

# Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO) offered by Care N' Care Insurance Company

## Annual Notice of Changes for 2021

You are currently enrolled as a member of Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO). Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

- **You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**
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### What to do now

#### 1. **ASK:** Which changes apply to you

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
  - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
  - Do the changes affect the services you use?
  - Look in Sections 1.1 and 1.4 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
  - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
  - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in Section 1.3 for information about our Provider Directory.
- Think about your overall health care costs.
  - How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
  - How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
  - How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

#### 2. **COMPARE:** Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area.
  - Use the personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website.
  - Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook.
  - Look in Section 2.2 to learn more about your choices.
- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

**3. CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2020, you will be enrolled in Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO).
- To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.

**4. ENROLL:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2020**

- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2020**, you will be enrolled in Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO).
- If you join another plan by **December 7, 2020**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2021**. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

**Additional Resources**

- This document is available for free in Spanish
- Please contact our Customer Experience Team number at 1-877-374-7993 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711). Hours are October 1 - March 31, 8AM – 8PM Central, 7 days a week; April 1 - September 30, 8AM – 8PM Central, Monday through Friday.
- This information is available in a different format, including large print and Spanish. Please call your Healthcare Concierge at the number listed above if you need plan information in another format or language.
- **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 Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO)**

- Care N' Care Insurance is an HMO and PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Care N' Care depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Care N' Care Insurance Company. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO).

## Summary of Important Costs for 2021

The table below compares the 2020 costs and 2021 costs for Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at <https://www.cnchealthplan.com/search>. You may also call Customer Experience Team to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium</b> *Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amounts</b> 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.)	From network providers: \$3,000  From in-network and out-of-network providers combined: \$5,100	From network providers: \$2,500  From in-network and out-of-network providers combined: \$5,100
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> Primary care visits: \$10 Copay per visit Specialist visits: \$25 Copay per visit  <u><b>Out-of-Network</b></u> Primary care visits: \$40 Copay per visit Specialist visits: \$50 Copay per visit	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> Primary care visits: \$0 Copay per visit Specialist visits: \$25 Copay per visit  <u><b>Out-of-Network</b></u> Primary care visits: \$40 Copay per visit Specialist visits: \$50 Copay per visit
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> Day 1-6; \$175 Copay Day 7-beyond; \$0 Copay per day  <u><b>Out-of-Network</b></u> 35%	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> Day 1-6; \$100 Copay Day 7-beyond; \$0 Copay per day  <u><b>Out-of-Network</b></u> 20%

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

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0

### Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amounts

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

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (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 does not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$3,000 Once you have paid \$3,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services from network providers, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.	\$2,500 Once you have paid \$2,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services from network providers, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.
<b>Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount</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 does not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$5,100 Once you have paid \$5,100 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 in-network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.	\$5,100 Once you have paid \$5,100 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 in-network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.

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## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

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There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at <https://www.cnchealthplan.com>. You may also call Customer Experience Team for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2021 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

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

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

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

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2021 Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p><b>Dental Services</b></p> <p>In general, preventive dental services (such as cleaning, routine dental exams, and dental x-rays) are not covered by Original Medicare.</p> <p>We cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preventive oral exams</li> <li>• preventive prophylaxis</li> <li>• fluoride treatment</li> <li>• dental x-rays</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$10 copay for each Medicare-covered dental service.</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$10 copay for each Medicare-covered dental service.</p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered dental service.</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered dental service.</p>
<p><b>Diabetic Services and Supplies</b></p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered diabetic therapeutic shoes or inserts.</p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay 20% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered diabetic therapeutic shoes or inserts.</p>
<p><b>Extra “Optional Supplemental” Benefits</b></p> <p>Our plan offers some extra benefits that are not covered by Original Medicare and not included in your benefits package as a plan member. These extra benefits are called “Optional Supplemental Benefits.”</p> <p>If you want these optional supplemental benefits, you must sign up for them.</p> <p>The optional supplemental benefits described in this section are subject to the same appeals process as any other benefits.</p>	<p><b><u>In-and Out-of-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$18 each month</p>	<p><b><u>In-and Out-of-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$20 each month</p>

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p><b>Inpatient Mental Health Care</b> Covered services include mental health care services that require a hospital stay. Our plan covers up to 190 days in a lifetime for inpatient mental health care in a psychiatric hospital. The inpatient hospital care limit does not apply to inpatient mental services provided in a general hospital.</p>	<p><b><u>Out-of-Network</u></b>  You pay 35% for Medicare-covered inpatient mental health stays.</p>	<p><b><u>Out-of-Network</u></b>  You pay 20% for Medicare-covered inpatient mental health stays.</p>
<p><b>Kidney Dialysis Services</b></p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b>  You pay \$30 copay for Medicare-covered dialysis services.</p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b>  You pay 20% coinsurance for Medicare-covered dialysis services.</p>
<p><b>Other Health Care Professionals (e.g. nurse practitioner; physician assistant)</b> Acupuncture Services</p> <p>When any nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, or physician assistants' function as a Primary Care Physician</p> <p>When nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, or physician assistants' function as a Physician Specialist</p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b></p> <p>Acupuncture is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p>Midlevel PCP (Nurse Practitioner) is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p>Midlevel Specialist (Nurse Practitioner) is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-Network</u></b></p> <p>Acupuncture is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p>Midlevel PCP (Nurse Practitioner) is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p>Midlevel Specialist (Nurse Practitioner) is <u>not</u> covered.</p>	<p><b><u>In-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$15 copay for each Acupuncture Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>You pay \$10 copay for each Midlevel PCP (Nurse Practitioner) Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>You pay \$25 copay for each Midlevel Specialist (Nurse Practitioner) Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p><b><u>Out-of-Network</u></b></p> <p>You pay \$40 copay for each Acupuncture Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>You pay \$40 copay for each Midlevel PCP (Nurse Practitioner) Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p>You pay \$50 copay for each Midlevel Specialist (Nurse Practitioner) Medicare-covered visit.</p>



Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies</b> Basic Diagnostic Test (like lab tests)	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> You pay \$5 copay for a Medicare-covered Basic Diagnostic Test (like lab tests) at an outpatient hospital facility.	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> You pay \$6 copay for a Medicare-covered Basic Diagnostic Test (like lab tests) at an outpatient hospital facility.
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care</b>	<u><b>Out-of-Network</b></u> You pay 35% of the Cost for each Medicare-covered SNF stay.	<u><b>Out-of-Network</b></u> You pay 20% of the Cost for each Medicare-covered SNF stay.
<b>Vision Care (Medicare-covered Eye Exams)</b>	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> You pay \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered routine eye exam.	<u><b>In-Network</b></u> You pay \$20 copay for each Medicare-covered routine eye exam.

## SECTION 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO)

To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything. If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in our Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO).

### Section 2.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2021 follow these steps:

#### Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan timely,
- -- OR-- You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, there may be a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2021*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4) or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

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

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

## **Step 2: Change your coverage**

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer Experience Team if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
  - – *or* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

## **SECTION 3 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, 2021.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid, those who get “Extra Help” paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 8, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2021, 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, 2021. For more information, see Chapter 8, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

## **SECTION 4 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare**

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In Texas, the SHIP is called the Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

The Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. The Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) 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 the Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-252-9240. You can learn more about the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) by visiting their website (<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicare>).

## SECTION 5 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don't even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
  - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program.** Texas has a program called Texas Kidney Health Care Program (KHC) and the Texas HIV Medication Program that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 4 of this booklet).
- **What if you have coverage from an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)?** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP). Note: To be eligible for the ADAP operating 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.
- If you are currently enrolled in an ADAP, it can continue to provide you with Medicare Part D prescription cost-sharing assistance for drugs on the ADAP formulary. In order to be sure you continue receiving this assistance, please notify your local ADAP enrollment worker of any changes in your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number. The Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) can be contacted at 1-800-255-1090.

## SECTION 6 Questions?

### Section 6.1 – Getting Help from Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Experience Team at 1-877-374-7993. (TTY only, call 711) We are available October 1 - March 31, 8AM – 8PM Central, 7 days a week; April 1 - September 30, 8AM – 8PM Central, Monday through Friday.

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## **Read your 2021 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 2021. For details, look in the *2021 Evidence of Coverage* for Care N' Care Choice MA-Only (PPO). The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at <https://www.cnchealthplan.com>. You may also call Customer Experience Team to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at <https://www.cnchealthplan.com>. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (Provider Directory).

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## **Section 6.2 – 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**

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

### **Read *Medicare & You 2021***

You can read *Medicare & You 2021* Handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.