

Summary of Benefits



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Medicare Advantage

Plan year: January 1 – December 31, 2022

New York

Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Westchester counties

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)[†]

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Thank you for your interest in our Medicare Advantage plans

Empire BlueCross BlueShield offers benefits to help you stay healthy while protecting you from unexpected costs. This plan includes your hospital and medical benefits in one plan.

[†] This plan has no prescription drug coverage.

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

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Our service area includes these counties in NY: Bronx, Kings, Queens, Richmond, Westchester

Do you have questions?



- You can learn more on our website, <https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare>.



- Or call us toll-free **1-800-809-7328** (TTY: **711**).
- Hours of operation: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30.

The *Summary of Benefits* does not include every service, limit, or exclusion, but the *Evidence of Coverage* does. Just give us a call to request a copy.

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO) is a Medicare Advantage plan. It includes hospital and medical benefits in one plan. To join this plan, the following must apply to you:

- You're entitled to Medicare Part A.
- You're enrolled in Medicare Part B.
- You live in our service area.

You need to visit doctors and facilities in this plan's network. This is very important. If you go outside the network, the services may not be covered.

Medicare coverage that goes beyond Original Medicare

- This plan covers everything that Original Medicare covers — Part A (hospital services) and Part B (medical services) — plus more.
- This plan covers Medicare Part B drugs (such as chemotherapy and certain drugs your doctor administers). However, this plan does not cover Part D prescription drugs.

This is a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plan. That means:

- You must choose a primary care physician (PCP) in the plan's network of doctors for covered services. Your PCP provides most of your medical care, including routine care and hospitalizations. They can help you save time and money by directing you to specialists when needed.
- Before you visit a specialist, we recommend you talk to your PCP first. They know your health history and can help you find the right care.

Is your PCP in our plan's network of doctors?



If you need to change your primary care physician (PCP), give us a call and we'll help. Doctors can join or leave the network at any time, so check if they're in-network with our Find a Doctor tool online. Just follow the steps below.

How to find a doctor/PCP in our plan:



- Go to **<https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare>**
 1. Select **Useful Tools** and choose **Find a Doctor**.
 2. Enter your ZIP code, county and the date you want your coverage to begin.
 3. Fill in the details (city, doctor's name, distance, etc.).
 4. Be sure to check that the doctor is listed as "In-Network" for this plan.
- Or you can ask us for the *Provider Directory*. The phone number is on page 2.

Optional supplemental dental and/or vision benefits



You can add an Optional Supplemental Benefits (OSB) package to the plan for an additional monthly premium. Optional Supplemental Benefits may not be available with every Medicare Advantage plan in this enrollment guide. See the



Optional Supplemental Dental and Vision Plans section of the medical benefits chart for more details.



Summary of 2022 medical benefits

The next pages have more details about plan benefits, so you can choose the right plan for you.

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

How much is my premium (monthly payment)?

\$0.00 per month

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

How much is my deductible?

This plan does not have a medical deductible.

Is there a limit on how much I will pay for my covered medical services?

(does not include Part D drugs)

\$7,550.00 per year from doctors and facilities in our plan

Like all Medicare health plans, our plan protects you by having yearly limits on your out-of-pocket costs for medical and hospital care.

Services you receive from doctors or facilities in our plan go toward your yearly limit. If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you will not have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

Inpatient Hospital¹

Facilities in our plan: Days 1-5: **\$400.00** per day, per admission / Days 6-90: **\$0.00** per day, per admission

Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.

Per-day cost sharing applies to each new inpatient admission (Note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost sharing per day applies).

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Outpatient Hospital^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **30%** coinsurance

What you will pay may depend on the service and where you are treated.

Ambulatory Surgical Center^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

Doctor's Office Visits

Primary care physician (PCP) visit:

PCPs in our plan: **\$20.00** copay

Specialist visit:^{1,2}

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams

Preventive care screenings:

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Annual physical exam:

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

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Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams

Covered preventive care screenings:

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
- Annual “wellness” visit
- Bone mass measurement
- Breast cancer screening (mammogram)
- Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy)
- Cardiovascular screening
- Cervical and vaginal cancer screening
- Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy)
- Depression screening
- Diabetes prevention program
- Diabetes screenings and monitoring
- Hepatitis C Screening
- High Intensity Behavioral Counseling
- HIV screening
- Lung cancer screenings
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Obesity screenings and counseling
- Prostate cancer screenings (PSA)
- Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling
- Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease)
- Vaccines, including flu, hepatitis B, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 shots
- “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time)

Any extra preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered. When you use doctors in our plan, **100%** of the cost of preventive care screenings and annual physical exams is covered.

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

Emergency Care

\$90.00 copay

Emergency and Urgent Care Worldwide Coverage

\$90.00 copay

This plan covers urgent care and emergency services when traveling outside of the United States for less than six months. This benefit is limited to **\$100,000.00** per year.

Urgently Needed Services

\$65.00 copay

Diagnostic Radiology Services (such as MRIs, CT scans)^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$200.00 - \$250.00** copay

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

Diagnostic Tests and Procedures^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$0.00 - \$150.00** copay

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

Lab Services^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

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Outpatient X-rays^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$60.00 - \$100.00** copay

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

Therapeutic Radiology Services (such as radiation treatment for cancer)^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

Hearing Services

Medicare-covered hearing services (Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues):^{1,2}

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

Routine hearing services:

Not Covered

Dental Services

Medicare-covered dental services (this does not include services for care, treatment, filling, removal or replacement of teeth):¹

Doctors and dentists in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

Dental Services

Preventive dental services:

This plan covers: 2 oral exam(s), 2 cleaning(s), 1 dental X-ray(s) every year.

Dentists in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Comprehensive dental services:¹

This plan covers up to a **\$125.00** allowance for covered comprehensive dental services every quarter.

Doctors and dentists in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

We cover more dental care than what Original Medicare covers. You can use our coverage for these services and more: extra exams, cleanings, X-rays, fillings and repairs, root canals (endodontics), dental crowns (caps), bridges and implants, and dentures.

Any amount not used at the end of a quarter will carry over to the next quarter.

Any amount not used at the end of the calendar year will expire.

To find a dental provider in our plan, follow the same steps as the "How to find a doctor/PCP in our plan" box at the beginning of this booklet. Then select **Dental Provider** under **Provider Type**.

Vision Services

Medicare-covered vision services:

Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

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Vision Services

Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Routine vision services:

Routine vision exam

This plan covers 1 routine eye exam(s) every year.

Doctors in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Routine eyewear (lenses and frames)

Not Covered

To find a vision provider in our plan, follow the same steps as the "How to find a doctor/PCP in our plan" box at the beginning of this booklet. Then select **Vision Provider** under **Provider Type**.

Mental Health Care

Inpatient visit:¹

Doctors and facilities in our plan: Days 1-4: **\$465.00** per day, per admission / Days 5-90: **\$0.00** per day, per admission

Our plan covers unlimited inpatient days.

Per day cost sharing applies to each new inpatient admission. (Note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost sharing per day applies).

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Mental Health Care

Outpatient individual and group therapy services:^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)¹

Doctors and facilities in our plan: SNF Days 1 - 20: **\$0.00** per day / Days 21 - 100: **\$188.00** per day

Our plan covers up to 100 days in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

Your copays for SNF benefits are based on benefit periods. A benefit period starts on the first day you go into a hospital or SNF and ends when you haven't had any inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row. If you go into a SNF after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period starts. There's no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have.

Physical Therapy^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

Ambulance¹

Ground/Water Ambulance:

Emergency transportation services in our plan: **\$325.00** copay per trip

Air Ambulance:

Emergency transportation services in our plan: **20%** coinsurance per trip

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Transportation

Not Covered

Medicare Part B Drugs¹

Other Part B Drugs:

Drugs obtained from doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

Our plan does not cover Part D prescription drugs.

Chemotherapy drugs:

Drugs obtained from doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

Additional benefits

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Chiropractic Care^{1,2}

Medicare-covered chiropractic services:

Providers in our plan: **\$20.00** copay

Medicare coverage includes manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position).

Foot Care (podiatry services)^{1,2}

Medicare-covered podiatry:

Doctors in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

Foot exams and treatment are covered if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet certain conditions.

Home Health Care^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

LiveHealth[®] Online

Lets you talk to a board-certified doctor or licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, or therapist by live, two-way video on a computer, smartphone, or tablet

LiveHealth Online is the trade name of Health Management Corporation, a separate company, providing telehealth services on behalf of our plan.

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

Medical Equipment/Supplies

Durable Medical Equipment (wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.):¹

Suppliers in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

Medical supplies and prosthetic devices (braces, artificial limbs, etc.):¹

Suppliers in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

Diabetic supplies and services:

Suppliers in our plan: **\$0.00** copay

Outpatient Rehabilitation

Cardiac (heart) rehab services (with a limit of two, one-hour sessions per day and a maximum of 36 sessions within a 36-week period):¹

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$50.00** copay

Pulmonary (lung) rehab services (with a limit of two, one-hour sessions per day and a maximum of 36 sessions):¹

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$30.00** copay

Occupational therapy visit:^{1,2}

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

Outpatient Substance Abuse^{1,2}

Individual & Group therapy visit:

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **\$40.00** copay

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Renal Dialysis

Doctors and facilities in our plan: **20%** coinsurance

SilverSneakers^{®†} Fitness program

When you become our member, you can sign up for SilverSneakers. It's included in our plan. To learn more details, go to **www.silversneakers.com** or call SilverSneakers at 1-855-741-4985 (TTY: 711), Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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24/7 NurseLine

24-hour access to a nurse helpline, seven days a week, 365 days a year

Services with a 1 may need prior authorization (preapproval) from the plan.

Services with a 2 may need a referral from your doctor or Primary Care Physician (PCP).



Optional supplemental dental and vision plans

You can add an optional supplemental benefit plan to this plan, and take advantage of:

- No yearly deductibles.
- No waiting periods for coverage.
- Your choice of many dentists and vision care providers.

Package 1: Preventive Dental Package

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

How much is the monthly payment?

An extra **\$14.00** per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B monthly payment.

How much is the deductible?

This package does not have a deductible.

Is there a limit on how much the plan will pay?

Doctors in our plan:

- The plan will pay up to **\$500.00** for the following preventive dental benefits each year (benefit maximum).

Talk to your doctor and confirm all coverage, costs and codes before you receive services.

Benefits included:

Doctors in our plan:

You pay no copay for:

- Two exams
- Two cleanings
- Dental X-rays: include one full-mouth **or** panoramic X-ray **and** one set/series of bitewing X-rays each year **and** up to seven periapical images per calendar year
- Two fluoride treatments

Since these services are not normally covered under Original Medicare, we offer them as a Supplemental Benefit for an extra monthly payment through this Optional Supplemental Package.

Package 2: Dental and Vision Package

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

How much is the monthly payment?

An extra **\$23.00** per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B monthly payment.

How much is the deductible?

This package does not have a deductible.

Is there a limit on how much the plan will pay?

Doctors in our plan:

- The plan will pay up to **\$1,000.00** for the following preventive dental benefits each year (benefit maximum).

Talk to your doctor and confirm all coverage, costs, and codes before you receive services.

Benefits included:

Dental:

Doctors in our plan:

You pay no copay for:

- Two exams
- Two cleanings
- Dental X-rays: include one full-mouth **or** panoramic X-ray **and** one set/series of bitewing X-rays each year **and** up to seven periapical images per calendar year
- Two fluoride treatments

You pay **20%** of the covered charges for certain restorative dental services (fillings).

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Benefits included:

You pay **50%** of the covered charges for certain endodontic, periodontic, and oral surgery dental services which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Root canal treatment
- Periodontal scaling and root planing
- Simple and surgical extractions

Exclusions & Limits for this benefit package:

- Dentures and crowns are excluded.
- Coverage is only available from network providers.

Vision:

This package offers a **\$150.00** reimbursement allowance toward the purchase of eyewear. The benefit applies to corrective (prescription) glasses, lenses, frames, and/or contact lenses.

Talk to your provider and confirm all coverage, costs, and codes prior to services being rendered.

Exclusions & limits for this benefit package:

- Safety eyewear, non-prescription sunglasses, glass lenses, non-prescription lenses or contacts, or lens treatments are not covered.
- Coverage is only available from network providers.

Since these services are not normally covered under Original Medicare, we offer them as a Supplemental Benefit for an extra monthly payment through this Optional Supplemental Package.

Package 3: Enhanced Dental and Vision Package

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

How much is the monthly payment?

An extra **\$44.00** per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B monthly payment.

How much is the deductible?

This package does not have a deductible.

Is there a limit on how much the plan will pay?

Doctors in our plan:

- The plan will pay up to **\$2000.00** for the following preventive dental benefits each year (benefit maximum).

Talk to your doctor and confirm all coverage, costs and codes before you receive services.

Benefits included:

Dental:

Doctors in our plan:

You pay no copay for:

- Two exams
- Two cleanings
- Dental X-rays: include one full-mouth **or** panoramic X-ray **and** one set/series of bitewing X-rays each year **and** up to seven periapical images per calendar year
- Two fluoride treatments

You pay **20%** of the covered charges for certain restorative dental services (fillings).

Empire MediBlue Service (HMO)

Benefits included:

You pay **50%** of the covered charges for certain endodontic, periodontic, prosthodontic and oral surgery dental services which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Root canal treatment
- Periodontal scaling and root planing
- Simple and surgical extractions
- Crowns (once per tooth every five years)
- Complete denture, immediate denture, or partial denture (one set of dentures every five years)
- Denture adjustment, repair, replacement, rebasing and relining
- Local anesthesia (a drug to numb a part of the body) or regional block anesthesia
- Dental implants

Vision:

This package offers a **\$200.00** reimbursement allowance toward the purchase of eyewear. The benefit applies to corrective (prescription) glasses, lenses, frames, and/or contact lenses.

Talk to your provider and confirm all coverage, costs, and codes prior to services being rendered.

Exclusions & limits for this benefit package:

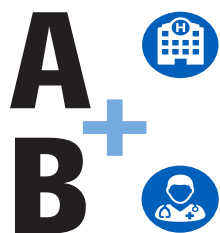
- Safety eyewear, non-prescription sunglasses, glass lenses, non-prescription lenses or contacts, or lens treatments are not covered.
- Coverage is only available from network providers.

Since these services are not normally covered under Original Medicare, we offer them as a Supplemental Benefit for an extra monthly payment through this Optional Supplemental Package.

An overview of how Medicare works

If you're new to Medicare, this can help you decide what is right for you.

Original Medicare (Parts A and B) is a federal government program that helps cover:





- Inpatient care in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities (not custodial or long-term care).
- Hospice and some home healthcare services.
- Doctor services, hospital outpatient care, lab tests, medical equipment, and supplies.
- Most preventive services, including a yearly wellness exam.

Original Medicare (Parts A and B) does not cover:

- Prescription drugs.
- Vision, dental, or hearing care.



Here are your options

| Option 1: an all-in-one Medicare Advantage plan | Option 2: One or both of the following |
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| <p>Medicare Part C</p> <h3>C+D+Extras</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Includes all of Part A (hospital) and Part B (medical) coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Usually includes Part D prescription drug coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Often offers extra services and benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Caps what you'll pay out-of-pocket for medical services | <p>Medicare Supplement </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Part A or Part B deductibles, coinsurance, or copayments <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare Part B excess charges <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled nursing facility care coinsurance <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign travel emergencies <hr/> <p>Prescription drug coverage</p> <p>Part D </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Helps pay for many of your prescribed drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Gives you access to home delivery services and pharmacies across the country |

When you can enroll

Initial Enrollment Period



You can sign up for a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan when you are first eligible for Medicare. Your Initial Enrollment Period is a seven-month period that includes the three months before your 65th birthday month, the month you turn 65, and the three months after your 65th birthday month.

Annual Enrollment Period - October 15 to December 7



This is the time each year to enroll in or change your Medicare Advantage or Part D plan. You may also switch to only Original Medicare (Parts A and B). New coverage begins January 1 of each year.

Open Enrollment Period - January 1 to March 31



This is an extra time each year when you can make one enrollment change to your existing Medicare Advantage plan. You can do one of the following:

- Move to a different Medicare Advantage plan
- Drop your Medicare Advantage plan to stay with Original Medicare. If you do this and need drug coverage, you have until March 31 to add a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan.

Special Enrollment Period

You can sign up for a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan outside of the standard time frames if certain events occur in your life. These events may include (but aren't limited to) a change in employment, circumstances, or location.

If you choose a Medicare Advantage plan:

You will not need your red, white and blue Medicare ID card. Just present your member ID card for all your covered medical benefits.

Avoid late-enrollment penalties

It's important to enroll in a Medicare plan when you're first eligible. If you don't, you may have to pay the following penalties:



Medicare Part A: You may have to buy Part A if you don't qualify for premium-free Part A. If you do not buy it when you're first eligible for Medicare, your monthly premium may go up 10%. You will have to pay the higher premium for twice the number of years you didn't sign up.

For example, if you delayed enrollment for one year and your monthly Part A premium was \$100, then you would have to pay a \$110 (10% increase) premium for two years (two times the one year you didn't have Medicare Part A).



Medicare Part B: Your monthly premium may increase 10% for each 12-month period you could have had Part B but didn't sign up. You'll have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Part B.



Medicare Part D: If you don't sign up when you're first eligible, you may have to pay this penalty for as long as you are enrolled in Part D, and it may increase every year. You may not have to pay it if you receive Extra Help or have proof of other creditable (as good as Medicare's) coverage.

How can I learn more about Medicare?

Medicare & You, a helpful tool



The United States government's *Medicare & You* handbook is a great way to learn about Medicare and find answers to your questions. If you do not have a copy, you can view it online at [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or call Medicare for a copy at **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**, 24/7. TTY users can call **1-877-486-2048**.

Hay disponibles servicios de traducción; póngase en contacto con el plan o su agente.

If you need emergency or urgent care, call 911 or go to the nearest doctor or facility that can help you. Most times, you must use doctors in our plan to receive covered medical care, except for emergencies and urgently needed care when doctors in our plan are not available or dialysis services when you are out of the service area. If you receive routine care from doctors outside our plan, neither Medicare nor Empire BlueCross BlueShield will pay for it.

Empire BlueCross BlueShield is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Empire BlueCross BlueShield depends on contract renewal.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

2022 Medicare Star Ratings

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Empire BlueCross BlueShield - H8432

For 2022, Empire BlueCross BlueShield - H8432 received the following Star Ratings from Medicare:

Overall Star Rating: ★★★★★

Health Services Rating: ★★★★★

Drug Services Rating: ★★★★★

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

Why Star Ratings Are Important

Medicare rates plans on their health and drug services.

This lets you easily compare plans based on quality and performance.

Star Ratings are based on factors that include:

- Feedback from members about the plan's service and care
- The number of members who left or stayed with the plan
- The number of complaints Medicare got about the plan
- Data from doctors and hospitals that work with the plan

The number of stars show how well a plan performs.

★★★★★ EXCELLENT

★★★★☆ ABOVE AVERAGE

★★★☆☆ AVERAGE

★★☆☆☆ BELOW AVERAGE

★☆☆☆☆ POOR

More stars mean a better plan – for example, members may get better care and better, faster customer service.

Get More Information on Star Ratings Online

Compare Star Ratings for this and other plans online at [medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

Questions about this plan?

Contact Empire BlueCross BlueShield 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30 at 1-800-809-7328 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY).

Current members please call 1-800-499-9554 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY).

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Enrollment Checklist

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a customer service representative at **1-800-809-7328** TTY: **711**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30.

Understanding the Benefits

- Review the full list of benefits found in the Evidence of Coverage (EOC), especially for those services for which you routinely see a doctor. Visit <https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare> or call **1-800-809-7328** to view a copy of the EOC.
- Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
- Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicines is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.

Understanding Important Rules

- In addition to your monthly plan premium, you must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
- Benefits, premiums and/or copayments/co-insurance may change on January 1, 2023.
- Except in emergency or urgent situations, we do not cover services by out-of-network providers (doctors who are not listed in the provider directory).