



## Medicare Advantage Health Plan Disenrollment Survey

The questions in this survey are about **your former health 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 health 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 HEALTH PLAN

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

< PREV\_BENEFIT >

Provided by <PREV\_PLAN\_CODE>

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

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

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

No, I did not switch plans or leave  
ANY Medicare health 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 health 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 HEALTH PLAN

As you answer the questions in this survey, please think only of your former health 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 HEALTH CARE YOU NEEDED FROM YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN

5. How often was it easy to get the care, tests, or treatment you needed through your former plan?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always  
 I did not try to get any kind of care, tests, or treatment through my former plan

6. Did you make any appointments to see a specialist?

- Yes  
 No → If No, go to Question 8  
 Someone else made my specialist appointments for me

7. How often did you get an appointment to see a specialist as soon as you needed?

- Never  
 Sometimes  
 Usually  
 Always  
 I did not make an appointment to see a specialist

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

- 0 Worst health plan possible
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Best health plan possible

## REASONS YOU LEFT YOUR FORMER HEALTH PLAN

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

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

- Yes
- No

10. Did you leave your former plan because the dollar amount you had to pay each time you visited a doctor (copayment) went up?

- Yes
- No
- I did not have to pay for doctor visits

11. Did you leave your former plan because you found a plan with a lower copayment for doctors' visits?

- Yes
- No

12. Some people have to pay their health plan a monthly premium (fee) out of their own pocket for health 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

13. 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

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

16. Did you leave your former plan because you were frustrated by the plan's approval process for care, tests, or treatment?

Yes

No

17. Did you leave your former plan because you had problems getting the care, tests, or treatment you needed?

Yes

No

18. Did you leave your former plan because you had problems getting the plan to pay a claim?

Yes

No

19. Did you leave your former plan because the doctors or other health care providers you wanted to see did not belong to the plan?

Yes

No

20. Did you leave your former plan because the clinics or hospitals you wanted to go to were not covered by the plan?

Yes

No

21. Did you leave your former plan because it was hard to get information from the plan about which health care services were covered or how much a specific test or treatment would cost?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

- Yes
- No

25. Every year Medicare evaluates all health plans and gives them a star rating.

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

- Yes
- No

26. 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 HEALTH PLAN

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

31. Did you leave your former plan because another plan offered better benefits or coverage (for example, dental or vision care, hearing aids, pre-paid cards for medications and supplies)?

- Yes
- No

## ABOUT YOU

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

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

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

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

34. 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

35. 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 36

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No → If No, go to Question 38

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

- Yes
- No

39. 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"/> |

40. 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

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

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



42. 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

43. What language do you mainly speak at home?

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

- Yes
- No → If No, go to Question 45

45. 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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46. May we contact you again if we have any 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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