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[2019 ANOC model]

[Insert 2019 plan name] ([insert plan type]) offered by [insert Part D sponsor name]

Annual Notice of Changes for 2019

[Optional: insert beneficiary name]

[Optional: insert beneficiary address]

You are currently enrolled as a member of [insert 2018 plan name]. 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 [insert section number] and [insert section number] for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
 - Will your drugs be covered?
 - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost sharing?
 - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
 - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
 - Review the 2019 Drug List and look in Section [insert section number] for information about changes to our drug coverage.

- 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 <https://www.medicare.gov> website. Click “Find health & drug plans.”
 - Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook.
 - Look in Section *[edit section number as needed]* 4.2 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 want to **keep** *[insert plan name]*, you don’t need to do anything. You will stay in *[insert plan name]*.
- 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, 2018**

- If you **don’t join another plan by December 7, 2018**, you will stay in *[insert 2018 plan name]*. *[If the plan is being crosswalked, replace previous sentence with: If you don’t join another plan by December 7, 2018, you will be enrolled in [insert 2019 plan name].]*
- If you join another plan by December 7, 2018, your new coverage will start on January 1, 2019.

Additional Resources

- *[Plans that meet the 5% alternative language threshold insert: This document is available for free in [insert languages that meet the 5% threshold].]*
- Please contact our Member Services number at *[insert phone number]* for additional information. (TTY users should call *[insert TTY number]*.) Hours are *[insert days and hours of operation].]*
- *[Plans must insert language about availability of alternate formats (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tapes) as applicable.]*

About *[insert 2019 plan name]*

- *[Insert Federal contracting statement.]*
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means *[insert Part D sponsor name]*. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means *[insert 2019 plan name]*.

*[Insert as applicable: [insert Material ID] CMS Approved [MMDDYYYY]
OR [insert Material ID] File & Use [MMDDYYYY]]*

Summary of Important Costs for 2019

The table below compares the 2018 costs and 2019 costs for [insert 2019 plan name] in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes. It is important to read the rest of this Annual Notice of Changes** and review the [insert as applicable: attached OR enclosed] Evidence of Coverage to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Monthly plan premium* *Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section [edit section number as needed] 2.1 for details.</p>	<p>[Insert 2018 premium amount]</p>	<p>[Insert 2019 premium amount]</p>
<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section [edit section number as needed] 2.3 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: [Insert 2018 deductible amount] [Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable] during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: [Insert 2018 cost-sharing] • [Repeat for all drug tiers.] 	<p>Deductible: [Insert 2019 deductible amount] [Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable] during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: [Insert 2019 cost-sharing] • [Repeat for all drug tiers.]

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SECTION 1 We Are Changing the Plan's Name

[Plans that are changing the plan name, as approved by CMS, include Section 1, using the section title above and the following text:

On January 1, 2019, our plan name will change from *[insert 2018 plan name]* to *[insert 2019 plan name]*.

[Insert language to inform members if they will receive new ID cards and how, as well as if the name change will impact any other beneficiary communication.]

SECTION 1 Unless You Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in *[insert 2019 plan name]* in 2019

[If the beneficiary is being enrolled into another plan due to a consolidation, include Section 1, using the section title above and the text below. It is additionally expected that, as applicable throughout the ANOC, every plan/sponsor that crosswalks a member from a non-renewed plan to a consolidated renewal plan will compare benefits and costs, including cost-sharing for drug tiers, from that member's previous plan to the consolidated plan.]

On January 1, 2019, *[insert Part D sponsor name]* will be combining *[insert 2018 plan name]* with one of our plans, *[insert 2019 plan name]*.

If you do nothing to change your Medicare coverage by December 7, 2018, we will automatically enroll you in our *[insert 2019 plan name]*. This means starting January 1, 2019, you will be getting your prescription drug coverage through *[insert 2019 plan name]*. If you want to, you can change to a different Medicare prescription drug plan. You can also switch to a Medicare health plan. If you want to change, you must do so between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for Extra Help, you may be able to change plans during other times.

The information in this document tells you about the differences between your current benefits in *[insert 2018 plan name]* and the benefits you will have on January 1, 2019, as a member of *[insert 2019 plan name]*.

SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

[Plans may add a row to this table to display changes in premiums for optional supplemental benefits.]

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Monthly premium</p> <p>[Plans that include a Part B premium reduction benefit may modify this row to describe the change in the benefit. If there are no changes from year to year, plans may indicate in the column that there is no change for the upcoming benefit year.]</p> <p>(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium unless it is paid for you by Medicaid.)</p>	[Insert 2018 premium amount]	[Insert 2019 premium amount]

- 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.

Section 2.2 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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. [Insert if applicable: Our network includes pharmacies with preferred cost-sharing, which may offer you lower cost-sharing than the standard cost-sharing offered by other network pharmacies for some drugs.]

[Insert applicable section: For a plan that has changes in its pharmacy network] There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. [Insert if applicable: We included a copy of our Pharmacy Directory in the envelope with this booklet.] An updated Pharmacy Directory is

located on our website at [insert URL]. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2019 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

OR

[For a plan that will have a higher than normal number of pharmacies leaving its pharmacy network] Our network has changed more than usual for 2019. [Insert if applicable: We included a copy of our Pharmacy Directory in the envelope with this booklet.] An updated Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at [insert URL]. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **We strongly suggest that you review our current Pharmacy Directory to see if your pharmacy is still in our network.**

Section 2.3 – 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 [insert: in this envelope] OR [insert: provided electronically]. [If including an abridged formulary, add the following language: The Drug List we [insert: included in this envelope] OR [insert: provided electronically] includes many – *but not all* – of the drugs that we will cover next year. If you don’t see your drug on this list, it might still be covered. **You can get the complete Drug List** by calling Member Services (see the back cover) or visiting our website ([insert URL]).]

[Plans with no changes to covered drugs, tier assignment, or restrictions may replace the rest of this section with: We have not made any changes to our Drug List for next year. The drugs included on our Drug List will be the same in 2019 as in 2018. However, we are allowed to make changes to the Drug List from time to time throughout the year, with approval from Medicare or if a drug has been withdrawn from the market by either the FDA or a product manufacturer.]

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug. [Plans may omit the following sentence if they do not have an advance transition process for current members.] **We encourage current members** to ask for an exception before next year.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 7 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call Member Services.

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Member Services to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

[Plans may omit this if all current members will be transitioned in advance for the following year.] In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. *[Plans changing the LTC supply (for instance, from a minimum of 90 days to a month's supply, should insert the following: For 2019, members in long term care (LTC) facilities will now receive a temporary supply that is the same amount of temporary days supply provided in all other cases: [insert supply limit (must be at least the number of days in the plan's one month)] of medication rather than the amount provided in 2018 ([insert 2018 LTC maximum supply limit) of medication]. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 3, Section 5.2 of the Evidence of Coverage.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.*

[Plans may include additional information about processes for transitioning current members to formulary drugs when your formulary changes relative to the previous plan year.]

[Include language to explain whether current formulary exceptions will still be covered next year or a new one needs to be submitted.]

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules.

[Plan sponsors that otherwise meet all requirements and want the option to immediately replace brand name drugs with their new generic equivalents should insert the following: Starting in 2019, we may immediately remove a brand name drug on our Drug List if, at the same time, we replace it with a new generic drug on the same or lower cost sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions. Also, when adding the new generic drug, we may decide to keep the brand name drug on our Drug List, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions. This means if you are taking the brand name drug that is being replaced by the new generic (or the tier or restriction on the brand name drug changes), you will no longer always get notice of the change 60 days before we make it or get a 60-day refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the brand name drug, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after the change is made.

Also, starting in 2019, before we make other changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice if you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice 30, rather than 60, days before we make the change. Or we will give you a *[insert supply limit (must be at least the number of days in the plan's one month)]* day, rather than a 60 day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy.]

[Plan sponsors that will not be using the option to make immediate generic substitutions should insert the following:

Starting in 2019, before we make changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice when you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice of those changes 30, rather than 60, days before they take place. Or we will give you a *[insert supply limit (must be at least the number of days in the plan's one month)]* day, rather than a 60 day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. We will provide this notice before, for instance, replacing a brand name drug on the Drug List with a generic drug or making changes based on FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines recognized by Medicare.]

[All plan sponsors should include the remainder of this section.]

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about the changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 3, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

[Plans that enroll partial dual eligible beneficiaries should delete the following paragraph for QDWI beneficiaries.] Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs [insert as applicable: may OR does] not apply to you.** *[If not applicable, omit information about the LIS Rider.]* We *[insert as appropriate: have included OR 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 *[if plan sends LIS Rider with ANOC, insert: didn’t receive this insert with this packet,] [if plan sends LIS Rider separately from the ANOC, insert: haven’t received this insert by [insert date],]* please call Member Services and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for Member Services are in Section *[edit section number as needed]* 8.1 of this booklet.

There are four “drug payment stages.” How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 4, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 4, Sections 6 and 7, in the *[insert as applicable: attached OR enclosed] Evidence of Coverage.*)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</p> <p>During this stage, you pay the full cost of your <i>[insert as applicable: Part D OR brand name OR [tier name(s)]]</i> drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p> <p><i>[Plans with no deductible, omit text above.]</i></p>	<p>The deductible is \$ <i>[insert 2018 deductible]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Plans with no deductible replace the text above with: Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.]</i></p> <p><i>[Plans with tiers excluded from the deductible in 2018 and/or 2019 insert the following:]</i> During this stage, you pay <i>[insert cost-sharing amount that a beneficiary would pay in a tier(s) that is exempted from the deductible]</i> cost-sharing for drugs on <i>[insert name of tier(s) excluded from the deductible]</i> and the full cost of drugs on <i>[insert name of tier(s) where copayments apply]</i> until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is \$ <i>[insert 2019 deductible]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Plans with no deductible replace the text above with: Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.]</i></p> <p><i>[Plans with tiers excluded from the deductible in 2018 and/or 2019 insert the following:]</i> During this stage, you pay <i>[insert cost-sharing amount that a beneficiary would pay in a tier(s) that is exempted from the deductible]</i> cost-sharing for drugs on <i>[insert name of tier(s) excluded from the deductible]</i> and the full cost of drugs on <i>[insert name of tier(s) where copayments apply]</i> until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>

Changes to Your Cost-sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

[Plans that are changing the cost-sharing from coinsurance to copayment or vice versa from 2018 to 2019 insert, “For drugs on [insert name of tier(s)], your cost-sharing in the initial coverage stage is changing from [insert whichever is appropriate “copayment to coinsurance” <or> “coinsurance to copayment.”] Please see the following chart for the changes from 2018 to 2019.”]

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 4, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

[Plans must list all drug tiers in the table below and show costs for a one-month supply filled at a network retail pharmacy. Plans that have pharmacies that provide preferred cost-sharing must

provide information on both standard and preferred cost-sharing using the second alternate chart. Plans without drug tiers may revise the table as appropriate.]

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage <i>[Plans with no deductible delete the first sentence.]</i> 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 you pay your share of the cost. <i>[Plans that are changing the cost-sharing from a copayment to coinsurance or vice versa from 2018 to 2019 insert for each applicable tier: “For 2018 you paid [insert as appropriate “a \$[xx] copayment” <or> “[xx]% coinsurance”] for drugs on [insert tier name]. For 2019 you will pay [insert as appropriate “a \$[xx] copayment” <or> “[xx] % coinsurance”] for drugs on this tier.”]</i></p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month <i>[plans that are changing the number of days in their one-month supply from 2018 to 2019 insert “([xx]-day)” rather than “one-month”]</i> supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing: <i>[Insert name of Tier 1]:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$[xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost.]</i> <i>[Insert name of Tier 2]:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$[xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost.]</i> <i>[Repeat for all tiers]</i></p> <hr/> <p>Once <i>[insert as applicable: your total drug costs have reached \$[insert 2018 initial coverage limit], you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage). OR you have paid \$[insert 2018 out-of-pocket threshold] out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).]</i></p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month <i>[plans that are changing the number of days in their one-month supply from 2018 to 2019 insert “([xx]-day)” rather than “one-month”]</i> supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing: <i>[Insert name of Tier 1]:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$[xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost.]</i> <i>[Insert name of Tier 2]:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$[xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost.]</i> <i>[Repeat for all tiers]</i></p> <hr/> <p>Once <i>[insert as applicable: your total drug costs have reached \$[insert 2019 initial coverage limit], you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage). OR you have paid \$[insert 2019 out-of-pocket threshold] out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).]</i></p>

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (continued)</p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one-month (<i>[insert number of days in a one-month supply]</i>-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost-sharing. <i>[Plans that are changing the number of days in their one-month supply from 2018 to 2019 insert “The number of days in a one-month supply has changed from 2018 to 2019 as noted in the chart.”]</i> For information about the costs <i>[insert as applicable: for a long-term supply; at a network pharmacy that offers preferred cost-sharing; or for mail-order prescriptions]</i>, look in Chapter 4, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</p> <p><i>[Insert if applicable: 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.]</i></p>		

[Plans with pharmacies that offer standard and preferred cost-sharing may replace the chart above with the one below to provide both cost-sharing rates.]

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage <i>[Plans with no deductible delete the first sentence.]</i> 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 you pay your share of the cost <i>[Plans that are changing the cost-sharing from a copayment to coinsurance or vice versa from 2018 to 2019 insert for each applicable tier “For 2018 you paid [insert as appropriate “a \$[xx] copayment” <or> “[xx]% coinsurance”] for drugs on this tier. For 2019 you will pay [insert as appropriate “a \$ [xx] copayment” <or> “[xx]% coinsurance”] for drugs on this tier.”]</i></p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one-month (<i>[insert number of days in a one-month supply]-day</i>) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy. <i>[Plans that are changing the number of days in their one-month supply from 2018 to 2019 insert “The number of days in a one-month supply has changed from 2018 to 2019 as noted in the chart.”]</i> For information about the costs <i>[insert as applicable: for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions]</i>, look in Chapter 4, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month <i>[Plans that are changing the number of days in their one-month supply from 2018 to 2019 insert “([xx]-day)” rather than “one-month”]</i> supply at a network pharmacy:</p> <p><i>[Insert name of Tier 1]:</i> <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Insert name of Tier 2]:</i> <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Repeat for all tiers]</i></p> <hr/> <p>Once <i>[insert as applicable: your total drug costs have reached \$[insert 2018 initial coverage limit]</i>, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage). <i>OR</i> you have paid <i>\$[insert 2018 out-of-pocket threshold]</i> out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).]</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month <i>[Plans that are changing the number of days in their one-month supply from 2018 to 2019 insert “([xx]-day)” rather than “one-month”]</i> supply at a network pharmacy:</p> <p><i>[Insert name of Tier 1]:</i> <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Insert name of Tier 2]:</i> <i>Standard cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>. <i>Preferred cost-sharing:</i> You pay <i>[insert as applicable: \$ [xx] per prescription OR [xx]% of the total cost]</i>.</p> <p><i>[Repeat for all tiers]</i></p> <hr/> <p>Once <i>[insert as applicable: your total drug costs have reached \$[insert 2019 initial coverage limit]</i>, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage). <i>OR</i> you have paid <i>\$[insert 2019 out-of-pocket threshold]</i> out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).]</p>

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (continued) <i>[Insert if applicable: 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.]</i></p>		

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.** *[Sponsors that are changing the cost-sharing from coinsurance to copayment or vice versa from 2018 to 2019 insert the following sentence. If many changes are being made, it may be repeated as necessary: For [insert coverage stage involved] Coverage Stage, for drugs on Tiers] [xx] [insert tiers], your cost-sharing is changing from [insert whichever is appropriate “a copayment to coinsurance” <or> “coinsurance to a copayment.”]*

For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 4, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 3 Administrative Changes

[This section is optional. Plans with administrative changes that impact members (e.g., a change in options for paying the monthly premium, changes in prior authorization requirements, change in contract or PBP number) may insert this section and include an introductory sentence that explains the general nature of the administrative changes. Plans that choose to omit this section should renumber the remaining sections as needed.]

Process	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<i>[Insert a description of the administrative process/item that is changing]</i>	<i>[Insert 2018 administrative description]</i>	<i>[Insert 2019 administrative description]</i>
<i>[Insert a description of the administrative process/item that is changing]</i>	<i>[Insert 2018 administrative description]</i>	<i>[Insert 2019 administrative description]</i>

SECTION 4 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 4.1 – If You Want to Stay in [insert 2019 plan name]

To stay in our plan, you don't need to do anything. If you do not sign up for a different plan by December 7, you will automatically stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2019.

Section 4.2 – If You Want to Change Plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2019 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare prescription drug plan,
- -- OR-- You can change to a Medicare health plan. Some Medicare health plans also include Part D prescription drug coverage,
- -- OR-- You can keep your current Medicare health coverage and drop your Medicare prescription drug coverage.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2019*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section [edit section number as needed] 6), or call Medicare (see Section [edit section number as needed] 8.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to <https://www.medicare.gov> and click “Find health & drug plans.” **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

[Plans may choose to insert if applicable: As a reminder, [insert Part D sponsor name] offers other [insert as applicable: Medicare health plans AND/OR Medicare prescription drug 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 prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from [insert 2019 plan name].
- To **change to a Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. Depending on which type of plan you choose, you may automatically be disenrolled from [insert 2019 plan name].
 - o You will automatically be disenrolled from [insert 2019 plan name] if you enroll in any Medicare health plan that includes Part D prescription drug coverage. You will also automatically be disenrolled if you join a Medicare HMO or Medicare PPO, even if that plan does not include prescription drug coverage.

- o If you choose a Private Fee-For-Service plan without Part D drug coverage, a Medicare Medical Savings Account plan, or a Medicare Cost Plan, you can enroll in that new plan and keep [insert 2019 plan name] for your drug coverage. Enrolling in one of these plan types will not automatically disenroll you from [insert 2019 plan name]. If you are enrolling in this plan type and want to leave our plan, you must ask to be disenrolled from [insert 2019 plan name]. To ask to be disenrolled, you must send us a written request or contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - o Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section [edit section number as needed] 8.1 of this booklet).
 - o – 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 5 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different prescription drug plan or to a Medicare health plan for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2019.

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 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

Note: If you're in a drug management program, you may not be able to change plans. SECTION 6 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

[Organizations offering plans in multiple states: Revise this section to use the generic name (“State Health Insurance Assistance Program”) when necessary, and include a list of names, phone numbers, and addresses for all SHIPs in your service area.]

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In [insert state], the SHIP is called [insert state-specific SHIP name].

[Insert state-specific SHIP name] 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. [Insert state-specific SHIP name] 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 [insert state-specific SHIP name] at [insert SHIP phone number]. [Plans may insert the following: You can learn more about [insert state-specific SHIP name] by visiting their website ([insert SHIP website]).]

SECTION 7 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. [Plans in states without SPAPs, delete the next sentence.] 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:
 - o 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
 - o 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
 - o Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- [Plans without an SPAP in their state(s), should delete this bullet.] [Organizations offering plans in multiple states: Revise this bullet to use the generic name (“State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program”) when necessary, and include a list of names for all SPAPs in your service area.] **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** [Insert state name] has a program called [insert state-specific SPAP name] 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 [edit section number as needed] 6 of this booklet).
- [Plans with an ADAP in their state(s) that do NOT provide Insurance Assistance should delete this bullet.] [Plans with no Part D drug cost-sharing should delete this section.] **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the [insert State-specific ADAP name and information]. For information on eligibility criteria,

covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call [insert State-specific ADAP contact information].

SECTION 8 Questions?

Section 8.1 – Getting Help from [insert 2019 plan name]

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at [insert member services phone number]. (TTY only, call [insert TTY number].) We are available for phone calls [insert days and hours of operation]. [Insert if applicable: Calls to these numbers are free.]

Read your 2019 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 2019. For details, look in the 2019 *Evidence of Coverage* for [insert 2019 plan name]. 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 included in this envelope.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at [insert URL]. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our pharmacy network (Pharmacy Directory) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

Section 8.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Visit the Medicare Website

You can visit the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov>). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare prescription drug 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 <https://www.medicare.gov> and click on "Review and Compare Your Coverage Options.")

Read *Medicare & You 2019*

You can read the *Medicare & You 2019* 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 (<https://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.