

Ohio 2024 Medicare Advantage plan changes

Annual benefit changes for Medicare Advantage plan members under Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be effective January 1, 2024.

The following is a summary of these changes. Complete details are in the member's *Evidence of Coverage (EOC)*. Visit <https://shop.anthem.com/medicare> EOC, formularies, and benefit summaries, or contact Provider Services at the number on the back of the member's ID card. Changes may include medical and Part D benefits, copays, coinsurance, deductibles, formulary coverage, pharmacy network, premiums, and out-of-pocket maximums.

Some group-sponsored Medicare Advantage plan benefits vary from the Medicare Advantage plans offered to individuals. Please refer to the member's *EOC* or call Provider Services at the number on the back of the member's ID card for more benefit details.

2024 highlights:

Not all benefits listed below are available to all Medicare Advantage members. Complete details are in the member's *EOC*:

2024 Essential Extras benefit package:

- The Essential Extras benefit package now contains three to five of the following options:
 - Assistive devices
 - Everyday options allowance — dental, vision, and hearing
 - Groceries
 - Transportation
 - Utilities — changed from a monthly to a quarterly allowance on a benefits prepaid card to help members with monthly utility payments at their home



In-home support:

- This benefit option was removed from Essential Extras for 2024.

Dental services (supplemental):



- Select plans now cover an allowance for covered preventive and comprehensive services every year. Members now have the flexibility to choose how to spend their allowance for covered dental services. Read plan details for more information.

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Hearing services (supplemental):

- Plans that offer supplemental hearing services include an allowance toward the purchase of one pair of prescribed hearing aid(s) and one routine hearing aid fitting evaluation or up to \$300 towards the purchase of one pair of over-the-counter hearing aid(s). Read plan details for more information.



New: everyday options allowance:

- Select plans offer a combined monthly spending allowance on a benefits prepaid card. Members have the flexibility to choose how to spend their allowance on the following benefits: groceries and over-the-counter items.



Service dog support:

- Effective January 1, 2024, this will no longer be active benefits available to Medicare individual members.



Continuous glucose monitors:

- Prior authorization is required in 2024.



Part D prescription drug coverage:

- In 2024, the *Inflation Reduction Act* requires that once a member reaches the catastrophic coverage stage (\$8,000), they pay nothing for covered Part D drugs.

Medicare Advantage HMO

Seven existing HMOs will change names in 2024:

Plan name in 2023	Plan name in 2024
Anthem MediBlue Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP)	Anthem Full Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP)
Anthem MediBlue Extra (HMO)	Anthem Extra Help (HMO)
Anthem MediBlue + Kroger Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP)	Anthem Full Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP)
Anthem MediBlue Plus (HMO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage 3 (HMO)
Anthem MediBlue Preferred (HMO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage (HMO)
Anthem MediBlue Preferred Plus (HMO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage 2 (HMO)
Anthem MediBlue Prime Select (HMO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage (HMO)

There are two new HMOs in 2024:

New plans in 2024	Counties
Anthem Chronic Care (HMO C-SNP)	Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton
Anthem Dual Advantage (HMO D-SNP)	Adams, Allen, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Meigs, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum,

Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Scioto, Seneca, Shelby, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Vinton, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Williams, Wood, Wyandot

Medicare Advantage PPO

Seven existing PPOs will change names in 2024:

Plan name in 2023	Plan name in 2024
Anthem MediBlue + Kroger Access (PPO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage (PPO)
Anthem MediBlue Access (PPO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage 3 (PPO)
Anthem MediBlue Access Basic (Regional PPO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage (Regional PPO)
Anthem MediBlue Access Core (Regional PPO)	Anthem Veteran (Regional PPO)
Anthem MediBlue Access Plus (PPO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage 4 (PPO)
Anthem MediBlue Access Preferred (PPO)	Anthem Medicare Advantage (PPO)
Anthem MediBlue Service (PPO)	Anthem Veteran (PPO)

One existing PPO will expand in 2024:

Plans expanding in 2024	Counties
Anthem Medicare Advantage (PPO)	Butler, Clermont, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Warren



Formulary and pharmacy

Encourage your patients to review the 2024 formulary information within their *Annual Notice of Change* mailing, their new member kit, or online. Ask your patients if the coverage for any of their prescriptions has been changed. If your patient has been impacted by changes to prescription coverage, consider alternative medications in a lower cost-sharing tier.

Prior authorization for Medicare Advantage plans

Prior authorization requirements are available at [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com). Contracted and noncontracted providers who are unable to access Availity Essentials may call Provider Services at the phone number on the back of the member's ID card for prior authorization requirements.

Please check the member's ID card for any identification and/or group number changes that may affect claim submissions.