

CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO) offered by CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc.



Annual Notice of Changes for 2024

You are currently enrolled as a member of CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO). Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. ***Please see page 4 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.***

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at <https://www.cdphp.com>. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

What to do now

1. ASK: Which changes apply to you

- ☐ Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
 - Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
 - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including authorization requirements and costs.
 - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
- ☐ Check the changes in the 2024 "Drug List" to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- ☐ Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- ☐ Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices

- ☐ Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2024* handbook.
- ☐ Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

3. **CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2023, you will stay in *CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)*.
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2024**. This will end your enrollment with *CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)*.
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

Additional Resources

- Please contact our Member Services number at (518) 641-3950 or 1-888-248-6522 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. seven days a week October 1 through March 31. From April 1 to September 30, our hours are 8a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Friday. A voice messaging service is used after hours, weekends, and federal holidays. Calls will be returned within one business day. This call is free.
- Member Services has free language-interpreter services available for non-English speakers (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this document).
- This information is available in different formats, including large print. Please call Member Services if you need plan information in another format.
- **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.

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- CDPHP Medicare Advantage is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in CDPHP Medicare Advantage depends on contract renewal.
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Summary of Important Costs for 2024

The table below compares the 2023 costs and 2024 costs for *CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)* in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Monthly plan premium*	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maximum out-of-pocket amounts This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	From network providers: \$7,500 From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$11,300	From network providers: \$7,500 From network and out-of-network providers combined: \$11,300
Doctor office visits	In-Network: Enhanced Primary Care Physician visits: \$0.00 per visit Primary care visits: \$0 per visit Specialist visits: \$0-\$45 per visit Out-of-Network: Primary care visits: \$50 per visit Specialist visits: 40% coinsurance per visit	In-Network: Enhanced Primary Care Physician visits: \$0.00 per visit Primary care visits: \$0 per visit Specialist visits: \$0-\$45 per visit Out-of-Network: Primary care visits: \$50 per visit Specialist visits: 40% coinsurance per visit
Inpatient hospital stays	In-Network: \$400 per day for days 1-4,	In-Network: \$360 per day for days 1-4,

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	\$0 per day after day 5. Out-of-Network: 40% Coinsurance per admission	\$0 per day after day 5. Out-of-Network: 40% Coinsurance per admission
Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.5 for details.)	Deductible: \$300 for Tiers 3-5, excluding covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines. Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: \$3.00 for a 30- day supply that is filled at a network pharmacy. • Drug Tier 2: \$17.00 for a 30- day supply that is filled at a network pharmacy. • Drug Tier 3: \$47.00 for a 30- day supply that is filled at a network pharmacy. You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 4: \$100.00 for a 30- day supply that is filled at a network pharmacy. • Drug Tier 5: 26% of total cost for a 30- 	Deductible: \$300 for Tiers 3-5, excluding covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines. Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: <i>Standard: \$6 Preferred: \$0</i> • Drug Tier 2: <i>Standard: \$20 Preferred: \$0</i> • Drug Tier 3: <i>Standard: \$47 Preferred: \$47</i> You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 4: <i>Standard: \$100 Preferred: \$100</i> • Drug Tier 5: <i>Standard: 26% Preferred: 26%</i> Catastrophic Coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this payment stage, the plan pays

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	<p>day supply that is filled at a network pharmacy.</p> <p>Catastrophic Coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs.• For each prescription, you pay whichever of these is larger: a payment equal to 5% of the cost of the drug (this is called coinsurance), or a copayment (\$4.15 for a generic drug or a drug that is treated like a generic, and \$10.35 for all other drugs.)	<p>the full cost for your covered Part D drugs.</p>

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.

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

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (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 and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$7,500	\$7,500 Once you have paid \$7,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next 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 cost for outpatient prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.	\$11,300	\$11,300 Once you have paid \$11,300 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 network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out-of-pocket for 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.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are located on our website at <https://www.cdphp.com>. You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2024 *Provider Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2024 *Pharmacy Directory* to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) and pharmacies that are part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Member Services so we may assist.

Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Advanced Imaging Services (CT, MRI, etc.)	In-Network: You pay a \$220 copayment for advanced imaging services.	In-Network: You pay a \$165 copayment for advanced imaging services.
Ambulatory Surgical Center	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is not required.	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is required.
Chiropractic Services	In-Network: You pay a \$20 copayment for chiropractic services.	In-Network: You pay a \$15 copayment for chiropractic services.
Dental Services	In-Network and Out-of-Network: You receive a \$400 reimbursement for any non-cosmetic dental services from any dental provider that hasn't opted out of Medicare.	In-Network and Out-of-Network: You receive a \$850 allowance on a prepaid Benefits Mastercard for any non-cosmetic dental services from any dentist.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Diagnostic Radiological Services	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is not required.	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is required.
Home Health Services	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is not required.	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is required.
Inpatient Hospital Services	In-Network: You pay \$400 per day for days one through four for an inpatient hospital stay.	In-Network: You pay \$360 per day for days one through four for an inpatient hospital stay.
Outpatient Hospital Services	In-Network: You pay a \$390 copayment for outpatient hospital services.	In-Network: You pay a \$360 copayment for outpatient hospital services.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is not required.	In-Network and Out-of-Network: Prior Authorization is required.
Outpatient Observation Stay	In-Network: You pay a \$390 copayment for an outpatient observation stay.	In-Network: You pay a \$360 copayment for an outpatient observation stay.
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services	In-Network: You pay a \$40 copayment for speech, physical or occupational therapy services.	In-Network: You pay a \$30 copayment for speech, physical or occupational therapy services.
Over-the-Counter Allowance	In-Network: You receive a \$25 allowance every three months.	In-Network: You receive a \$25 allowance every three months on a prepaid Benefits Mastercard to be used at participating locations.
Urgently Needed Services	In-Network:	In-Network:

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
	You pay a \$60 copayment for urgently needed services.	You pay a \$55 copayment for urgently needed services.

Section 1.5 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Changes to Our “Drug List”

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or “Drug List.” A copy of our “Drug List” is provided electronically. **You can get the *complete* “Drug List”** by calling Member Services (see the back cover) or visiting our website <https://www.cdphp.com>.

We made changes to our “Drug List,” which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs or moving them to a different cost-sharing tier. **Review the “Drug List” to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

Most of the changes in the “Drug List” are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules. For instance, we can immediately remove drugs considered unsafe by the FDA or withdrawn from the market by a product manufacturer. We update our online “Drug List” to provide the most up to date list of drugs.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage and talk to your doctor to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception and/or working to find a new drug. You can also contact Member Services for more information.

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs does not apply to you.** We sent you a separate

insert, called the “Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs” (also called the Low-Income Subsidy Rider or the LIS Rider), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive “Extra Help” and if you haven’t received this insert by September 30, please call Pharmacy Customer Care Center at 866-289-2319 and ask for the LIS Rider.

There are four **drug payment stages**. The information below shows the changes to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage During this stage, you pay the full cost of your <i>tier 3, 4 and 5</i> drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible. The deductible doesn’t apply to covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines, including shingles, tetanus and travel vaccines.	The deductible is \$300 on Tier 3, Tier 4, and Tier 5 drugs. During this stage you pay: \$3 and \$17 cost-sharing for drugs on Tier 1 and Tier 2 and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3, Tier 4, and Tier 5 until you have reached the yearly deductible.	The deductible is \$300 Tier 3, Tier 4, and Tier 5 drugs. During this stage, you pay \$0 for Tier 1 drugs at a preferred pharmacy and \$6 for Tier 1 drugs at a non-preferred pharmacy; \$0 for Tier 2 drugs at a preferred pharmacy and \$20 for Tier 2 drugs at a non-preferred pharmacy; and you pay the full cost of Tier 3, Tier 4 and Tier 5 until you have reached the yearly deductible.

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. During this stage, the plan	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:

pays its share of the cost of your drugs and **you pay your share of the cost.**

The costs in this row are for a one-month (30 day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost sharing. For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your *Evidence of Coverage*.

We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our “Drug List.” To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the “Drug List.”

Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.

Tier 1:

You pay \$3 per prescription

Tier 2:

You pay \$17 per prescription

Tier 3:

You pay \$47 per prescription

You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.

Tier 4:

You pay \$100 per prescription

Tier 5:

You pay 26% of the total cost

Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

Tier 1:

Standard cost sharing:

You pay \$6 per prescription

Preferred cost sharing

You pay \$0 per prescription

Tier 2:

Standard cost sharing:

You pay \$20 per prescription

Preferred cost sharing

You pay \$0 per prescription

Tier 3:

Standard cost sharing:

You pay \$47 per prescription

You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.

Preferred cost sharing

You pay \$47 per prescription

Tier 4:

Standard cost sharing:

You pay \$100 per prescription

Preferred cost sharing

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
		<p>You pay \$100 per prescription</p> <p>Tier 5: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 26% of the total cost</p> <p><i>Preferred cost sharing</i> You pay 26% of the total cost</p> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.**

Beginning in 2024, if you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for covered Part D drugs.

For specific information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your Evidence of Coverage.

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

Description	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Mail Order Vendor	Walmart	OptumRx

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in **CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)**

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 **CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)**.

Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change plans for 2024 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan
- – *OR*– You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 2.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder (www.medicare.gov/plan-compare), read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

As a reminder, CDPHP Universal Benefits, Inc. offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare prescription drug 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 *CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)*.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from *CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)*.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
 - – *OR* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 4 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2024.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include people with Medicaid, those who get “Extra Help” paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan for January 1, 2024, 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, 2024.

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

SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In New York state, the SHIP is called Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. HIICAP 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 HIICAP at: 1-800-701-0501

You can learn more about HIICAP by visiting their website (<https://www.aging.ny.gov>).

SECTION 6 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 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
 - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** New York state has a program called Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) 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 document).
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. 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. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the New York AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call (518) 459-1641 or 1-800-542-2437 (in-state only).

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at (518) 641-3950 or 1-888-248-6522. (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. seven days a week. From April 1 to September 30, our hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. A voice messaging service is used after hours, weekends, and federal holidays. Calls will be returned within one business day. Member Services has free language-interpreter services available for non-English speakers. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2024 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 2024. For details, look in the *2024 Evidence of Coverage* for CDPHP® Vital Rx (PPO). 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 <https://www.cdphp.com>. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at <https://www.cdphp.com>. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs (Formulary/“Drug List”)*.

Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Visit the Medicare Website

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

Read Medicare & You 2024

Read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook. Every fall, this document is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.