

UCare Value Plus (HMO-POS) offered by UCare Minnesota

Annual Notice of Changes for 2023

You are currently enrolled as a member of UCare Value Plus. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *Please refer to page 6 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.*

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at ucare.org/formembers. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

What to do now

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

- Check if the changes to our benefits and costs affect you.
 - Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
 - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers will be in our network next year.
- 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 Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2023* handbook.
- 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, 2022, you will stay in UCare Value Plus.



- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2023**. This will end your enrollment with UCare Value Plus.
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

Additional Resources

- Please contact our Customer Service number at 612-676-3600 or 1-877-523-1515 (this call is free) for additional information. TTY users should call 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534 (this call is free). Hours are 8 am – 8 pm, seven days a week.
- Upon request, we can give you information in braille, in large print, or other alternate formats if you need it.
- **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 for more information.

About UCare Value Plus

- UCare Minnesota is an HMO-POS plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in UCare Minnesota depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our”, it means UCare Minnesota. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means UCare Value Plus.

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If you need these services, contact us at **612-676-3200 (voice)** or toll free at **1-800-203-7225 (voice)**, **612-676-6810 (TTY)**, or **1-800-688-2534 (TTY)**.

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Written grievance

Mailing Address

UCare
Attn: Appeals and Grievances
PO Box 52
Minneapolis, MN 55440-0052
Email: cag@ucare.org
Fax: 612-884-2021

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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Summary of Important Costs for 2023

The table below compares the 2022 costs and 2023 costs for UCare Value Plus in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p>Monthly plan premium</p> <p>Refer to Section 1.1 for details.</p>	\$0	\$0
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</p> <p>This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services.</p> <p>(Refer to Section 1.2 for details.)</p>	<p>In-network: \$5,500</p> <p>Out-of-network: \$7,500</p>	<p>In-network: \$5,500</p> <p>Out-of-network: \$7,500</p>
<p>Doctor office visits</p>	<p>In-network: Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$45 copay per visit</p> <p>Out-of-network: Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$45 copay per visit</p>	<p>In-network: Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$45 copay per visit</p> <p>Out-of-network: Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$45 copay per visit</p>
<p>Inpatient hospital stays</p>	<p>In-network: \$150 copay per day for days 1-5. Thereafter you pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered days.</p> <p>Out-of-network: 20% coinsurance</p>	<p>In-network: \$150 copay per day for days 1-5. Thereafter you pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered days.</p> <p>Out-of-network: 20% coinsurance</p>

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0
Choice Dental (optional supplemental benefit)	\$25	\$25
Part B Premium Reduction	\$20	\$30

Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

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

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount	In-network:	In-network:
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$5,500	\$5,500
		Once you have paid \$5,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.
	Out-of-network:	Out-of-network:
	\$7,500	\$7,500
		Once you have paid \$7,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

An updated *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* is located on our website at ucare.org/searchnetwork. You may also call Customer Service for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2023 *Provider and Pharmacy 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. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Customer Service so we may assist.

Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Dental services	You <u>do not</u> have an annual combined in-network and out-of-network benefit maximum for dental services included with your base plan.	You have an annual \$2,000 combined in-network and out-of-network benefit maximum for dental services included with your base plan.
Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies	You pay a 20% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered pair of therapeutic shoes or inserts.	You pay a \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered pair of therapeutic shoes or inserts.
Emergency care	You pay a \$90 copay for each emergency room visit inside the United States and its territories.	You pay a \$100 copay for each emergency room visit inside the United States and its territories.
Health and wellness education programs	Papa Pals is <u>not</u> covered.	Papa Pals is covered. You pay \$0 for up to 60 hours per year of in-home support with medication and healthcare reminders, medication pick-up, help using technical devices and services, light household chores and transportation to community locations.
Medicare Part B prescription drugs	In-network and Out-of-network: You pay 20% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered Part B drug.	In-network and Out-of-network: You pay 20% coinsurance for each Medicare-covered Part B drug. Starting April 1, 2023, certain drugs may have a lower coinsurance.
Pulmonary rehabilitation services	In-network: You pay a \$30 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.	In-network: You pay a \$20 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care	In-network: You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20; \$188 copay per day for days 21-100, per benefit period.	In-network: You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20; \$196 copay per day for days 21-100, per benefit period.
Urgently needed services	You pay a \$50 copay for each urgent care visit inside the United States and its territories.	You pay a \$45 copay for each urgent care visit inside the United States and its territories.

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

Description	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Expanded national network	You have access to the in-network providers in Minnesota.	In addition to the in-network providers in Minnesota, you also have access to out-of-state providers with the MultiPlan Medicare Advantage national network at in-network cost sharing.

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in UCare Value Plus

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 UCare Value Plus.

Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change plans for 2023 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- --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, use the Medicare Plan Finder (www.medicare.gov/plan-compare), read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (refer to Section 5), or call Medicare (refer to Section 7.2).

As a reminder, UCare Minnesota 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 UCare Value Plus.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from UCare Value Plus.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll or visit our website to disenroll online. Contact Customer Service if you need more information on how to do so.
 - --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 4 **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, 2023.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include 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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2023, 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, 2023.

If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can change your Medicare coverage **at any time**. You can change to any other Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription

drug plan) at any time.

SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Minnesota, the SHIP is called the Senior LinkAge Line®.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Senior LinkAge Line® 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 Senior LinkAge Line® at the phone numbers listed below.

Minnesota SHIP

Senior LinkAge Line®

Minnesota Board on Aging

P.O. Box 64976

St. Paul, MN 55164-0976

1-800-333-2433 (this call is free)

TTY call the Minnesota Relay Service at 711

www.seniorlinkageline.com

SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs.

- **“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. 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 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778; or
 - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **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 ADAP in Minnesota. **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. You can reach them at the following phone numbers.

For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm:

Twin Cities Metro area:

Phone: 651-431-2414

Fax: 651-431-7414

Statewide:

Phone: 1-800-657-3761 (this call is free)

TTY: 1-800-627-3529 (this call is free)

HIV/AIDS Programs

Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 64972

St. Paul, MN 55164-0972

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from UCare Value Plus

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Service at 612-676-3600 or 1-877-523-1515 (this call is free). TTY only, call 612-676-6810 or 1-800-688-2534 (this call is free). We are available for phone calls 8 am – 8 pm, seven days a week.

Read your 2023 *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 2023. For details, look in the 2023 *Evidence of Coverage* for UCare Value Plus. 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 ucare.org/formembers. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at ucare.org. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*).

Section 7.2 – 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

Visit the Medicare website (www.medicare.gov). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area. To view the information about plans, go to www.medicare.gov/plan-compare.

Read *Medicare & You 2023*

Read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook. Every 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 document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) 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.



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