the 2024 and 2025 plan information to see if any of these drugs are moving to a different cost-sharing tier or will be subject to different restrictions, such as prior authorization, step therapy, or a quantity limit, for 2025.

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- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers, including pharmacies, will be in our network next year.
- Check if you qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” from Medicare.
- 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 the [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. For additional support, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to speak with a trained counselor.
- 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, 2024, you will stay in BlueAdvantage Extra.
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2025**. This will end your enrollment with BlueAdvantage Extra.
- If you recently moved into or currently live in 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. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

### Additional Resources

- Please contact our Member Service number at **1-800-831-2583** for additional information. (TTY users should call **711**.) Hours are from **Oct. 1 to March 31**, you can call us seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. From **April 1 to Sept. 30**, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. This call is free.
- This material is also available in alternate formats (e.g., braille, large print, audio).
- **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 BlueAdvantage Extra

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- BlueAdvantage is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in BlueAdvantage depends on contract renewal.
  - When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our”, it means BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means BlueAdvantage Extra.
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**Summary of Important Costs for 2025**

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for BlueAdvantage Extra in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (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>	<p><b>\$23</b></p>	<p><b>\$26</b></p>
<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: <b>\$3,900</b></p> <p>From network and out-of-network providers combined: <b>\$9,550</b></p>	<p>From network providers: <b>\$4,200</b></p> <p>From network and out-of-network providers combined: <b>\$9,550</b></p>
<p><b>Doctor office visits</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>Primary care visits: <b>\$0</b> copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: <b>\$25</b> copay per visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>Primary care visits: <b>\$10</b> copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: <b>\$30</b> copay per visit</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p>Primary care visits: <b>\$0</b> copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: <b>\$25</b> copay per visit</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p>Primary care visits: <b>\$10</b> copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: <b>\$30</b> copay per visit</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p><b>Medicare-covered stay</b>                      \$195 copay per day for days 1-5                      \$0 copay per day for additional days</p> <p><b>Non-Medicare covered stay</b>                      Non-Medicare covered stay is <u>not</u> covered</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p><b>Medicare-covered stay</b>                      \$295 copay per day for days 1-5                      \$0 copay per day for additional days</p> <p><b>Non-Medicare-covered stay</b>                      Non-Medicare-covered stay is <u>not</u> covered</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b></p> <p><b>Medicare-covered stay</b>                      \$195 copay per day for days 1-5                      \$0 copay per day for additional days</p> <p><b>Non-Medicare covered stay</b>                      Non-Medicare covered stay is <u>not</u> covered</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b></p> <p><b>Medicare-covered stay</b>                      \$295 copay per day for days 1-5                      \$0 copay per day for additional days</p> <p><b>Non-Medicare-covered stay</b>                      Non-Medicare-covered stay is <u>not</u> covered</p>



Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.5 for details.) *The amount you pay is determined by the covered Part D prescription and your low-income subsidy coverage. Please refer to your LIS Rider for the specific amount you pay.</p>	<p><b>Deductible: \$545</b> Copayment/ Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: Drug Tier 1: Generic and Brand Drugs: <b>Standard cost sharing: 25%</b> coinsurance <b>OR</b> Generic: <b>\$0 to \$4.50 copay*</b> Brand: <b>\$0 to \$11.20 copay</b></p> <p>You pay no more than <b>\$35</b> per one-month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</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>	<p><b>Deductible: \$590</b> Copayment/ Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: Drug Tier 1: Generic and Brand Drugs: <b>Standard cost sharing: 25%</b> coinsurance <b>OR</b> Generic: <b>\$0 to \$4.90 copay*</b> <b>Brand:</b> <b>\$0 to \$12.15 copay*</b></p> <p>You pay no more than <b>\$35</b> per one-month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.</li> </ul>

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

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$23	\$26

- 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

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.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (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.	\$3,900	\$4,200 Once you have paid <b>\$4,200</b> 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	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>	<b>\$9,550</b>	<b>\$9,550</b>
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 outpatient prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.		Once you have paid <b>\$9,550</b> 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.

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

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered only if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies.

Updated directories are located on our website at [bcbstmedicare.com](http://bcbstmedicare.com). You may also call Member Service 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 2025 Provider Directory [bcbst.sapphirecareselect.com](http://bcbst.sapphirecareselect.com) 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 2025 Pharmacy Directory [bcbst.sapphirecareselect.com](http://bcbst.sapphirecareselect.com) 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 part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Member Service so we may assist.

**Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services**

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Dental services - Supplemental (Annual Allowance)</b> including Preventive, Restorative and Specialty (as outlined below)</p>	<p><b>In- and Out-of-Network:</b> You have a <b>\$2,500</b> annual allowance per year toward all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the <b>\$2,500</b> allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>	<p><b>In- and Out-of-Network:</b> You have a <b>\$2,500</b> annual allowance per year toward all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>Cost share may be based on services received (see below). You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the <b>\$2,500</b> allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>
<p><b>Dental services - Supplemental (Preventive)</b> Preventive and comprehensive dental services such as standard diagnostic exams, problem focused oral evaluations, cleanings, bitewing/panoramic/full-mouth x-rays and extractions</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$0</b> copay through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay <b>50%</b> of the billed charges through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$0</b> copay through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay <b>50%</b> of the billed charges through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Dental services - Supplemental (Restorative)</b> Restorative services such as fillings, crowns, bridges, implants, removable dentures, and oral and maxillofacial surgery</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$0</b> copay through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay <b>50%</b> of the billed charges through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay <b>20%</b> of the Plan-allowed amount through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay <b>50%</b> of the billed charges through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>
<p><b>Dental services - Supplemental (Specialty services)</b> Endodontics and Periodontics for services such as root canals and treatment of gingivitis</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$0</b> copay through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay <b>50%</b> of the billed charges through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$0</b> copay through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay <b>50%</b> of the billed charges through the annual allowance for all covered supplemental dental services.</p> <p>You pay <b>100%</b> of charges beyond the allowance, for non-covered services or if you exceed a service limit.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Care - Domestic</b></p>	<p><b>In- and Out-of-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$120</b> copay per visit</p>	<p><b>In- and Out-of-Network:</b> You pay a <b>\$125</b> copay per visit</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Outpatient Hospital Observation</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay per stay</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount per stay</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$175 copay per stay</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount per stay</p>
<p><b>Over-the-Counter (OTC) Benefits</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay through the \$125 quarterly allowance for OTC products</p> <p>This benefit is <b>administered by CVS</b> and is available by phone, online catalog or by shopping at your local CVS store. There is no roll-over of the allowance from one quarter to another.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> Not covered - must use designated vendor</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay through the \$125 quarterly allowance for OTC products</p> <p>This benefit will be <b>administered by Medline</b> and is available by phone, online catalog order or mail order form. There is no roll-over of the allowance from one quarter to another.</p> <p><b>Medline contact information:</b> Online: <a href="http://bcbstmedicare.com/OTC">bcbstmedicare.com/OTC</a> Phone: 1-844-995-5834 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> Not covered - must use designated vendor</p>
<p><b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) stay</b></p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for days 1-20</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You pay a \$0 copay for days 1-20</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p>You pay a <b>\$203</b> copay for days 21-100</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount per admission</p>	<p>You pay a <b>\$214</b> copay for days 21-100</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> You pay 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount per admission</p>
<b>Transportation Services</b>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You have <b>24</b> one-way trips to Plan-approved locations per year, not to exceed 50 miles one-way per trip</p> <p>This benefit is administered by <b>Verida</b>.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> Not covered - must use designated vendor</p>	<p><b>In-Network:</b> You have <b>24</b> one-way trips to Plan-approved locations per year, not to exceed 50 miles one-way per trip.</p> <p>This benefit will be administered by <b>Kaizen Health</b>. Kaizen can be reached by phone at 1-844-908-3663. Their hours are Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, and on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.</p> <p><b>Out-of-Network:</b> Not covered - must use designated vendor</p>

## 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, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the plan 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 are taking, we will send you a notice about the change.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 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 Member Service for more information.

Starting in 2025, we may 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 may 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.

This means, for instance, if you are taking a brand name drug or biological product that is being replaced by a generic or biosimilar version, you may not get notice of the change 30 days before we make it or get a month's supply of your brand name drug or biological product at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the brand name drug or biological product at the time we make the change, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after we make the change.

Some of these drug types may be new to you. For definitions of the drug types that are discussed throughout this chapter, please see Chapter 12 of your *Evidence of Coverage*. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also provides consumer information on drugs. See FDA website: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients>. You may also contact Member Service or ask your health care provider, prescriber, or pharmacist for more information.

### **Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits and 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 Sept. 30, 2024, please call Member Service and ask for the *LIS Rider*.



Beginning in 2025, there are three **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 will no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program will also be replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the 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 do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b>	The deductible is <b>\$545</b> .	The deductible is <b>\$590</b> .

### Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and <b>you pay your share of the cost</b>.</p> <p>The costs in this chart are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy. For information about costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply is <b>25%</b> coinsurance.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Generic: <b>\$0 to \$4.50</b> copay*</p> <p>Brand: <b>\$0 to \$11.20</b> copay*</p> <p>You pay no more than <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached <b>\$5,030</b>, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy is <b>25%</b> coinsurance.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Generic: <b>\$0 to \$4.90</b> copay*</p> <p>Brand: <b>\$0 to \$12.15</b> copay*</p> <p>You pay no more than <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached <b>\$2,000</b>, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> . Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.	*The amount you pay is determined by the covered Part D prescription and your low-income subsidy coverage. Please refer to your LIS Rider for the specific amount you pay.	*The amount you pay is determined by the covered Part D prescription and your low-income subsidy coverage. Please refer to your LIS Rider for the specific amount you pay.

**Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage**

The Catastrophic Coverage Stage is the third and final stage. Beginning in 2025, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan’s full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

**If you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.**

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

**SECTION 2 Administrative Changes**

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Medicare Prescription Payment Plan	Not Applicable	The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option that works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across <b>monthly payments that vary throughout the year</b> (January - December).  To learn more about this payment option, please

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
		contact us at 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711, or visit Medicare.gov.

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in BlueAdvantage Extra

**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 BlueAdvantage Extra.

### 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 2025 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 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

As a reminder, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. (Plan/Part D Sponsor) 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 BlueAdvantage Extra.

- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from BlueAdvantage Extra.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Service 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, 2025.

### 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, 2025, 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, 2025.

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 (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. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

## 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 Tennessee, the SHIP is called Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program 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 Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 1-877-801-0044 (Toll-Free). You can learn more about Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program by visiting their website ([www.tn.gov/aging/our-programs/state-health-insurance-assistance-program--ship-.html](http://www.tn.gov/aging/our-programs/state-health-insurance-assistance-program--ship-.html)).

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

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Georgia State Health Insurance Assistance Program 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 Georgia State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 1-866-552-4464 (Toll-Free). You can learn more about Georgia State Health Insurance Assistance Program by visiting their website (<https://aging.georgia.gov/georgia-ship>).

## 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, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a 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.
- **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. To be eligible for the ADAP operation in your State, 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 Ryan White Program (Tennessee’s AIDS Drug Assistance Program). For information on eligibility, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program or if you are currently enrolled how to continue to receive assistance, call the

Ryan White Program (Tennessee's AIDS Drug Assistance Program) at 1-615-741-7500, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT. Or, in Georgia, call the Ryan White Program (Georgia's AIDS Drug Assistance Program at 1-404-757-9805, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET or, if messages are full, you can email [GAAPP@dph.ga.gov](mailto:GAAPP@dph.ga.gov). Be sure, when calling, to inform them of the Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.

- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option to help you manage your out-of-pocket drug costs, starting in 2025. This new payment option works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across **monthly payments that vary throughout the year** (January – December). **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 this payment option, regardless of income level, and all Medicare drug plans and Medicare health plans with drug coverage must offer this payment option. To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711, or visit [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov).

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from BlueAdvantage Extra

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Service at **1-800-831-2583**. (TTY only, call **711**.) We are available for phone calls from **Oct. 1 to March 31**, you can call us 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. From **April 1 to Sept. 30**, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2025 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 2025. For details, look in the *2025 Evidence of Coverage* for BlueAdvantage Extra. 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 [bcbstmedicare.com](http://bcbstmedicare.com). You may also call Member Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

## Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at [bcbstmedicare.com](http://bcbstmedicare.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)*.

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## Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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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 2025*

Read the *Medicare & You 2025* 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.