

# UCare's Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) (HMO D-SNP) offered by UCare Minnesota

## *Annual Notice of Changes for 2023*

### Introduction

You are currently enrolled as a member of UCare's MSHO. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's benefits, coverage, rules, and costs. This *Annual Notice of Changes* tells you about the changes and where to find more information about them. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules, please review the *Member Handbook*, which is located on our website at [ucare.org/formembers](https://ucare.org/formembers). Key terms and their definitions appear in alphabetical order in the last chapter of the *Member Handbook*, which will be available at a later date.

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## Civil Rights Notice

**Discrimination is against the law. UCare** does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by UCare. You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

UCare

Attn: Appeals and Grievances

PO Box 52

Minneapolis, MN 55440-0052

Toll Free: 1-800-203-7225

TTY: 1-800-688-2534

Fax: 612-884-2021

Email: [cag@ucare.org](mailto:cag@ucare.org)

**Auxiliary Aids and Services: UCare** provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs. **Contact** UCare at 612-676-3200 (voice) or 1-800-203-7225 (voice), 612-676-6810 (TTY), or 1-800-688-2534 (TTY).

**Language Assistance Services: UCare** provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact** UCare at 612-676-3200 (voice) or 1-800-203-7225 (voice), 612-676-6810 (TTY), or 1-800-688-2534 (TTY).

## Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by UCare. You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the OCR directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Midwest Region  
233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Customer Response Center: Toll-free: 800-368-1019  
TDD Toll-free: 800-537-7697  
Email: [ocrmail@hhs.gov](mailto:ocrmail@hhs.gov)

### **Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)**

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights  
540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
651-539-1100 (voice)  
800-657-3704 (toll-free)  
711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay)  
651-296-9042 (fax)  
[Info.MDHR@state.mn.us](mailto:Info.MDHR@state.mn.us) (email)

### **Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)**

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Equal Opportunity and Access Division

P.O. Box 64997

St. Paul, MN 55164-0997

651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

American Indians can continue or begin to use tribal and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics. We will not require prior approval or impose any conditions for you to get services at these clinics. For elders age 65 years and older this includes Elderly Waiver (EW) services accessed through the tribe. If a doctor or other provider in a tribal or IHS clinic refers you to a provider in our network, we will not require you to see your primary care provider prior to the referral.

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## A. Disclaimers

- UCare's MSHO (HMO D-SNP) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and the Minnesota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. Enrollment in UCare's MSHO depends on contract renewal.
- This is not a complete list. The benefit information is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. For more information call Customer Service or read the *Member Handbook*.

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## B. Reviewing your Medicare and Medical Assistance (Medicaid) coverage for next year

It is important to review your coverage now to make sure it will still meet your needs next year. If it does not meet your needs, you may be able to leave the plan. Refer to section E2 for more information.

If you leave our plan, you will still be in the Medicare and Medical Assistance (Medicaid) programs as long as you are eligible.

- You will have a choice about how to get your Medicare benefits (refer to section E, How to choose a plan, for your options).
- If you choose to leave our plan, you will be automatically enrolled in our plan's Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) plan for your Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services if our MSC+ plan is offered in your county.
  - You can ask in writing to be enrolled in the MSC+ plan you were enrolled in before our plan's Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) enrollment.
  - If our plan does not have an MSC+ plan in your county, you will be enrolled in the MSC+ plan that is available in your county.

Contact your county financial worker if you have questions. If you currently have a medical spenddown and you choose to leave our plan, your Medical Assistance (Medicaid) will be provided fee-for-service. You will not be enrolled in another health plan for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services.



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## B1. Additional resources

- You can get this *Annual Notice of Changes* for free in other formats, such as large print, braille, or audio. Call UCare's MSHO Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page. The call is free.
- To make or change a standing request to get this document, now and in the future, in a language other than English or in an alternate format, call Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page.

## B2. Information about UCare's MSHO

- UCare's MSHO (HMO D-SNP) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and the Minnesota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. Enrollment in UCare's MSHO depends on contract renewal.
- Coverage under UCare's MSHO is qualifying health coverage called "minimum essential coverage." It satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information on the individual shared responsibility requirement.
- UCare's MSHO is offered by UCare Minnesota. When this *Annual Notice of Changes* says "we," "us," or "our," it means UCare Minnesota. When it says "the plan" or "our plan," it means UCare's MSHO.

## B3. Important things to do:

- **Check if there are any changes to our benefits and costs that may affect you.**
  - Are there any changes that affect the services you use?
  - It is important to review benefit and cost changes to make sure they will work for you next year.
  - Look in sections D1 and D2 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- **Check if there are any changes to our prescription drug coverage that may affect you.**



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- Will your drugs be covered? Are they in a different cost-sharing tier? Can you continue to use the same pharmacies?
- It is important to review the changes to make sure our drug coverage will work for you next year.
- Look in section D2 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
- Your drug costs may have risen since last year.
  - Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year.
  - To get additional information on drug prices, visit [www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/costs-for-medicare-drug-coverage](http://www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/costs-for-medicare-drug-coverage). (Click the “dashboards” link in the middle of the Note toward the bottom of the page. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price information.)
  - Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.
- **Check if your providers and pharmacies will be in our network next year.**
  - Are your doctors, including your specialists, in our network? What about your pharmacy? What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in section C for information about our *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*.
- **Think about your overall costs in the plan.**
  - How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
  - How do the total costs compare to other coverage options?



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- **Think about whether you are happy with our plan.**

<b>If you decide to stay with UCare's MSHO:</b>	<b>If you decide to change plans:</b>
If you want to stay with us next year, it's easy – you don't need to do anything. If you don't make a change, you will automatically stay enrolled in our plan.	If you decide other coverage will better meet your needs, you may be able to switch plans (refer to section E2 for more information). If you enroll in a new plan, you will get a notice of when your new coverage will begin. Look in section E2 to learn more about your choices.

## C. Changes to the network providers and pharmacies

Our provider and pharmacy networks have changed for 2023.

**Please review the 2023 *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*** to find out if your providers or pharmacy are in our network. An updated *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* is located on our website at [ucare.org/searchnetwork](https://ucare.org/searchnetwork). You may also call Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*.

It is important that you know that we may also make changes to our network during the year. If your provider does leave the plan, you have certain rights and protections. For more information, refer to Chapter 3 of your *Member Handbook*.



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## D. Changes to benefits and costs for next year

### D1. Changes to benefits for medical services

Please note that the *Annual Notice of Changes* only tells you about changes to your Medicare benefits and costs.

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The following table describes these changes.

	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<b>Dental services</b>	Crown repair is <u>not</u> covered.	You get one crown repair per year.
<b>Help with certain chronic conditions</b>	You get up to one year of training and support for caregivers of members with dementia, cognitive impairment, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's or ALS	You get up to one year of training and support for caregivers of members with dementia, cognitive impairment, Parkinson's, chronic renal failure, chronic Kidney Disease, stroke, or primary organ/blood cancers.
<b>Help with certain chronic conditions</b>	GrandPad is <u>not</u> covered.	GrandPad - a tablet that addresses social isolation, supports medication management, care management and telehealth access for members with depression. One tablet every two years.



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<b>Help with certain chronic conditions</b>	Papa Pals is <u>not</u> covered.	Papa Pals - 72 hours per year of in-home support such as medication and health care reminders, prescription pick-up, help using technical devices, companionship, light household chores and transportation to community locations for members with hypertension, congestive heart failure, diabetes or ischemic heart disease.
<b>Help with certain chronic conditions</b>	Reemo blood pressure monitor is <u>not</u> covered.	Blood pressure cuff that allows blood pressure monitoring and notifications for Reemo Smartwatch users with hypertension. One blood pressure cuff every two years.
<b>Help with certain chronic conditions</b>	Stress & Anxiety Kit is <u>not</u> covered.	You get one Stress & Anxiety Kit per year for members with anxiety or trouble managing stress. Kit options include: Sleep aids, stress reduction, Amazon Echo.

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	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<b>Help with certain chronic conditions</b>	You receive up to \$30 per month nutritional food allowance for members with Diabetes or Congestive Heart Failure.	You receive up to \$60 per month nutritional food allowance for members with hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure or ischemic heart disease.
<b>Vision care</b>	You have a supplemental eyewear benefit of: - Anti-glare lens coating <b>once every two years</b> - Photochromic lens tinting <b>once every two years</b> - Progressive lenses <b>once every two years</b>	You have a supplemental eyewear benefit of: - Anti-glare lens coating <b>once per year</b> - Photochromic lens tinting <b>once per year</b> - Progressive lenses <b>once per year</b>

## D2. Changes to prescription drug coverage

### Changes to our Drug List

The *List of Covered Drugs* is also called the “Drug List.”

An updated *List of Covered Drugs* (Drug List) is located on our website at [ucare.org/dsnp-druglist](https://ucare.org/dsnp-druglist). You may also call Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page for updated drug information or to ask us to mail you a Drug List.

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 find out if there will be any restrictions.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, we encourage you to:

- Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug that we cover.



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- You can call Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page or contact your Care Coordinator to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same condition.
- This list can help your provider find a covered drug that might work for you.
- Ask the plan to cover a temporary supply of the drug.
  - In some situations, we will cover a **temporary supply** of the drug during the first 90 days of the calendar year.
  - This temporary supply will be for up to 30 days. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, refer to Chapter 5 of the *Member Handbook*.)
  - When you get a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your health care provider 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.

If you fill your prescription within the first 90 days of the calendar year and discover it is no longer on the Drug List, in most cases you can obtain a transition fill. After the transition fill, you will receive a letter about your options including speaking with your physician about changing drugs or how to request an exception.

Utilization management exceptions are assigned for a given timeframe at the time of authorization. You should contact Customer Service to learn what you or your provider would need to do to get coverage for the drug once the exception has expired.

There are two payment stages for your Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage under UCare's MSHO. How much you pay depends on which stage you are in when you get a prescription filled or refilled. These are the two stages:

Stage 1 Initial Coverage Stage	Stage 2 Catastrophic Coverage Stage
<p>During this stage, the plan pays part of the costs of your drugs, and you pay your share. Your share is called the copay.</p> <p>You begin this stage when you fill your first prescription of the year.</p>	<p>During this stage, the plan pays all of the costs of your drugs through December 31, 2023.</p> <p>You begin this stage when you have paid a certain amount of out-of-pocket costs.</p>

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**Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines** – Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Call Customer Service for more information.

### D3. Stage 1: "Initial Coverage Stage"

During the Initial Coverage Stage, the plan pays a share of the cost of your covered prescription drugs, and you pay your share. Your share is called the copay. The copay depends on the cost-sharing tier level of the drug. You will pay a copay each time you fill a prescription. If your covered drug costs less than the copay, you will pay the lower price.

**We moved some of the drugs on the Drug List to a lower or higher drug cost-sharing tier level.** If your drugs move from one tier level to another, this could affect your copay. To find out if your drugs will be in a different cost-sharing tier level, look them up in the Drug List.

Our plan's Drug List will have only one tier of drugs in 2023. However, what you pay for a drug on the Drug List depends on whether the drug is a generic or brand drug. These amounts apply only during the time when you are in the Initial Coverage Stage.

	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p><b>Drugs in Tier 1 – Generic (Covered generic drugs)</b></p> <p>Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier 1 - Generic Drugs that is filled at a network pharmacy</p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is \$0/\$1.35/\$3.95 <b>per prescription.</b></p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is \$0/\$1.45/\$4.15 <b>per prescription.</b></p>
<p><b>Drugs in Tier 1 – Brand (Covered brand drugs)</b></p> <p>Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier 1 - Brand Drugs that is filled at network pharmacy</p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is \$0/\$4.00/\$9.85 <b>per prescription.</b></p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is \$0/\$4.30/\$10.35 <b>per prescription.</b></p>

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### **D4. Stage 2: "Catastrophic Coverage Stage"**

When you reach the out-of-pocket limit of \$7,400 for your prescription drugs, the Catastrophic Coverage Stage begins. You will stay in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage until the end of the calendar year. You will pay nothing while you are in this stage.



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## E. How to choose a plan

### E1. How to stay in our plan

We hope to keep you as a member next year.

You do not have to do anything to stay in our health plan. If you want to stay in our plan, you will automatically stay enrolled.

### E2. How to change plans

Most people with Medicare can end their membership during certain times of the year. Because you have Medicaid, you may be able to end your membership in our plan or switch to a different plan one time during each of the following **Special Enrollment Periods**:

- January to March
- April to June
- July to September

In addition to these three Special Enrollment periods, you may end your membership in our plan during the following periods:

- The **Annual Enrollment Period**, which lasts from October 15 to December 7. If you choose a new plan during this period, your membership in UCare's MSHO will end on December 31 and your membership in the new plan will start on January 1.
- The **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period**, which lasts from January 1 to March 31. If you choose a new plan during this period, your membership in the new plan will start the first day of the next month.

There may be other situations when you are eligible to make a change to your enrollment. For example, such as when:

- You have moved out of our service area,
- Your eligibility for Medicaid or Extra Help has changed, or
- You recently moved into, currently are getting care in or just moved out of a nursing home or a long-term care hospital.

Eligibility for enrollment periods can vary. Contact UCare's MSHO Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page if you are unsure which enrollment periods you may use.



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These are the four ways people can end membership in our plan:

<p><b>1. You can change to:</b></p> <p><b>A different Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Here is what to do:</b></p> <p>Enroll in the new Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Plan by calling the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users, call 711 or use your preferred relay service). In Minnesota, the SHIP is called the Senior LinkAge Line®.</p> <p>You will automatically be disenrolled from UCare's MSHO when your new plan's coverage begins.</p>
<p><b>2. You can change to:</b></p> <p><b>A Medicare health plan such as a Medicare Advantage Plan or a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and another choice for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) or stay with the current Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services</b></p>	<p><b>Here is what to do:</b></p> <p>Call 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.</p> <p>If you need help or more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users call 711 or use your preferred relay service). In Minnesota, the SHIP is called the Senior LinkAge Line®. These calls are free.</li> </ul> <p>You will automatically be disenrolled from UCare's MSHO when your new plan's coverage begins.</p> <p>If you choose to leave our plan, you will be automatically enrolled in our plan's Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) plan for your Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services if our MSC+ plan is offered in your county. You can ask in writing to be enrolled in the MSC+ plan you were</p>

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	<p>enrolled in before our plan’s MSHO enrollment. If our plan does not have an MSC+ plan in your county, you will be enrolled in the MSC+ plan that is available in your county. Contact your county financial worker if you have questions. If you currently have a medical spenddown and you choose to leave our plan, your Medical Assistance (Medicaid) will be provided fee-for-service. You will not be enrolled in another health plan for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services.</p>
<p><b>3. You can change to:</b>   <b>Original Medicare with a separate Medicare prescription drug plan and another choice for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) or stay with the current Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services</b></p>	<p><b>Here is what to do:</b></p> <p>Call 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.</p> <p>If you need help or more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users call 711 or use your preferred relay service). In Minnesota, the SHIP is called the Senior LinkAge Line®. These calls are free.</li> </ul> <p>You will automatically be disenrolled from UCare's MSHO when your Original Medicare coverage begins.</p> <p>If you choose to leave our plan, you will be automatically enrolled in our plan’s Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) plan for your Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services if our MSC+ plan is offered in your county. You can ask in writing to be enrolled in the MSC+ plan you were enrolled in before our plan’s MSHO</p>

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<p><b>4. You can change to:</b></p> <p><b>Original Medicare without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan and another choice for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) or stay with the current Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: If you switch to Original Medicare and do not enroll in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan, unless you tell Medicare you don't want to join.</b></p> <p><b>You should only drop prescription drug coverage if you have drug coverage from another source, such as an employer or union. If you have questions about whether you need drug coverage, call the Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users call 711 or use your preferred relay service).</b></p>	<p><b>Here is what to do:</b></p> <p>Call 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.</p> <p>If you need help or more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users call 711 or use your preferred relay service). In Minnesota, the SHIP is called the Senior LinkAge Line®. These calls are free.</li> </ul> <p>You will automatically be disenrolled from UCare's MSHO when your Original Medicare coverage begins.</p> <p>If you choose to leave our plan, you will be automatically enrolled in our plan's Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+) plan for your Medical Assistance (Medicaid) services if our MSC+ plan is offered in your county. You can ask in writing to be enrolled in the MSC+ plan you were enrolled in before our plan's MSHO enrollment. If our plan does not have an</p>

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## F. How to get help

### F1. Getting help from UCare's MSHO

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page.

#### **Your 2023 *Member Handbook***

The 2023 *Member Handbook* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It has details about next year's benefits and costs. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs.

The 2023 *Member Handbook* will be available by October 15. You can also review the *Member Handbook* to find out if other benefit or cost changes affect you. An up-to-date copy of the 2023 *Member Handbook* will be available on our website at [ucare.org/formembers](https://ucare.org/formembers). You may also call Customer Service at the number at the bottom of this page to ask us to mail you a current *Member Handbook*.

#### **Our website**

You can also visit our website at [ucare.org/formembers](https://ucare.org/formembers). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider and pharmacy network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*) and our Drug List (*List of Covered Drugs*).



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## F2. Getting help from the Ombudsperson for Public Managed Health Care Programs

The Ombudsperson for Public Managed Health Care Programs is an ombudsperson program that can help you if you are having a problem with UCare's MSHO. The ombudsperson's services are free. The Ombudsperson for Public Managed Health Care Programs:

- Works as an advocate on your behalf. They can answer questions if you have a problem or complaint and can help you understand what to do.
- Makes sure you have information related to your rights and protections and how you can get your concerns resolved.
- Is not connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. The phone number for the Ombudsperson for Public Managed Health Care Programs is 1-651-431-2660 (Twin Cities metro area); 1-800-657-3729 (outside the Twin Cities metro area). TTY users call 711 or use your preferred relay service.

## F3. Getting help from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

You can also call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. The services are free. In Minnesota, the SHIP is called the Senior LinkAge Line®. Senior LinkAge Line® counselors can help you understand your MSHO Plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. The Senior LinkAge Line® is not connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. The phone number for the Senior LinkAge Line® is 1-800-333-2433 (TTY users call 711 or use your preferred relay service). These calls are free.

## F4. Getting help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare, 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.

### Medicare's website

You can visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). If you choose to disenroll from your MSHO Plan and enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, the Medicare website has information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare Advantage plans.

You can find information about Medicare Advantage plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (For information about plans, refer to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and click on "Find plans.")



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### ***Medicare & You 2023***

You can read the *Medicare & You 2023* 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 ([www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf](http://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.

### **F5. Getting help from Medical Assistance (Medicaid)**

Minnesota's office of Medical Assistance (Medicaid) is the Department of Human Services. Call 1-800-657-3739 (outside Twin Cities metro area) or 1-651-431-2670 (Twin Cities metro area). TTY users should call 1-800-627-3429 or 711 or use your preferred relay service.



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