



## Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Disenrollment Survey

The questions in this survey are about **your former prescription drug plan**.  
The name and contract number of your former plan are --

< PREV\_BENEFIT >

Provided by <PREV\_PLAN\_CODE>

## Survey Instructions

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey! Your answers are very important to us and will help other people with Medicare choose a health or drug plan.

You received this survey because records show you recently switched or dropped your Medicare prescription drug plan.

### How to complete this survey:

- ◆ Answer each question based only on your experiences with your former plan (the plan name is printed on the cover of this survey).
- ◆ Answer each question thinking about yourself.
- ◆ Answer each question by putting an “X” in the box to the left of your answer, like this:  
 Yes
- ◆ Read all the answer choices before marking your answer.
- ◆ Some questions have instructions that tell you to skip questions that may not apply to you. When this happens you will see an arrow with a note that tells you what question to answer next, like this: [ → **If No, go to Question 3**].
- ◆ Return your completed survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

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# YOUR FORMER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

## 1. Our records show that you used to belong to this prescription drug plan:

< PREV\_BENEFIT >

Provided by <PREV\_PLAN\_CODE>

but that you no longer belong to that plan. Is that correct?

Yes, I left the prescription drug plan printed above → **Go to Question 2**

No, I left a different prescription drug plan → **Go to Question 2**

No, I did not switch plans or leave ANY prescription drug plan recently → **Stop.**

**Do not complete the rest of this survey.**  
Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.

## 2. Did you have to switch plans or drop your former Medicare prescription drug plan for any of the following reasons?

I moved outside of the area where the plan was available

I was dropped by the plan

The plan was cancelled or discontinued in my area

The plan was changed or discontinued by the organization that provides my insurance (such as a former employer or a union)

**Stop.**  
**Do not complete the rest of this survey.**  
Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope.

None of the above → **Continue survey, go to Question 3**

## GETTING INFORMATION OR HELP FROM YOUR FORMER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

As you answer the questions in this survey, please think only of your former prescription drug plan (whose name is printed on the cover of this survey).

3. Did you ever try to get information or help from your former plan's customer service?

- Yes  
 No → If No, go to Question 5

4. How often did your former plan's customer service give you the information or help you needed?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always  
 I did not try to get information or help from my former plan's customer service

## GETTING THE PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES YOU NEEDED FROM YOUR FORMER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

5. How often was it easy to use your former plan to get the medicines your doctor prescribed?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always  
 I did not use my former plan to get any prescription medicines

6. Did you ever use your former plan to fill a prescription at a pharmacy?

- Yes  
 No → If No, go to Question 8

7. How often was it easy to use your former plan to fill a prescription at a pharmacy?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always  
 I did not use my former plan to fill a prescription at a pharmacy

8. Did you ever use your former plan to fill any prescriptions by mail?

Yes

No → If No, go to Question 10

9. How often was it easy to use your former plan to fill prescriptions by mail?

Never

Sometimes

Usually

Always

I did not use my former plan to fill a prescription by mail

10. Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst prescription drug plan possible and 10 is the best prescription drug plan possible, what number would you use to rate your former plan?

0 Worst prescription drug plan possible

1

2

3

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10 Best prescription drug plan possible

## REASONS YOU LEFT YOUR FORMER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

The next questions are about reasons you may have had for switching or dropping your former prescription drug plan.

11. Did you leave your former plan because someone else signed you up for the plan without your permission?

Yes

No

12. Did you leave your former plan because the dollar amount you had to pay each time you filled or refilled a prescription (copayment) went up?

Yes

No

I did not have to pay for my prescription medicines

13. Did you leave your former plan because you found a plan with a lower copayment for prescription drugs?

Yes

No

14. Some people have to pay their prescription drug plan a monthly premium (fee) out of their own pocket for prescription drug coverage.

Did you leave your former plan because the monthly premium went up?

- Yes
- No
- I did not have to pay my former plan a monthly premium out of my own Pocket

15. Did you leave your former plan because you found a plan with a lower monthly premium?

- Yes
- No
- I did not have to pay my former plan a monthly premium out of my own pocket

16. Prescription drug plans have a list of the prescription medicines they will cover. Did you leave your former plan because they changed the list of prescription medicines they cover?

- Yes
- No

17. Did you leave your former plan because a change in your personal finances meant you could no longer afford the plan?

- Yes
- No

18. Did you leave your former plan because it turned out to be more expensive than you expected?

- Yes
- No

19. Did you leave your former plan because the plan refused to pay for a medicine your doctor prescribed?

- Yes
- No

20. Did you leave your former plan because you had problems getting the medicines your doctor prescribed?

- Yes
- No

21. Did you leave your former plan because it was difficult to get brand-name medicines?

- Yes
- No
- I did not try to get brand-name medicines through my former plan

22. Did you leave your former plan because you were frustrated by the plan's approval process for medicines your doctor prescribed?

- Yes
- No

23. Did you leave your former plan because you did not know whom to contact when you had a problem filling or refilling a prescription?

- Yes
- No

24. Did you leave your former plan because it was hard to get information from the plan about which prescription medicines were covered or how much a specific medicine would cost?

- Yes  
 No

25. Did you leave your former plan because you were unhappy with how the plan handled a question or complaint?

- Yes  
 No

26. Did you leave your former plan because you could not get the information or help you needed from the plan?

- Yes  
 No

27. Did you leave your former plan because their customer service staff did not treat you with courtesy and respect?

- Yes  
 No

28. Every year Medicare evaluates all prescription drug plans and gives them a star rating.

Did you leave your former plan because it got a low Medicare star rating?

- Yes  
 No

29. Did you leave your former plan because you found another plan with a higher Medicare star rating?

- Yes  
 No

### OTHER REASONS FOR LEAVING YOUR FORMER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

30. Did you leave your former plan because a family member or friend told you about a better plan?

- Yes  
 No

31. Did you leave your former plan because an insurance agent or broker told you about a better plan?

- Yes  
 No

32. Did you leave your former plan because you saw a commercial or advertisement for a plan you thought you would like better?

- Yes  
 No

33. Did you leave your former plan because you found another plan that better met your prescription needs?

- Yes  
 No

34. Did you leave your former plan because you take very few prescription medicines and don't need a prescription drug plan?

- Yes
- No

## ABOUT YOU

35. In general, how would you rate your overall health?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

36. In general, how would you rate your overall mental or emotional health?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

37. In the past 12 months, how many different prescription medicines did you take?

- None
- 1 to 2 medicines
- 3 to 5 medicines
- 6 or more medicines

38. In the past 12 months, have you seen a doctor or other health provider 3 or more times for the same condition or problem?

- Yes
- No → If No, go to Question 40

39. Is this a condition or problem that has lasted for at least 3 months?

- Yes
- No

40. Do you now need or take medicine prescribed by a doctor?

- Yes
- No → If No, go to Question 42

41. Is this medicine to treat a condition that has lasted for at least 3 months?

- Yes
- No

42. Has a doctor ever told you that you had any of the following conditions?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
a. A heart attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Angina or coronary heart disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. High blood pressure or hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Cancer, other than skin cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Emphysema, asthma or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Any kind of diabetes or high blood sugar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



43. What is the highest grade or level of school that you have completed?

- 8th grade or less
- Some high school, but did not graduate
- High school graduate or GED
- Some college or 2-year degree
- 4-year college graduate
- More than 4-year college degree

44. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

45. What is your race? Please mark one or more.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

46. What language do you mainly speak at home?

- Chinese
- English
- Russian
- Spanish
- Vietnamese
- Some other language (please print):  
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47. Did someone help you complete this survey?

- Yes
- No → If No, go to Question 49

48. How did that person help you? Please mark one or more.

- Read the questions to me
- Wrote down the answers I gave
- Answered the questions for me
- Translated the questions into my language
- Helped in some other way (please print):  
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49. May we contact you again if we have questions about your survey responses or the health care services you received?

- Yes
- No

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY**

**Please return your completed survey in the postage paid envelope to:**

**MEDICARE SATISFACTION SURVEY  
PO BOX 3416  
HOPKINS, MN 55343-9740**

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