

## SSM Health Plan Integrity (HMO-POS) offered by WellFirst Health — Provided by SSM Health Plan

## **Annual Notice of Changes for 2022**

You are currently enrolled as a member of SSM Health Plan Integrity. 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.

#### What to do now

<ol> <li>ASK: Which changes apply to </li> </ol>	you
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- ☐ 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 Sections 1.1, 1.5 and 1.6 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
  - Will your drugs be covered?
  - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost-sharing?
  - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
  - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
  - Review the 2022 Drug List and look in Section 1.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
  - Your drug costs may have risen since last year. Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year. To get additional information on drug prices visit

go.medicare.gov/drugprices and click the "dashboards" link in the middle of the second Note toward the bottom of the page. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price information. Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.

	Check	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 <i>Provider Directory</i> .
П	hink	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?
□ T	hink	about whether you are happy with our plan.
2. (	COM	PARE: Learn about other plan choices
	Checl	c coverage and costs of plans in your area.
	•	Use the personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare">www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</a> website.
	•	Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You 2022 handbook.
	•	Look in Section 2.2 to learn more about your choices.
		you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on an's website.

- 3. CHOOSE: Decide whether you want to change your plan
  - If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2021, you will be enrolled in **SSM Health Plan Integrity.**
  - 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, 2021
  - If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, you will be enrolled in **SSM Health Plan Integrity**.
  - If you join another plan by December 7, 2021, your new coverage will start on **January** 1, 2022. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

#### Additional Resources

- Please contact the Customer Care Center number toll-free at 1-877-301-3326 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8 am to 8 pm, seven days per week. However, please note that our automated phone system may answer your call during all Federal holidays and weekends from April 1 to September 30. Please leave your name and telephone number, and we'll call you back by the end of the next business day.
- The Customer Care Center has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
- This information is available for free in other formats. Please call the Customer Care Center if you need plan information in another format (see Section 6).
- 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 SSM Health Plan Integrity**

- SSM Health Plan is an HMO/HMO-POS with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in SSM Health Plan depends on contract renewal. SSM Health Plan markets under the name WellFirst Health.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means WellFirst Health Provided by SSM Health Plan. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means SSM Health Plan Integrity.

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## **Summary of Important Costs for 2022**

The table below compares the 2021 costs and 2022 costs for SSM Health Plan Integrity 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 <u>wellfirsthealth.com/medicare</u>. You may also call the Customer Care Center for information or to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
*Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$35
Monthly Part B Premium Reduction		
(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)		
Maximum out-of-pocket amount	\$2,500 for in-network services	\$2,500 for in-network services
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.)	\$5,000 for in-network and out-of-network services combined	\$5,000 for in-network and out-of-network services combined
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits:	Primary care visits:
	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 copay per visit	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit
	Specialist visits:	Specialist visits:
	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay per visit	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Inpatient hospital stays Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care	In-Network: You pay \$325 copay each day for days 1 - 7	In-Network: You pay \$325 copay each day for days 1 - 7
hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services.  Inpatient hospital care starts the	You pay \$0 each day for days 8 to discharge	You pay \$0 each day for days 8 to discharge
day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are	Cost-sharing is applied for each inpatient stay.	Cost-sharing is applied for each inpatient stay.
discharged is your last inpatient day.	You are covered for an unlimited number of medically necessary inpatient hospital days.	You are covered for an unlimited number of medically necessary inpatient hospital days.
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$500 copay each day for days 1 - 7	Out-of-Network: You pay \$500 copay each day for days 1 - 7
	You pay \$0 each day for days 8 to discharge	You pay \$0 each day for days 8 to discharge
	Cost-sharing is applied for each inpatient stay.	Cost-sharing is applied for each inpatient stay.
	You are covered for an unlimited number of medically necessary inpatient hospital days.	You are covered for an unlimited number of medically necessary inpatient hospital days.
Part D prescription drug coverage	There is no deductible.	There is no deductible.
(See Section 1.6 for details.)	Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:
You pay \$30 per prescription at preferred pharmacies and \$35 per prescription at standard retail pharmacies for insulins covered by our formulary.		

Cost	<b>2021</b> (this year)	2022 (next year)
To find out which insulins are	• Drug Tier 1:	• Drug Tier 1:
covered, review the most recent Drug List we provided electronically. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call the Customer Care Center. (Phone numbers for the Customer Care Center are printed in the back of this booklet).	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$7 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$7 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription
	• Drug Tier 2:	• Drug Tier 2:
	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$12 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$5 per prescription	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$12 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$5 per prescription
	• Drug Tier 3:	• Drug Tier 3:
	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$47 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$40 per prescription	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$47 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$40 per prescription
	• Drug Tier 4:	• Drug Tier 4:
	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$100 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$90 per prescription	Standard Cost-sharing: You pay \$100 per prescription Preferred Cost-sharing: You pay \$90 per prescription

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
	• Drug Tier 5:	• Drug Tier 5:
	Standard Cost-sharing:	Standard Cost-sharing:
	You pay 33% of the total	You pay 33% of the total
	cost	cost
	Preferred Cost-sharing:	<b>Preferred Cost-sharing:</b>
	You pay 33% of the total	You pay 33% of the total
	cost	cost
	• Drug Tier 6:	• Drug Tier 6:
	Standard Cost-sharing:	Standard Cost-sharing:
	You pay \$0 per	You pay \$0 per
	prescription	prescription
	Preferred Cost-sharing:	<b>Preferred Cost-sharing:</b>
	You pay \$0 per	You pay \$0 per
	prescription	prescription

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## **SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year**

## **Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium**

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Monthly premium	\$0	\$0
Monthly Part B Premium Reduction	\$0	\$35
(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)		

- 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.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving "Extra Help" with your prescription drug costs. Please see Section 5 regarding "Extra Help" from Medicare.

## **Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount**

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

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Maximum out-of- pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out- of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for	\$2,500 for in-network services \$5,000 for in-network and out-of-network services combined	\$2,500 for in-network services \$5,000 for in-network and out- of-network services combined
prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of- pocket amount.		

## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated *Provider Directory* is located on our website at <u>wellfirsthealth.com/medicare</u>. You may also call the Customer Care Center for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*. **Please review the 2022** *Provider Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are 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 the Pharmacy Network**

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies. Our network includes pharmacies with preferred cost sharing, which may offer you lower cost sharing than the standard cost sharing offered by other network pharmacies for some drugs.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated *Pharmacy Directory* is located on our website at <a href="wellfirsthealth.com/medicare">wellfirsthealth.com/medicare</a>. You may also call the Customer Care Center for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Pharmacy Directory*. **Please review the 2022** *Pharmacy Directory* **to see which pharmacies are in our Network**.

#### **Section 1.5 – 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 2022 Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	<b>2021 (this year)</b>	2022 (next year)
Acupuncture: Medicare-Covered	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay
Ambulance Services	In-Network: You pay \$250 copay	In-Network: You pay \$300 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay 40% coinsurance	Out-of-Network: You pay \$300 copay
Chiropractic Services: Medicare- Covered	In-Network: You pay \$10 copay	In-Network: You pay \$15 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 copay	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Chiropractic Services: Routine Care	In-Network: You pay \$10 copay per visit for 12 visits every calendar year	In-Network: You pay \$15 copay per visit for 24 visits every calendar year
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 copay per visit for combined 12 visits every calendar year	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit for combined 24 visits every calendar year
Chiropractic Services: Therapeutic Services	In-Network: You pay \$10 copay per visit for 6 visits every calendar year	In-Network: You pay \$15 copay per visit for 6 visits every calendar year
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 copay per visit for combined 6 visits every calendar year	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit for combined 6 visits every calendar year
Dental: Medicare-Covered	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay
Dental: Periodontal Surgical Services	In-Network: You pay \$95 copay	In-Network: You pay \$595 copay
	Out-of-Network: Not Covered	Out-of-Network: Not Covered

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies	In-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance for DME and related supplies.	In-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance for DME and related supplies.
	You pay 20% coinsurance for continuous glucose monitors and related supplies.  Cost-sharing is the same	You pay \$0 copay for continuous glucose monitors and related supplies when obtained from a network pharmacy.
	for continuous glucose monitors and supplies at either a pharmacy or a DME supplier  Out-of-Network: You pay 40% coinsurance for DME and related supplies.  You pay 40% coinsurance for	Out-of-Network: You pay 40% coinsurance for DME and related supplies.  You pay 40% coinsurance for continuous glucose monitors and related supplies.
	continuous glucose monitors and related supplies.	
Home Infusion Therapy	Medicare-covered services only	In addition to Medicare-covered services, we cover home infusion therapy services that are not covered by the Original Medicare. This includes home infusion services for intravenous treatments ordered by your provider for home infusion.
In-Home Support	<b>In-Network:</b> Not Covered	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit for 10 hours every month
	Out-of-Network: Not Covered	Out-of-Network: Not Covered

Cost	<b>2021 (this year)</b>	2022 (next year)
Part B Drugs - Others	In-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance for intravenous, subcutaneous, and biological Part B drugs	In-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance for intravenous, subcutaneous, and biological Part B drugs
	You pay 20% coinsurance for Part B prescription drugs received in the pharmacy	You pay \$0 - \$47 copay for Part B prescription drugs received in the pharmacy
	Out-of-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance for intravenous, subcutaneous, and biological Part B drugs	Out-of-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance for intravenous, subcutaneous, and biological Part B drugs  You pay 20% coinsurance
	You pay 20% coinsurance for Part B prescription drugs received in the pharmacy	for Part B prescription drugs received in the pharmacy
Partial Hospitalization Services	In-Network: You pay \$55 copay	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$100 copay	Out-of-Network: You pay \$100 copay
Physician Services: Primary Care Physician	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 copay per visit	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit
Physician Services: Specialist Physician	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay per visit	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Physician Services: Palliative Care	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay per visit	Out-of-Network: You pay \$0 copay per visit
Physician Services: Telehealth Services	In-Network: You pay \$0 - \$35 copay	In-Network: You pay \$0 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 - \$60 copay	Out-of-Network: You pay \$30 - \$60 copay
Podiatry Services: Medicare- Covered	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay
Podiatry Services: Routine Footcare	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit for 10 visits every calendar year	In-Network: You pay \$35 copay per visit for 10 visits every calendar year
	Out-of-Network: You pay \$60 copay per visit for combined 10 visits every calendar year	Out-of-Network: You pay \$50 copay per visit for combined 10 visits every calendar year

## Section 1.6 – 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 the Customer Care Center (see Section 6.1) or visiting our website <u>wellfirsthealth.com/medicare</u>.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

• Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception to cover the drug.

- To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)) or call the Customer Care Center.
- Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug that we cover. You can call the Customer Care Center to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

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.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about the changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

#### **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 may 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 haven't received this insert by 9/30/2021, please call the Customer Care Center and ask for the "LIS Rider."

There are four "drug payment stages." How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year 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.) To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at wellfirsthealth.com/medicare. You may also call the Customer Care Center for information or to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.)

## **Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage There is no deductible for SSM Health Plan Integrity. You begin in the Initial Coverage Stage when you fill your first prescription of 2022.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

#### **Changes to Your Cost-Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage**

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage  During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs	Your cost for a retail one- month supply filled at a network pharmacy	Your cost for a retail one- month supply filled at a network pharmacy
and you pay your share of the cost.	Tier 1:	Tier 1:
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-	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$7 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$7 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription
order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your	Tier 2:	Tier 2:
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	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$12 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$5 per prescription	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$12 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$5 per prescription

List.	Tier 3:	Tier 3:
You pay \$30 per prescription at preferred pharmacies and \$35 per prescription at standard retail pharmacies for insulins covered on our formulary.	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$47 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$40 per prescription	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$47 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$40 per prescription
	Tier 4:	Tier 4:
	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$100 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$90 per prescription	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$100 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$90 per prescription
	Tier 5:	Tier 5:
	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay 33% of the total cost Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay 33% of the total cost	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay 33% of the total cost Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay 33% of the total cost
	Tier 6:	Tier 6:
	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription  Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,130 you	Standard Cost Sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription Preferred Cost Sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription  Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430 you
	will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

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

SSM Health Plan Integrity offers additional gap coverage for insulins covered on our formulary. During the Coverage Gap stage, your out-of-pocket costs for select insulins will be \$30 per prescription at preferred pharmacies and \$35 per prescription at standard retail pharmacies.

#### **SECTION 2** Deciding Which Plan to Choose

#### Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in SSM Health Plan Integrity

**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 SSM Health Plan Integrity.

## 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 2022 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, please see Section 1.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read the *Medicare & You 2022* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) (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 <a href="www.medicare.gov/plan-compare">www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</a>. Here, you can find information about costs, coverage and quality ratings for Medicare plans.

As a reminder, WellFirst Health — Provided by SSM Health Plan — 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 SSM Health Plan Integrity.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from SSM Health Plan Integrity.
- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact the Customer Care Center if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
  - $\circ$  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, 2022.

#### 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 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2022, 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, 2022. For more information, see Chapter 10, 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. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program in your area is:

- Illinois: Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Missouri: Missouri CLAIM Senior Health Insurance Program

Your SHIP 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.

SHIP counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare rights, help you make complaints about your medical care or treatment, and help you straighten out problems with your Medicare bills. SHIP counselors can also help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans.

Method	Missouri CLAIM Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) – Contact Information
CALL	1-800-390-3330
TTY	711. This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
WRITE	Missouri CLAIM Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) 4215 Philips Farm Rd, Suite 101-A Columbia, MO 65201
WEBSITE	www.missouriclaim.org

Method	Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) – Contact Information
CALL	1-800-252-8966
TTY	1-888-206-1327. This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
WRITE	Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100 Springfield, IL 62702-1271
WEBSITE	www2.illinois.gov/aging/ship

## **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;
- o The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
- Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- 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 State AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call your State ADAP office listed below.

Method	Missouri: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) – Contact Information
CALL	1-573-751-6439 Hours of operation are 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday
WRITE	Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of HIV,STD and Hepatitis PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570
WEBSITE	www.health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/

Method	Illinois: Illinois AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) – Contact Information
CALL	1-217-782-4977 Hours of operation are 8 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday
WRITE	Illinois ADAP 525 W Jefferson St, Floor 1, Springfield, IL 62761
WEBSITE	www.hivcareconnect.com/adap

#### **SECTION 6 Questions?**

#### Section 6.1 – Getting Help from SSM Health Plan Integrity

Questions? We're here to help. Please call the Customer Care Center 1-877-301-3326 toll-free. TTY only, call 711. We are available for phone calls from 8 am to 8 pm. However, please note that our automated phone system may answer your call during all Federal holidays and weekends from April 1 to September 30. Please leave your name and telephone number, and we'll call you back by the end of the next business day. Calls to 1-877-301-3326 and TTY 711 are free.

## Read your 2022 *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 2022. For details, look in the 2022 *Evidence of Coverage* for SSM Health Plan Integrity. 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. The *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at wellfirsthealth.com/medicare. You may also call the Customer Care Center for information or to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at <u>wellfirsthealth.com/medicare</u>. 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 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 (<u>www.medicare.gov</u>). 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 <u>www.medicare.gov/plancompare</u>).

#### Read Medicare & You 2022

You can read the *Medicare & You 2022* 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 (<a href="www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>) 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.