



Personal Choice 65SM PPO

Personal Choice 65SM Medical-Only (PPO) offered by QCC Insurance Company

Annual Notice of Changes for 2021

You are currently enrolled as a member of Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

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

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

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
 - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
 - Do the changes affect the services you use?
 - Look in Section 1 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
 - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
 - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
 - Look in Section 1.3 for information about our *Provider/Pharmacy Directory*.
- Think about your overall health care costs.
 - How much will you spend out of pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
 - How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
 - How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?
- 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 personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website.
 - Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook.

- Look in Section 2.2 to learn more about your choices.
- 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, 2020, you will be enrolled in Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only.
 - To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.
- 4. ENROLL:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2020**.
- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2020**, you will be enrolled in Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only.
 - If you join another plan by **December 7, 2020**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2021**. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

Additional Resources

- Please contact our Member Help Team number at 1-888-718-3333 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. Please note that on weekends and holidays from April 1 through September 30, your call may be sent to voicemail.
- To receive this document in an alternate format such as braille, large print or audio, please contact our Member Help Team (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
- **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 Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only

- Personal Choice 65 offers PPO plans with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Personal Choice 65 Medicare Advantage plans depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means QCC Insurance Company. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only.

Summary of Important Costs for 2021

The table below compares the 2020 costs and 2021 costs for Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at www.ibxmedicare.com. You may also call our Member Help Team to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
Monthly plan premium (See Section 1.1 for details.)	\$184	\$184
Maximum out-of-pocket amounts This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out of pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	From network providers: \$5,500 From in-network and out-of-network providers combined: \$10,000	From network providers: \$5,000 From in-network and out-of-network providers combined: \$10,000
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: \$5 per visit Specialist visits: \$40 per visit	Primary care visits: \$5 per visit Specialist visits: \$35 per visit
Inpatient hospital stays Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.	\$250 copayment per day for days 1-6 per admission \$1,500 maximum copayment per admission	\$240 copayment per day for days 1-6 per admission \$1,440 maximum copayment per admission

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SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$184	\$184

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

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

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium does not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$5,500 Once you have paid \$5,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services from network providers, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.	\$5,000 Once you have paid \$5,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services from network providers, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.
Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from in-network and out-of-network providers count toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium does not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$10,000 Once you have paid \$10,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from in-network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.	\$10,000 Once you have paid \$10,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from in-network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

Our network has changed more than usual for 2021. An updated *Provider/Pharmacy Directory* is located on our website at www.ibxmedicare.com. You may also call our Member Help Team for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider/Pharmacy Directory*. **We strongly suggest that you review our current *Provider/Pharmacy Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are still 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. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, we must furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.

Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2021 Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
Acupuncture	ROUTINE ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT IS NOT COVERED	<p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <p>Our plan covers up to six sessions per year for routine acupuncture treatment.</p> <p>Patients must have one of the following conditions to receive routine acupuncture services: headache (migraine and tension), post-operative nausea and vomiting, chemo-induced nausea and vomiting, low back pain, chronic neck pain, pain from osteoarthritis of the knee and hip.</p> <p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <p>In network:</p> <p>You pay a \$20 copay for routine acupuncture sessions</p> <p>Out of network:</p> <p>You pay 30% of the total cost for routine acupuncture sessions</p>

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Dental services</p>	<p>You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered dental services</p> <hr/> <p>ROUTINE AND COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE COVERED UNDER CHOICE AND CHOICE PLUS PROGRAMS FOR ADDITIONAL PREMIUM</p> <p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <p>Choice and Choice Plus Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One oral exam and cleaning every six months ○ One set of dental X-rays every year (bitewing X-rays only) <p>Comprehensive dental services include:</p> <p>Choice and Choice Plus Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restorative Services (Fillings white or silver - 1 per tooth per 24 months) ○ Endodontics (Root Canals - 1 per tooth per lifetime, Crowns - 1 every 5 years per tooth) ○ Periodontics (Scaling and root canal planing - 1 per 36 months per mouth quadrant) ○ Extractions (Simple extractions- no frequency limits) 	<p>You pay a \$35 copay for Medicare-covered dental services</p> <hr/> <p>ROUTINE AND COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE EMBEDDED IN MEDICAL BENEFIT AT NO ADDITIONAL PREMIUM</p> <p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One exam and cleaning every six months ● One set of dental bitewing X-rays every year ● One periapical X-ray every three years ● One full mouth/panoramic X-ray every three years <p>Comprehensive dental services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restorative Services (Fillings white or silver - 1 per tooth per 24 months) ● Endodontics (Root Canals - 1 per tooth per lifetime, Crowns - 1 every 5 years per tooth) ● Periodontics (Scaling and root planing - 1 per 36 months per mouth quadrant) ● Extractions (Simple extractions- no frequency limits)

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Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Dental services (continued)</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>Choice Plus Program ONLY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prosthodontics (Dentures- one set every 4 years, Denture realignment/adjustment - 1 every 24 months, Partials/Bridges - 1 per mouth quadrant) ○ Oral Surgery (Surgical removal of erupted tooth or residual tooth roots, removal of impacted teeth-one procedure per tooth per year) <p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <p>Choice Program:</p> <p>In network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$10 copay for exams and cleanings • You pay a \$0 copay for dental X-rays • You pay 50% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, and extractions <p>Out of network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay 80% of the total cost for exams and cleanings • You pay 80% of the total cost for X-rays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prosthodontics (Dentures- one set every 4 years, Denture realignment/adjustment - 1 every 24 months, Partials/Bridges - 1 per mouth quadrant) ○ Oral Surgery (Surgical removal of erupted tooth or residual tooth roots, removal of impacted teeth-one procedure per tooth per year) ○ 60-minute anesthesia session covered in full per session <p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <p>In-network routine and comprehensive dental services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$0 copay for exams and cleanings • You pay a \$0 copay for dental X-rays • You pay 20% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, and extractions • You pay 40% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery, and other services

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Dental services (continued)</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You pay 80% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, and extractions <p>In and out of network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined \$500 allowance every year for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, and extractions Prosthodontics and other oral/maxillofacial surgery are not covered. <p>Choice Plus Program:</p> <p>In network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You pay a \$0 copay for exams and cleanings You pay a \$0 copay for dental X-rays You pay 50% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, extractions, prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery <p>Out of network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You pay 80% of the total cost for exams and cleanings You pay 80% of the total cost for X-rays 	<p>Out-of-network routine dental services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You pay 80% of the total cost for exams and cleanings You pay 80% of the total cost for dental X-rays You pay 80% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, extractions, prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery, and other services <p>In- and out-of-network routine dental services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined \$1,500 allowance every year for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, extractions, prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery, and other services

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<p>Dental services (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You pay 80% of the total cost for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, extractions, prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery <p>In and out of network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined \$1,500 allowance every year for the following comprehensive dental services: restorative services, endodontics, periodontics, extractions, prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery 	
<p>Hearing services</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered hearing services</p> <hr/> <p>ROUTINE HEARING SERVICES COVERED UNDER CHOICE AND CHOICE PLUS PROGRAMS FOR ADDITIONAL PREMIUM</p> <p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <p>Choice and Choice Plus Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine hearing exams (not covered by Medicare), covered once every year Fitting and evaluation for hearing aids, covered three times every year 	<p>You pay a \$35 copay for Medicare-covered hearing services</p> <hr/> <p>ROUTINE HEARING SERVICES EMBEDDED IN MEDICAL BENEFIT AT NO ADDITIONAL PREMIUM</p> <p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine hearing exams (not covered by Medicare), covered once every year Fitting and evaluation for hearing aids, covered three times every year

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Hearing services (continued)</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standard digital hearing aid ○ Premium digital hearing aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to two TruHearing-branded hearing aids every year (one per ear per year). This benefit is limited to TruHearing’s Standard and Premium hearing aids, which come in various styles and colors. Premium hearing aids are available in rechargeable style options. You must see a TruHearing provider to use this benefit. Hearing aid services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 provider visits within first year of hearing aid purchase ○ 45-day trial period ○ 3-year extended warranty ○ 48 batteries per aid for non-rechargeable models • This benefit does not cover any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ear molds ○ Hearing aid accessories ○ Additional provider visits ○ Additional batteries; batteries when a rechargeable hearing aid is purchased ○ Hearing aids that are not TruHearing-branded hearing aids

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Hearing services (continued)</p>	<p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <p>Choice Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$10 copay per visit with a TruHearing provider for each routine hearing exam • You pay a \$699 copay per year, per ear for standard digital hearing aid; or, a \$999 copay per year, per ear for premium digital hearing aid when purchased through TruHearing. <p>Choice Plus Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$10 copay per visit with a TruHearing provider for each routine hearing exam • You pay a \$499 copay per year, per ear for standard digital hearing aid; or, a \$799 copay per year, per ear for premium digital hearing aid when purchased through TruHearing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Costs associated with loss and damage warranty claims. <p>Costs associated with excluded items are the responsibility of the member and not covered by the plan.</p> <p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$10 copay per visit with a TruHearing provider for each routine hearing exam • You pay a \$499 copay per year, per ear for Standard hearing aids; or, a \$799 copay per year, per ear for Premium hearing aids when purchased through TruHearing

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
Inpatient hospital stays	<p>In network: You pay a \$250 copay per day for days 1-6 per admission \$1,500 maximum copayment per admission</p> <p>Out of network: You pay 30% of the total cost per admission</p>	<p>In network: You pay a \$240 copay per day for days 1-6 per admission \$1,440 maximum copayment per admission You pay a \$0 copay for inpatient hospital stay due to COVID-19 diagnosis</p> <p>Out of network: You pay 30% of the total cost per admission</p>
Inpatient mental health care	<p>You pay a \$250 copay per day for days 1-6 per admission You pay a \$1,500 maximum copayment per admission</p>	<p>You pay a \$240 copayment per day for days 1-6 per admission You pay a \$1,440 maximum copayment per admission</p>
Opioid treatment program services	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for in-network services</p>	<p>You pay a \$5 copay for in-network services</p>
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20 You pay a \$165 copay per day for days 21-100</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20 You pay a \$184 copay per day for days 21-100</p>
Specialist copay	<p>You pay a \$40 copay per visit</p>	<p>You pay a \$35 copay per visit</p>
Telemedicine visits	<p>You pay a \$5 copay per visit</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for medical visits (<i>focused on non-urgent medical conditions by connecting to a state-licensed physician</i>) You pay a \$5 copay for behavioral health visits (<i>focused on therapy and counseling services</i>)</p>

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Vision care</p> <p>(continued)</p>	<p>You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered vision care</p> <hr/> <p>ROUTINE VISION CARE COVERED UNDER CHOICE AND CHOICE PLUS PROGRAMS FOR ADDITIONAL PREMIUM</p> <p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <p>Choice and Choice Plus Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One routine eye exam (not covered by Medicare) covered every year. ○ Eyewear: One pair of eyeglass frames, eyeglass lenses or contact lenses (not covered by Medicare) covered every year. <p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <p>Choice and Choice Plus Program:</p> <p>In network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$10 copay for routine eye exam every year • If you purchase glasses (eyeglass frames and lenses) in the Davis Vision Collection, frames and lenses are covered in full (some restrictions may apply). <p>Out of network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay 80% of the total cost 	<p>You pay a \$35 copay for Medicare-covered vision care</p> <hr/> <p>ROUTINE VISION CARE EMBEDDED IN MEDICAL BENEFIT AT NO ADDITIONAL PREMIUM</p> <p><u>WE COVER:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One routine eye exam (not covered by Medicare) covered every year. ○ Eyewear: one pair of eyeglass frames, eyeglass lenses, or contact lenses (not covered by Medicare) covered every year. <p><u>WHAT YOU PAY:</u></p> <p>In-network routine vision care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay a \$10 copay for routine eye exam every year • \$150 allowance every year for contact lenses in lieu of routine eyewear (frames and lenses) • If you purchase glasses (eyeglass frames and lenses) in the Davis Vision Collection, frames and lenses are covered in full (some restrictions may apply).

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p>Vision care (continued)</p>	<p>In- and out-of-network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyewear (frames and lenses or contact lenses) has a combined \$150 allowance per year that applies when you are in or out of network. • For glasses (frames and lenses) from national Visionworks providers there is a combined \$200 allowance per year that applies when you are in or out of network. 	<p>Out-of-network routine vision care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You pay 80% of the total cost • You must pay up front and submit a claim for out-of-network vision care. <p>In- and out-of-network routine vision care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyewear (frames and lenses or contact lenses) has a combined \$150 allowance per year that applies when you are in or out of network. • For glasses (frames and lenses) from national Visionworks providers there is a combined \$200 allowance per year that applies when you are in or out of network.

SECTION 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only

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 Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only.

Section 2.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2021 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan timely.
- -- 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, read *Medicare & You 2021*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to www.medicare.gov/plan-compare. **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

As a reminder, QCC Insurance Company 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 Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact our Member Help Team if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
 - – 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 3 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, 2021.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, 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 may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 8, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2021, 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, 2021. For more information, see Chapter 8, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 4 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In Pennsylvania, the SHIP is called APPRISE.

APPRISE is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. APPRISE 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 APPRISE at 1-800-783-7067. You can learn more about APPRISE by visiting their website (www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/medicare-counseling/Pages/default.aspx).

SECTION 5 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **“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. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. 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 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
 - Your state Medicaid office (applications).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** Pennsylvania has a program called Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 4 of this booklet).
- **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 Pennsylvania Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP). 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. Please call the Pennsylvania Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) at 1-800-922-9384.

For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call the Pennsylvania Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) at 1-800-922-9384.

SECTION 6 Questions?

Section 6.1 – Getting Help from Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call our Member Help Team at 1-888-718-3333. (TTY/TDD: 711). We are available for phone calls seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Please note that on weekends and holidays from April 1 through September 30, your call may be sent to voicemail. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2021 *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 2021. For details, look in the 2021 *Evidence of Coverage* for Personal Choice 65 Medical-Only. 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 www.ibxmedicare.com. You may also call our Member Help Team to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

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

Section 6.2 – 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

You can visit the Medicare website (www.medicare.gov). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans. You can find information about plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

Read *Medicare & You 2021*

You can read the *Medicare & You 2021* 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) 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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