

Provider Bulletin



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UCare 2022 Medicare Plans Earn 5-Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)*

UCare is pleased to announce its 5-Star Rating from [CMS for its 2022 Medicare plans](#). This is the highest possible rating and places UCare in the top 16% of Medicare plans nationally. UCare places the highest value on the quality of care and services for its Medicare members, which is reflected by its 2022 5 out of 5 Stars CMS Rating for UCare Medicare plans, and 4 and above Star Ratings on dual and special needs Medicare plans. UCare is proud to be in the company of other high-performing nonprofits. [The CMS 2022 Star Rating Fact Sheet](#) reports that “organizations that are nonprofit more frequently earn higher ratings than organizations that are for-profit.”

These ratings help Medicare shoppers compare plans based on quality and performance. Medicare uses robust and diverse performance data, including information from member satisfaction surveys, to give overall performance star ratings to plans. A plan can get a rating between 1 and 5 Stars, with a 5-Star rating considered excellent.

UCare could not have achieved this rating without the hard work from its high performing provider network. UCare values its provider partnerships and has proven that working together can result in high quality care along with a great member experience.

“We are proud to be among the best Medicare plans in the nation,” said UCare President and CEO Mark Traynor. “Throughout the year, we work diligently with our large network of quality providers – as well as members and community partners – to improve our members’ experience, accessibility and quality of care. Our efforts are validated by our 5-Star Rating.”

UCare’s other Medicare plans earned impressive ratings. UCare’s Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) – a dual plan for Minnesotans eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid – earned a rating of 4.5 Stars. UCare’s dual plan for people with disabilities, UCare Connect + Medicare, and its partner plan with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota, EssentiaCare, each earned 4 Stars. CMS considers plans rated 4 Stars or higher to be highly rated plans.

*Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.