January 1 – December 31, 2027

Evidence of Coverage for 2027:

Your Medicare Health Benefits and Services and Drug coverage as a Member of PMC Premier Platino (HMO D-SNP)

This document gives the details of your Medicare and Medicaid health care and drug coverage from January 1 – December 31, 2027. **This is an important legal document. Keep it in a safe place.**

This document explains your benefits and rights. Use this document to understand:

- Your plan premium and cost sharing
- Your medical and drug benefits
- How to file a complaint if you're not satisfied with a service or treatment
- How to contact us
- Other protections required by Medicare law

For questions about this document, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). Hours are Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This call is free.

This plan, *PMC Premier Platino,* is offered by *MMM Healthcare, LLC.* (When this *Evidence of Coverage* says "we," "us," or "our," it means *MMM Healthcare, LLC.* When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means *PMC Premier Platino.*)

This document is available for free in English and Spanish.

Upon request, this information may be available in different formats, like braille, large print, audio tapes and other formats. Please contact our Member Services number if you need plan information in another format.

Benefits and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1, 2028.

Our formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You'll get notice about any changes that may affect you at least 30 days in advance.

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CHAPTER 1: Get started as a member

SECTION 1 You're a member of *PMC Premier Platino*

Section 1.1 You're enrolled in *PMC Premier Platino*, which is a Medicare Special Needs Plan

You're covered by both Medicare and Medicaid:

- **Medicare** is the federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people with end-stage renal disease (kidney failure).
- **Medicaid** is a joint federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people with limited incomes and resources. Medicaid coverage varies depending on the state and the type of Medicaid you have. Some people with Medicaid get help paying for their Medicare premiums and other costs. Other people also get coverage for additional services and drugs that aren't covered by Medicare.

You've chosen to get your Medicare and Medicaid health care and your drug coverage through our plan, *PMC Premier Platino*. Our plan covers all Part A and Part B services. However, cost sharing and provider access in our plan differ from Original Medicare.

PMC Premier Platino is a specialized Medicare Advantage Plan (a Medicare Special Needs Plan), which means benefits are designed for people with special health care needs. *PMC Premier Platino* is designed for people who have Medicare and are entitled to help from Medicaid.

Because you get help from Medicaid with Medicare Part A and B cost sharing (deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance), you may pay nothing for your Medicare services. Medicaid may also provide other benefits by covering health care services *and prescription drugs* that aren't usually covered under Medicare. You may also get Extra Help from Medicare to pay for the costs of your Medicare drugs. *PMC Premier Platino* will help you manage all these benefits, so you get the health services and payment help that you're entitled to.

PMC Premier Platino is run by a private company. Like all Medicare Advantage Plans, this Medicare Special Needs Plan is approved by Medicare. Our plan also has a contract with the Puerto Rico Medicaid program to coordinate your Medicaid benefits. We're pleased to provide your Medicare and Medicaid coverage, including drug coverage.

Section 1.2 Legal information about the *Evidence of Coverage*

This *Evidence of Coverage* is part of our contract with you about how *PMC Premier Platino* covers your care. Other parts of this contract include your enrollment form, the *List of Covered Drugs* (formulary), and any notices you get from us about changes to your coverage or conditions that affect your coverage. These notices are sometimes called *riders* or *amendments*.

The contract is in effect for the months you're enrolled in *PMC Premier Platino* between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027.

Medicare allows us to make changes to our plans we offer each calendar year. This means we can change the costs and benefits of *PMC Premier Platino* after December 31, 2027. We can also choose to stop offering our plan in your service area, after December 31, 2027.

Medicare (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) and Medicaid (Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration) must approve *PMC Premier Platino*. You can continue each year to get Medicare coverage as a member of our plan as long as we choose to continue offering our plan and Medicare and Medicaid (Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration) renews approval of our plan.

SECTION 2 Plan eligibility requirements

Section 2.1 Eligibility requirements

You're eligible for membership in our plan as long as you meet all these conditions:

- You have both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B
- You live in our geographic service area (described in Section 2.3). People who are incarcerated aren't considered to be living in the geographic service area even if they're physically located in it.
- You're a United States citizen or national, or an eligible noncitizen.
- You meet the special eligibility requirements described below.

Special eligibility requirements for our plan

Our plan is designed to meet the needs of people who get certain Medicaid benefits. (Medicaid is a joint federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people with limited incomes and resources.) To be eligible for our plan you must be eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Note: If you lose your Medicaid eligibility but can reasonably be expected to regain eligibility within 6-month(s), then you're still eligible for membership. Chapter 4, Section 2.1 tells you about coverage and cost sharing during this period.

Section 2.2 Medicaid

Medicaid is a joint federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people who have limited incomes and resources. Each state decides what counts as income and resources, who's eligible, what services are covered, and the cost for services. States also can decide how to run its program as long as they follow the federal guidelines.

Section 2.3 Plan service area for *PMC Premier Platino*

PMC Premier Platino is only available to people who live in our plan service area. To stay a member of our plan, you must continue to live in our plan service area. The service area is described below.

Our service area includes these counties in Puerto Rico: Adjuntas, Aguada, Aguadilla, Aguas Buenas, Aibonito, Añasco, Arecibo, Arroyo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Bayamón, Cabo Rojo, Caguas, Camuy, Canóvanas, Carolina, Cataño, Cayey, Ceiba, Ciales, Cidra, Coamo, Comerío, Corozal, Culebra, Dorado, Fajardo, Florida, Guánica, Guayama, Guayanilla, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Hatillo, Hormigueros, Humacao, Isabela, Jayuya, Juana Díaz, Juncos, Lajas, Lares, Las Marías, Las Piedras, Loíza, Luquillo, Manatí, Maricao, Maunabo, Mayagüez, Moca, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovis, Patillas, Peñuelas, Ponce, Quebradillas, Rincón, Río Grande, Sabana Grande, Salinas, San Germán, San Juan, San Lorenzo, San Sebastián, Santa Isabel, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Trujillo Alto, Utuado, Vega Alta, Vega Baja, Vieques, Villalba, Yabucoa, and Yauco.

If you plan to move to a new state, you should also contact your state's Medicaid office and ask how this move will affect your Medicaid benefits. Phone numbers for Medicaid are in Chapter 2, Section 6 of this document.

If you move out of our plan's service area, you can't stay a member of this plan. Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) to see if we have a plan in your new area. When you move, you'll have a Special Enrollment Period to either switch to Original Medicare or enroll in a Medicare health or drug plan in your new location.

If you move or change your mailing address, it's also important to call Social Security. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users call 1-800-325-0778).

Section 2.4 U.S. citizen or national, or eligible noncitizen

You must be a U.S. citizen or national, or an eligible noncitizen to be a member of a Medicare health plan. Medicare (the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) will notify *PMC Premier Platino* if you're not eligible to stay a member of our plan on this basis. *PMC Premier Platino* must disenroll you if you don't meet this requirement.

SECTION 3 What to expect when you first join our plan

Section 3.1 Health risk assessment

When you first join our plan, you get a health risk assessment (HRA) within 90 days before or after your enrollment effective date.

We must complete an HRA for you. The HRA is the basis for developing your care plan. The HRA includes questions to identify your medical, behavioral health, functional needs, and social determinants of health.

We'll reach out to you to complete the HRA. Attempts to complete the HRA are made by phone. Also, an HRA can be conducted by mail, etc. We'll send you more information about this HRA. We'll then contact you annually for any updates to determine if your needs have changed.

Section 3.2 Care team and care plan

A care team can help you keep getting the care you need. A care team may include your doctor, a care coordinator, specialists you see, or other health professionals that you choose.

You work with a care team to make a care plan based on your preferences. A care plan tells you and your doctors and other health providers what services you need and how to get them. It includes your medical, behavioral health, and Member Usual Practitioner (like, but not limited to nutritionist, social worker, case manager, etc.), or other services.

Your care plan includes:

- individualized interventions and updates the care plan as needed,
- interventions related to transition process after a hospitalization,
- home visits by the care manager and a member from an Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT), when feasible,
- your health care goals as prioritized by you, and
- a timeline for getting the services you need.

Your care team meets with you after your HRA. They ask about the services you need. They also tell you about services you may want to think about getting. Your care team works with you to update your care plan at least every year or as needed if you have any changes in your health status.

SECTION 4 Important membership materials

Section 4.1 Our plan membership card

Use your membership card whenever you get services covered by our plan and for prescription drugs you get at network pharmacies. You should also show the provider your Medicaid card. Sample membership card:

DON'T use your red, white, and blue Medicare card for covered medical services while you're a member of this plan. If you use your Medicare card instead of your *PMC Premier Platino* membership card, you may have to pay the full cost of medical services yourself. Keep your Medicare card in a safe place. You may be asked to show it if you need hospital services, hospice services, or participate in Medicare-approved clinical research studies (also called clinical trials).

If our plan membership card is damaged, lost, or stolen, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) right away and we'll send you a new card.

Section 4.2 Provider and Pharmacy Directory

The *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* https://www.mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/proveedores-farmacias lists our current network providers, pharmacies, and durable medical equipment suppliers.

Network providers are the doctors and other health care professionals, medical groups, durable medical equipment suppliers, hospitals, and other health care facilities that have an agreement with us to accept our payment and any plan cost sharing as payment in full. **Network pharmacies** are pharmacies that agree to fill covered prescriptions for our plan members. Use the *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* to find the network pharmacy you want to use. Go to Chapter 5, Section 2.5 for information on when you can use pharmacies that aren't in our plan's network.

You must use network providers to get your medical care, services and prescriptions. If you go elsewhere without proper authorization, you'll have to pay in full. The only exceptions are emergencies, urgently needed services when the network isn't available (that is situations where it's unreasonable or not possible to get services in network), out-of-area dialysis services, and cases when *PMC Premier Platino* authorizes use of out-of-network providers.

The most recent list of providers, pharmacies and suppliers on our website at www.mmmpr.com.

If you don't have a *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*, you can ask for a copy (electronically or in paper form) from Member Services 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). Requested paper *Provider and Pharmacy Directories* will be mailed to you within 3 business days.

Section 4.3 Drug List (formulary)

Our plan has a *List of Covered Drugs (*also called the Drug List or formulary). It tells which prescription drugs are covered under the Part D benefit in *PMC Premier Platino*. The drugs on this list are selected by our plan, with the help of doctors and pharmacists. The Drug List meets all Medicare requirements. Drugs included in the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program will be included on your Drug List unless they have been removed or replaced as described in Chapter 5, Section 6. Medicare approved the *PMC Premier Platino* Drug List.

The Drug List also tells if there are any rules that restrict coverage for a drug.

We'll give you a copy of the Drug List. To get the most complete and current information about which drugs are covered, visit https://www.mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/formulario-medicamentos or call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

SECTION 5 Summary of Important Costs for 2027

	Your Costs in 2027
Monthly plan premium* *Your premium can be higher than this amount. Go to Section 4.1 for details.	**$0**
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you'll pay out-of-pocket for covered services. (Go to Chapter 4 Section 1 for details.)	**$3,250**

	Your Costs in 2027
Primary care office visits	**$0 per visit**
Specialist office visits	**$0 per visit**
Inpatient hospital stays Includes various inpatient hospital stays such as acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care. An inpatient hospital stay starts the day you're formally admitted with a doctor's order and ends the day before you're discharged.	**$0**
Part D drug coverage (Go to Chapter 6 for details, including Yearly Deductible, Initial Coverage, and Catastrophic Coverage Stages.)	**Copayment during the Initial Coverage Stage:** **Covered Drugs: $0 copay** **Catastrophic Coverage:** **During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.**

Your costs may include the following:

- Plan Premium (Section 4.1)
- Monthly Medicare Part B Premium (Section 4.2)
- Part D Late Enrollment Penalty (Section 4.3)
- Income Related Monthly Adjusted Amount (Section 4.4)

Section 5.1 Plan premium

You don't pay a separate monthly plan premium for *PMC Premier Platino*.

Section 5.2 Monthly Medicare Part B Premium

Many members are required to pay other Medicare premiums

This plan will reduce your monthly Medicare Part B premium by up to **$29.**

Some members are required to pay other Medicare premiums. As explained in Section 2 above to be eligible for our plan, you must maintain your eligibility for Medicaid as well as have both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. For most *PMC Premier Platino* members, Medicaid pays for your Part A premium (if you don't qualify for it automatically) and Part B premium.

If Medicaid isn't paying your Medicare premiums for you, you must continue to pay your Medicare premiums to stay a member of our plan. This includes your premium for Part B. You may also pay a premium for Part A if you aren't eligible for premium-free Part A.

Section 5.3 Part D Late Enrollment Penalty

Because you're dually-eligible, the LEP doesn't apply as long as you maintain your dually-eligible status, but if you lose your dually-eligible status, you may incur an LEP. The Part D late enrollment penalty is an additional premium that must be paid for Part D coverage if at any time after your initial enrollment period is over, there was a period of 63 days or more in a row when you didn't have Part D or other creditable drug coverage. Creditable prescription drug coverage is coverage that meets Medicare's minimum standards since it is expected to pay, on average, at least as much as Medicare's standard drug coverage. The cost of the late enrollment penalty depends on how long you went without Part D or other creditable prescription drug coverage. You'll generally have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Part D coverage.

You **don't** have to pay the Part D late enrollment penalty if:

- You get Extra Help from Medicare to help pay your drug costs.
- You went less than 63 days in a row without Part D or other creditable coverage.
- You had creditable drug coverage through another source (like a former employer, union, TRICARE, or Veterans Health Administration (VA)). Your insurer or human resources department will tell you each year if your drug coverage is creditable coverage. You may get this information in a letter or a newsletter from that plan. Keep this information, because you may need it if you join a Medicare drug plan later.
    - **Note:** Any letter or notice must state that you had creditable prescription drug coverage that's expected to pay as much as Medicare's standard drug plan pays.
    - **Note:** Prescription drug discount cards, free clinics, and drug discount websites aren't creditable prescription drug coverage.

Medicare determines the amount of the Part D late enrollment penalty. Here's how it works:

- First, count the number of full months that you delayed enrolling in a Medicare drug plan, after you were eligible to enroll. Or count the number of full months you did not have creditable drug coverage, if the break in coverage was 63 days or more.

- Then Medicare determines the amount of the average monthly plan premium for Medicare drug plans in the nation from the previous year (national base beneficiary premium). For 2027, this average premium amount is $41.33.
- To calculate your monthly penalty, Medicare multiplies the number of uncovered months (penalty percentage) by 1% of the national base beneficiary premium and then rounds that amount to the nearest 10 cents. For example, if you go 14 months without Part D or other creditable coverage, the penalty would be 14% times $41.33, which equals $5.7862. This rounds to $5.79. This amount would be added **to the monthly plan premium for someone with a Part D late enrollment penalty**.

Three important things to know about the monthly Part D late enrollment penalty:

- **The penalty may change each year,** because the national base beneficiary premium can change each year.
- **You'll generally continue to pay a penalty** every month for as long as you're enrolled in a plan that has Medicare Part D drug benefits, even if you change plans.
- If you're *under* 65 and enrolled in Medicare, the Part D late enrollment penalty will reset when you turn 65. After age 65, your Part D late enrollment penalty will be based only on the months you don't have coverage after your initial enrollment period for aging into Medicare.

If you disagree about your Part D late enrollment penalty, you or your representative can ask for a reconsideration (appeal) of the penalty. The reconsideration is conducted by an independent review organization that is not connected with us. Generally, you must ask for this reconsideration **within 60 days** from the date on the first letter you get stating you have to pay a late enrollment penalty. However, if you were paying a penalty before you joined our plan, you generally won't have another chance to ask for a reconsideration of that late enrollment penalty.

Section 5.4 Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount

If you lose eligibility for this plan because of changes to your income, some members may be required to pay an extra charge for their Medicare plan, known as the Part D Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA). The extra charge is calculated using your modified adjusted gross income as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years ago. If this amount is above a certain amount, you'll pay the standard premium amount and the additional IRMAA. For more information on the extra amount you may have to pay based on your income, visit Medicare.gov/health-drug-plans/part-d/basics/costs.

If you have to pay an extra IRMAA, Social Security, not your Medicare plan, will send you a letter telling you what that extra amount will be. The extra amount will be withheld from your Social Security, Railroad Retirement Board, or Office of Personnel Management benefit check, no matter how you usually pay your plan premium, unless your monthly benefit isn't enough to cover the extra amount owed. If your benefit check isn't enough to cover the extra amount,

you'll get a bill from Medicare. **You must pay the extra IRMAA to the government. It can't be paid with your monthly plan premium. If you don't pay the extra IRMAA, you'll be disenrolled from our plan and lose prescription drug coverage.**

If you disagree about paying an extra IRMAA, you can ask Social Security to review the decision. To find out how to do this, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users call 1-800-325-0778).

SECTION 6 More information about your monthly plan premium

Section 6.1 Your monthly plan premium won't change during the year

We're not allowed to change our plan's monthly plan premium amount during the year. If the monthly plan premium changes for next year, we'll tell you in September, and the new premium will take effect on January 1.

However, in some cases, you may be able to stop paying a late enrollment penalty, if you owe one, or you may need to start paying a late enrollment penalty.

- If you lose Extra Help, you may be subject to the Part D late enrollment penalty if you disenroll from your plan and go 63 days or more in a row without Part D or other creditable drug coverage.

Find out more about Extra Help in Chapter 2, Section 7.

SECTION 7 Keep your plan membership record up to date

Your membership record has information from your enrollment form, including your address and phone number. It shows your specific plan coverage including your Primary Care Provider.

The doctors, hospitals, pharmacists, and other providers in our plan's network **use your membership record to know what services and drugs are covered and your cost-sharing amounts**. Because of this, it's very important to help us keep your information up to date.

If you have any of these changes, let us know:

- Changes to your name, address, or phone number
- Changes in any other health coverage you have (such as from your employer, your spouse or domestic partner's employer, workers' compensation, or Medicaid)
- Any liability claims, such as claims from an automobile accident
- If you're admitted to a nursing home
- If you get care in an out-of-area or out-of-network hospital or emergency room
- If your designated responsible party (such as a caregiver) changes

- If you participate in a clinical research study (**Note:** You're not required to tell our plan about clinical research studies you intend to participate in, but we encourage you to do so.)

If any of this information changes, let us know by calling Member Services 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

It's also important to contact Social Security if you move or change your mailing address. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users call 1-800-325-0778).

SECTION 8 How other insurance works with our plan

Medicare requires us to collect information about any other medical or drug coverage you have so we can coordinate any other coverage with your benefits under our plan. This is called **Coordination of Benefits**.

Once a year, we'll send you a letter that lists any other medical or drug coverage we know about. Read this information carefully. If it's correct, you don't need to do anything. If the information isn't correct, or if you have other coverage that's not listed, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). You may need to give our plan member ID number to your other insurers (once you confirm their identity) so your bills are paid correctly and on time.

When you have other insurance (like employer group health coverage), Medicare rules decide whether our plan or your other insurance pays first. The insurance that pays first (the "primary payer") pays up to the limits of its coverage. The insurance that pays second, (the "secondary payer") only pays if there are costs left uncovered by the primary coverage. The secondary payer may not pay all uncovered costs. If you have other insurance, tell your doctor, hospital, and pharmacy.

These rules apply for employer or union group health plan coverage:

- If you have retiree coverage, Medicare pays first.
- If your group health plan coverage is based on your or a family member's current employment, who pays first depends on your age, the number of people employed by your employer, and whether you have Medicare based on age, disability, or End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):
    - If you're under 65 and disabled and you (or your family member) are still working, your group health plan pays first if the employer has 100 or more employees or at least one employer in a multiple employer plan has more than 100 employees.
    - If you're over 65 and you (or your spouse or domestic partner) are still working, your group health plan pays first if the employer has 20 or more employees or at least one employer in a multiple employer plan has more than 20 employees.

- If you have Medicare because of ESRD, your group health plan will pay first for the first 30 months after you become eligible for Medicare.

These types of coverage usually pay first for services related to each type:

- No-fault insurance (including automobile insurance)
- Liability (including automobile insurance)
- Black lung benefits
- Workers' compensation

Medicaid and TRICARE never pay first for Medicare-covered services. They only pay after Medicare and/or employer group health plans have paid.

CHAPTER 2:
Phone numbers and resources

SECTION 1 *PMC Premier Platino* contacts

For help with claims, billing, or member card questions, call or write to *PMC Premier Platino* Member Services. We'll be happy to help you.

Member Services – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Member Services 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) also has free language interpreter services for non-English speakers.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Member Services Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

How to ask for a coverage decision or appeal about your medical care

A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we pay for your medical services or Part D drugs. An appeal is a formal way of asking us to review and change a coverage decision. For more information on how to ask for coverage decisions or appeals about your medical care or Part D drugs, go to Chapter 9.

Coverage Decisions for Medical Care – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	787-620-2388
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Member Services Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

Appeals for Medical Care – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.

	Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	787-625-3375
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Appeals and Grievances Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

Coverage Decisions for Part D Prescription Drugs – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	1-833-740-4081 for standard coverage determinations 1-800-860-7235 for expedited coverage determinations
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Member Services Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

Appeals for Part D Prescription Drugs – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470

	Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	787-620-2390
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Appeals and Grievances Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

How to make a complaint about your medical care

You can make a complaint about us or one of our network providers or pharmacies, including a complaint about the quality of your care. This type of complaint doesn't involve coverage or payment disputes. For more information on how to make a complaint about your medical care, go to Chapter 9.

Complaints about Medical Care – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.

	Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	787-625-3375
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Appeals and Grievances Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Medicare website	To submit a complaint about *PMC Premier Platino* directly to Medicare, go to www.Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint.

Complaints about Part D prescription drugs – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	787-620-2390
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Appeals and Grievances Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Medicare website	To submit a complaint about *PMC Premier Platino* directly to Medicare, go to Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint.

How to ask us to pay our share of the cost for medical care or a drug you got

If you got a bill or paid for services (like a provider bill) you think we should pay for, you may need to ask us for reimbursement or to pay the provider bill. Go to Chapter 7 for more information.

If you send us a payment request and we deny any part of your request, you can appeal our decision. Go to Chapter 9 for more information.

Payment Requests for Medical Care – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Member Services Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

Payment Requests for Prescription Drugs – Contact Information	
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fax	1-833-740-4081
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Pharmacy Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014

	Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

SECTION 2 Get help from Medicare

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

The federal agency in charge of Medicare is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This agency contracts with Medicare Advantage organizations including our plan.

Medicare – Contact Information	
Call	1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) Calls to this number are free. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
TTY	1-877-486-2048 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free.
Chat Live	Chat live at Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone.
Write	Write to Medicare at PO Box 1270, Lawrence, KS 66044
Website	Medicare.gov • Get information about the Medicare health and drug plans in your area, including what they cost and what services they provide. • Find Medicare-participating doctors or other health care providers and suppliers. • Find out what Medicare covers, including preventive services (like screenings, shots or vaccines, and yearly "Wellness" visits). • Get Medicare appeals information and forms. • Get information about the quality of care provided by plans, nursing homes, hospitals, doctors, home health agencies, dialysis facilities, hospice centers, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals. • Look up helpful websites and phone numbers.

	You can also visit Medicare.gov to tell Medicare about any complaints you have about *PMC Premier Platino*. **To submit a complaint to Medicare,** go to Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint. Medicare takes your complaints seriously and will use this information to help improve the quality of the Medicare program.

SECTION 3 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state that offers free help, information, and answers to your Medicare questions. In Puerto Rico, the SHIP is called the Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly.

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly is an independent state program (not connected with any insurance company or health plan) that gets money from the federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly counselors can help you understand your Medicare rights, make complaints about your medical care or treatment, and straighten out problems with your Medicare bills. The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly counselors can also help you with Medicare questions or problems, help you understand your Medicare plan choices, and answer questions about switching plans.

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly (Puerto Rico's SHIP) – Contact Information	
Call	787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300 1-800-981-0056 (Mayagüez Region) 1-800-981-7735 (Ponce Region) Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
TTY	787-919-7291 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly** **State Health Insurance Assistance Program** PO Box 191179 San Juan, PR 00919-1179 shippr@oppea.pr.gov
Website	www.oppea.pr.gov

SECTION 4 Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)

A designated Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) serves people with Medicare in each state. For Puerto Rico, the Quality Improvement Organization is called Commence Health.

Commence Health, has a group of doctors and other health care professionals who are paid by Medicare to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. Commence Health, is an independent organization. It's not connected with our plan.

Contact Commence Health, in any of these situations:

- You have a complaint about the quality of care you got. Examples of quality-of-care concerns include getting the wrong medication, unnecessary tests or procedures, or a misdiagnosis.
- You think coverage for your hospital stay is ending too soon.
- You think coverage for your home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services is ending too soon.

Commence Health (Puerto Rico's Quality Improvement Organization) – Contact Information	
Call	787-520-5743 1-866-815-5440 Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Weekends and holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**BFCC-QIO Program** Commence Health PO Box 2687 Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Website	https://www.commencehealthqio.cms.gov/en

SECTION 5 Social Security

Social Security determines Medicare eligibility and handles Medicare enrollment. Social Security is also responsible for determining who has to pay an extra amount for Part D drug coverage because they have a higher income. If you got a letter from Social Security telling you that you

have to pay the extra amount and have questions about the amount, or if your income went down because of a life-changing event, you can call Social Security to ask for reconsideration.

If you move or change your mailing address, contact Social Security to let them know.

Social Security– Contact Information	
Call	1-800-772-1213 Calls to this number are free. Available 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday. Use Social Security's automated telephone services to get recorded information and conduct some business 24 hours a day.
TTY	1-800-325-0778 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Available 8 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.
Website	SSA.gov

SECTION 6 Medicaid

Medicaid is a joint federal and state government program that helps with medical costs for certain people with limited incomes and resources.

In Puerto Rico, plans that combine Medicaid and Medicare benefits are called Medicare Platino Plans. PMC Premier Platino is a dual eligible special needs plan under Medicare Platino. Because both Medicaid and Medicare benefits are integrated, you normally have low cost sharing for services and prescription drugs, use only one membership card to access services, and do not need referrals for specialists within the same medical group, among other benefits that non-Platino plans do not have.

To have a Platino plan, you must be a dual - Medicaid and Medicare - eligible member: You must have Medicare Part A and Part B, and you must have Medicaid in Puerto Rico. Our plan must be approved by the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (PRHIA) or ASES, by its acronym in Spanish, and by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

If you lose Medicaid eligibility, you are no longer entitled to Platino benefits and can no longer be a member of our plan. You will be kept in our plan for six months, starting the month after we learn that you are no longer Medicaid certified. If you do not want to lose your Medicaid eligibility, you must call your Medicaid office immediately to request an appointment, to be re-certified so you don't lose your Platino benefits. If you are not re-certified by Medicaid by the end of the six months, you will have a special enrollment period during which you can choose

to have another MMM Healthcare, LLC. health plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan from another company. If you do not choose a plan, you will have only your Original Medicare coverage. In Original Medicare, you will need to get separate prescription drugs coverage (Medicare Part D); if you do not get Part D coverage during the special enrollment period, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty in the future.

We will be in touch with you during the six-month grace period to help you understand the process if you lose Platino eligibility, and to help you understand the importance of keeping your Platino benefits.

If you have questions about the help you get from Medicaid, contact the Department of Health (Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program).

Department of Health (Puerto Rico's Medicaid program) – Contact Information	
Call	787-641-4224 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TTY	787-625-6955 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Health Medicaid Program PO Box 70184 San Juan, PR 00936-8184 prmedicaid2@salud.pr.gov
Website	https://medicaid.pr.gov

The Puerto Rico Office of the Patient's Advocate helps people enrolled in Medicaid with service or billing problems. They can help you file a grievance or appeal with our plan.

Puerto Rico Office of the Patient's Advocate – Contact Information	
Call	787-977-0909 1-800-981-0031 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
TTY	787-710-7057 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**Puerto Rico Office of the Patient's Advocate** PO Box 11247

	San Juan, PR 00910-2347 info@opp.pr.gov
Website	https://www.oopp.pr.gov

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly helps people get information about nursing homes and resolve problems between nursing homes and residents or their families.

Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly – Contact Information	
Call	787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300 1-800-981-0056 (Mayagüez Region) 1-800-981-7735 (Ponce Region) Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
TTY	787-919-7291 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**Office of Ombudsman for Elderly** **State Health Insurance Assistance Program** PO Box 191179 San Juan, PR 00919-1179
Website	www.oppea.pr.gov

Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration – Contact Information	
Call	787-474-3300 Option 1 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
TTY	787-474-3389 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES) PO Box 195661 San Juan, PR 00919-5661
Internet	https://www.asespr.org

SECTION 7 Programs to help people pay for prescription drugs

The Medicare website (Medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs) has information on ways to lower your prescription drug costs. The programs below can help people with limited incomes.

Extra Help from Medicare

Most of our members qualify for and are already getting Extra Help from Medicare to pay for their prescription drug plan costs.

What if you have Extra Help and coverage from an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)?

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps people living with HIV/AIDS access life-saving HIV medications. Medicare Part D drugs that are also on the ADAP formulary qualify for prescription cost-sharing help through the Puerto Rico Department of Health Ryan White Part B Program.

Note: To be eligible for the ADAP in your state, people 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 change plans, notify your local ADAP enrollment worker so you can continue to get help. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, 787-765-2929 extensions 5106, 5113, 5115, 5116, 5117, 5119, 5121, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138 and 5149.

SECTION 8 Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)

The Railroad Retirement Board is an independent federal agency that administers comprehensive benefit programs for the nation's railroad workers and their families. If you get Medicare through the Railroad Retirement Board, let them know if you move or change your mailing address. For questions about your benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, contact the agency.

Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) – Contact Information	
Call	1-877-772-5772 Calls to this number are free. Press "0" to speak with an RRB representative from 9 am to 3:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 9 am to 12 pm on Wednesday. Press "1" to access the automated RRB HelpLine and get recorded information 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays.
TTY	1-312-751-4701 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties hearing or speaking. Calls to this number aren't free.
Website	https://RRB.gov

CHAPTER 3:
Using our plan for your medical and other covered services

SECTION 1 How to get medical care and other services as a member of our plan

This chapter explains what you need to know about using our plan to get your medical care and other services covered. For details on what medical care and other services our plan covers and how much you pay when you get care, go to the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4.

Section 1.1 Network providers and covered services

- **Providers** are doctors and other health care professionals licensed by the state to provide medical services and care. The term "providers" also includes hospitals and other health care facilities.
- **Network providers** are the doctors and other health care professionals, medical groups, hospitals, and other health care facilities that have an agreement with us to accept our payment and your cost-sharing amount as payment in full. We arranged for these providers to deliver covered services to members in our plan. The providers in our network bill us directly for care they give you. When you see a network provider, you pay nothing *or* pay only your share of the cost *or* pay nothing or only your share of the cost for covered services.
- **Covered services** include all the medical care, health care services, supplies, equipment, and prescription drugs that are covered by our plan. Your covered services for medical care are listed in the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4. Your covered services for prescription drugs are discussed in Chapter 5.

Section 1.2 Basic rules for your medical care and other services to be covered by our plan

As a Medicare and Medicaid health plan, *PMC Premier Platino* must cover all services covered by Original Medicare and may offer other services in addition to those covered under Original Medicare please refer to the Medical Benefit Chart in Chapter 4, Section 2.1.

PMC Premier Platino will generally cover your medical care as long as:

- **The care you get is included in our plan's Medical Benefits Chart** in Chapter 4.
- **The care you get is considered medically necessary**. Medically necessary means that the services, supplies, equipment, or drugs are needed for the prevention, diagnosis,

or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.

- **You have a network primary care provider (a PCP) providing and overseeing your care.** As a member of our plan, you must choose a network PCP (go to Section 2.1 for more information).
  - In most situations, your network PCP must give you approval in advance (a referral) before you can use other providers in our plan's network, such as specialists, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, or home health care agencies. For more information, go to Section 2.3.
  - You don't need referrals from your PCP for emergency care or urgently needed services. To learn about other kinds of care you can get without getting approval in advance from your PCP, go to Section 2.2.
- **You must get your care from a network provider** (see Section 2). In most cases, care you get from an out-of-network provider (a provider who's not part of our plan's network) won't be covered. This means that you have to pay the provider in full for services you get. Here are 3 exceptions:
  - Our plan covers emergency care or urgently needed services you get from an out-of-network provider. For more information, and to see what emergency or urgently needed services are, go to Section 3.
  - If you need medical care that Medicare or Medicaid requires our plan to cover but there are no specialists in our network that provide this care, you can get this care from an out-of-network provider at the same cost sharing you normally pay in-network. You will need to obtain authorization from the plan prior to seeking care. In this situation, we'll cover these services as if you got the care from a network provider *OR* at no cost to you. For information about getting approval to see an out-of-network doctor, go to Section 2.4.
  - Our plan covers kidney dialysis services you get at a Medicare-certified dialysis facility when you're temporarily outside our plan's service area or when your provider for this service is temporarily unavailable or inaccessible. The cost sharing you pay our plan for dialysis can never be higher than the cost sharing in Original Medicare. If you're outside our plan's service area and get dialysis from a provider outside our plan's network, your cost sharing can't be higher than the cost sharing you pay in-network. However, if your usual in-network provider for dialysis is temporarily unavailable and you choose to get services inside our service area from a provider outside our plan's network, your cost sharing for the dialysis may be higher.

SECTION 2 Use providers in our plan's network to get medical care and other services

Section 2.1 You must choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP) to provide and oversee your care

What is a PCP and what does the PCP do for you?

- **What is a PCP?**

  When you become a member of our Plan, you must choose a plan provider to be your PCP. Your PCP is a physician who meets state requirements and is trained to give you basic medical care. As we explain below, you will get your routine or basic care from your PCP. Your PCP will provide most of your care and will help you arrange or coordinate the rest of the covered services you get as a member of our Plan.

- **What types of providers may act as a PCP?**

  A PCP is a physician in the specialty of internal medicine, family medicine, general practice or geriatric to which you will have access without a referral and who has a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with us.

  Under some situations, a specialist can become your primary care provider (PCP). If your health condition is special, chronic, severe and recurrent, you can coordinate between your PCP, your specialist and us, so you can continue receiving the treatment and/or services from the specialist as your PCP. This means that you will be receiving the services or treatments related to your special, chronic, severe and recurrent health condition from your specialist as he/she was your PCP, and you will continue receiving the other services through your PCP. Similarly, visits and services offered by the specialist who becomes the new PCP for your health condition will not require referral from the previous primary physician.

- **The role of a PCP in your plan**

  Your PCP is trained to give you basic medical care. Your PCP will provide most of your care and will help you arrange or coordinate the rest of the covered services you get as a member of our Plan. This includes x-rays, laboratory tests, therapies, care from doctors who are specialists, hospital admissions, and follow-up care.

- **What is the role of the PCP in coordinating covered services?**

  "Coordinating" your services includes checking or consulting with other plan providers about your care and how it is going. If you need certain types of covered services or supplies you must get approval in advance (obtain a referral) from your PCP.

- **What is the role of the PCP in making decisions about or obtaining prior authorization (PA)?**

  In some cases, your PCP will need to get prior authorization (prior approval) from us. Since your PCP will provide and coordinate your medical care, you should have all of your past medical records sent to your PCP's office. If you don't have a referral

(approval in advance) before you get services from a specialist, you may have to pay for these services yourself. If the specialist wants you to come back for more care, check first to be sure that the referral (approval in advance) you got from your PCP for the first visit covers more visits to the specialist.

How to choose a PCP

You will choose a PCP using the *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* when you enroll in our plan.

How to change your PCP

You can change your PCP for any reason, at any time. It's also possible that your PCP might leave our plan's network of providers, and you'd need to choose a new PCP. If you change your PCP, you will not be limited to specific specialists and hospitals to which that PCP refers.

When a PCP you are seeing leaves our network, you must choose another PCP from the participating provider network. If your PCP leaves our plan, we will let you know and help you choose another PCP so that you can keep getting covered services.

Care in a Transition Period: If the contract of your provider is terminated or cancelled, the plan will notify you within 30 calendar days before the termination date. You may continue receiving benefits from the same provider for a 90-day transition period. Please contact the plan for more information.

To change your PCP, call Member Services. Your request will be effective on the first day of the month following receipt of your request.

Section 2.2 Medical care and other services you can get without a PCP referral

You can get the services listed below without getting approval in advance from your PCP.

- Routine women's health care, including breast exams, screening mammograms (x-rays of the breast), Pap tests, and pelvic exams as long as you get them from a network provider
- Flu shots, COVID-19 vaccines, Hepatitis B vaccines, and pneumonia vaccines as long as you get them from a network provider
- Emergency services from network providers or from out-of-network providers
- Urgently needed plan-covered services are services that require immediate medical attention (but not an emergency) if you're either temporarily outside our plan's service area, or if it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network providers. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. Medically necessary routine provider visits (like annual checkups) aren't considered urgently needed even if you're outside our plan's service area or our plan network is temporarily unavailable.

- Kidney dialysis services that you get at a Medicare-certified dialysis facility when you're temporarily outside our plan's service area. If possible, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) before you leave the service area so we can help arrange for you to have maintenance dialysis while you're away.
- Treatments for special conditions as determined by the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration once you have been diagnosed and have received services for these conditions:
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Tuberculosis
  - Leprosy
  - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)
  - Cystic Fibrosis
  - Cancer
  - Hemophilia
  - ESRD=> Levels 3, 4 and 5
  - Multiple Sclerosis & Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
  - Scleroderma
  - Pulmonary Hypertension
  - Aplastic Anemia
  - Rheumatoid Arthritis
  - Autism
  - Skin Cancer: carcinoma IN SITU
  - Skin Cancer: Invasive Melanoma or squamous cells with evidence of metastasis
  - Adults with Phenylketonuria
  - Chronic Hepatitis C
  - Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Class III and IV - NHHA in a potential candidate for heart transplant
  - Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (PCD) / Immotile Ciliary Syndrome/ Syndrome de Kartagener
  - Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): Chron's disease; Ulcerative Colitis and Microscopic Colitis.
  - Post-Transplant
- Visits or treatments from a specialist that has become your PCP, as a result of a severe, chronic and recurrent health condition

- Visits to the gynecologist/obstetrician and urologist
- Pathology laboratories
- Initial evaluations from cardiologist, gastroenterologist, endocrinologist, ophthalmologist, pulmonologist, orthopedist, rheumatologist and psychiatrist
- Visits or treatments by the specialist if he/she belongs to an IPA provider network
- Prescription written by the specialist treating you
- Preventive tests
- Visits to dentist and optometrist
- Preventive Vaccines
- Radiology

Section 2.3 How to get care from specialists and other network providers

A specialist is a doctor who provides health care services for a specific disease or part of the body. There are many kinds of specialists. For example:

- Oncologists care for patients with cancer
- Cardiologists care for patients with heart conditions
- Orthopedists care for patients with certain bone, joint, or muscle conditions
- **What is the role (if any) of the PCP in referring members to specialists and other providers?**

  Your PCP will help you find the right type of plan specialist to treat your condition. You must obtain approval from your PCP in order to see a plan specialist. If you don't have a referral (approval in advance) before you get services from a specialist, you may have to pay for the services.
- **For what services will the PCP need to get prior authorization from the plan?**

  When you go to see a plan specialist provider and the doctor needs to perform certain tests or surgery, the doctor must first receive prior authorization from our plan. The doctor is responsible for getting prior authorization for you. Prior authorization and/or referral requirements for each service are listed on your Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 of this document. You may contact Member Services for more information.
- If you change your PCP you will not be limited to specific specialists and hospitals to which that PCP refers.

When a specialist or another network provider leaves our plan

We may make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) in our plan's network during the year. If your doctor or specialist leaves our plan, you have these rights and protections:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, Medicare requires that you have uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We'll notify you that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to choose a new provider.
    - If your primary care or behavioral health provider leaves our plan, we'll notify you if you visited that provider within the past 3 years.
    - If any of your other providers leave our plan, we'll notify you if you're assigned to the provider, currently get care from them, or visited them within the past 3 months.
- We'll help you choose a new qualified in-network provider for continued care.
- If you're undergoing medical treatment or therapies with your current provider, you have the right to ask to continue getting medically necessary treatment or therapies. We'll work with you so you can continue to get care.
- We'll give you information about available enrollment periods and options you may have for changing plans.
- When an in-network provider or benefit is unavailable or inadequate to meet your medical needs, we'll arrange for any medically necessary covered benefit outside of our provider network at in-network cost sharing. You will need to obtain authorization from the plan prior to seeking care.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving our plan, contact us so we can help you choose a new provider to manage your care.
- If you believe we haven't furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care isn't being appropriately managed, you have the right to file a quality-of-care complaint to the QIO, a quality-of-care grievance to our plan, or both (go to Chapter 9).

Section 2.4 How to get care from out-of-network providers

In most cases, care you receive from an out-of-network provider (a provider who is not part of our plan's network) will not be covered. *Here are three exceptions:*

- The plan covers emergency care or urgently needed care that you get from an out-of-network provider.
- The plan covers dialysis services for ESRD enrollees who travel outside the plan's service area and are not able to access contracted ESRD providers.

- If you need medical care that Medicare requires our plan to cover and we do not have providers available in our network to provide the service, you can get this care from an out-of-network provider. You will need to obtain authorization from the plan prior to seeking care. In this situation, you will pay the same as you would pay if you got the care from a network provider.

SECTION 3 How to get services in an emergency, disaster, or urgent need for care

Section 3.1 Get care if you have a medical emergency

A **medical emergency** is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent your loss of life (and, if you're a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb or function of a limb, or loss of or serious impairment to a bodily function. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that's quickly getting worse.

If you have a medical emergency:

- **Get help as quickly as possible.** Call 911 for help or go to the nearest emergency room or hospital. Call for an ambulance if you need it. You don't need to get approval or a referral first from your PCP. You don't need to use a network doctor. You can get covered emergency medical care whenever you need it, anywhere in the United States or its territories, and from any provider with an appropriate state license even if they're not part of our network. Our plan covers worldwide emergency and urgent care services outside the United States under the following circumstances: If you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life, health, loss of a limb, or to regain maximum function of a limb that's in serious jeopardy. Your symptoms could be due to an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.
- **As soon as possible, make sure our plan has been told about your emergency.** We need to follow up on your emergency care. You or someone else should call to tell us about your emergency care, usually within 48 hours. Call Member Services at the numbers listed at the end of this document.

Covered services in a medical emergency

Our plan covers ambulance services in situations where getting to the emergency room in any other way could endanger your health. We also cover medical services during the emergency.

The doctors giving you emergency care will decide when your condition is stable and when the medical emergency is over.

After the emergency is over, you're entitled to follow-up care to be sure your condition continues to be stable. Your doctors will continue to treat you until your doctors contact us and make plans for additional care. Your follow-up care will be covered by our plan.

If your emergency care is provided by out-of-network providers, we'll try to arrange for network providers to take over your care as soon as your medical condition and the circumstances allow.

What if it wasn't a medical emergency?

Sometimes it can be hard to know if you have a medical emergency. For example, you might go in for emergency care—thinking that your health is in serious danger—and the doctor may say that it wasn't a medical emergency after all. If it turns out that it wasn't an emergency, as long as you reasonably thought your health was in serious danger, we'll cover your care.

However, after the doctor says it wasn't an emergency, we'll cover additional care *only* if you get the additional care in one of these 2 ways:

- You go to a network provider to get the additional care.
- The additional care you get is considered urgently needed services and you follow the rules below for getting this urgent care.

Section 3.2 Get care when you have an urgent need for services

A service that requires immediate medical attention (but isn't an emergency) is an urgently needed service if you're either temporarily outside our plan's service area, or if it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network providers. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries, or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. However, medically necessary routine provider visits, such as annual checkups, aren't considered urgently needed even if you're outside our plan's service area or our plan network is temporarily unavailable.

Members have access to an urgent care facility within their region. A list of contracted facilities is posted in the current *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*, in our website and distributed in PCP's offices with phone numbers and addresses for member information. Currently, the urgent care facility network is known as *MMM Centros de Urgencia* (MMM Urgent Care Centers.) Those facilities are available island-wide and offer physician services and ancillary diagnostic services such as: clinical laboratory and radiology services. Some of the facilities are open 24 hours/7 days and other facilities have extended hours for your convenience. Also, some *MMM Centros de Urgencia* offer vaccination services for our members. At some of our *MMM Centros de Urgencia* we offer an innovative and accessible alternative for wound and ulcer care. We use advanced technologies, scientifically validated clinical protocols and evidence-based practices to achieve faster healing of wounds and ulcers. Our staff is composed of well-trained professionals with vast experience in the proper management of wounds and ulcers. Call to request an evaluation or ask your primary care provider about how to get this service.

Medicare does not cover urgently needed services or any other care if you receive the care outside of the United States.

Our plan covers worldwide emergency and urgent care services outside the United States under the following circumstances: If you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life, health, loss of a limb, or to regain maximum function of a limb that's in serious jeopardy. Your symptoms could be due to an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.

Section 3.3 Get care during a disaster

If the Governor of your state, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the President of the United States declares a state of disaster or emergency in your geographic area, you're still entitled to care from our plan.

Visit www.mmmpr.com for information on how to get needed care during a disaster.

If you can't use a network provider during a disaster, our plan will allow you to get care from out-of-network providers at in-network cost sharing. If you can't use a network pharmacy during a disaster, you may be able to fill your prescriptions at an out-of-network pharmacy. Go to Chapter 5, Section 2.5.

SECTION 4 What if you're billed directly for the full cost of covered services?

If you paid more than our plan cost sharing for covered services, or if you get a bill for the full cost of covered medical services, you can ask us to pay our share of the cost of covered services. Go to Chapter 7 for information about what to do.

Section 4.1 If services aren't covered by our plan

PMC Premier Platino covers all medically necessary services as listed in the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4. If you get services that aren't covered by our plan, or you get services out-of-network without authorization that are not emergency or urgently needed services, you're responsible for paying the full cost of services.

For covered services that have a benefit limitation, you also pay the full cost of any services you get after you use up your benefit for that type of covered service. For benefits defined with quantity or the cost you pay for those benefits, once the limit is reached, it will not count towards your maximum out-of-pocket.

SECTION 5 Medical services in a clinical research study

Section 5.1 What is a clinical research study

A clinical research study (also called a *clinical trial*) is a way that doctors and scientists test new types of medical care, like how well a new cancer drug works. Certain clinical research studies are approved by Medicare. Clinical research studies approved by Medicare typically ask for volunteers to participate in the study. When you're in a clinical research study, you can stay enrolled in our plan and continue to get the rest of your care (care that's not related to the study) through our plan.

If you participate in a Medicare-approved study, Original Medicare pays most of the costs for covered services you get as part of the study. If you tell us that you're in a qualified clinical trial, you're only responsible for the in-network cost sharing for the services in that trial. If you paid more—for example, if you already paid the Original Medicare cost-sharing amount—we'll reimburse the difference between what you paid and the in-network cost sharing. You'll need to provide documentation to show us how much you paid.

If you want to participate in any Medicare-approved clinical research study, you don't need to tell us or get approval from us or your PCP. The providers that deliver your care as part of the clinical research study don't need to be part of our plan's network. (This doesn't apply to covered benefits that require a clinical trial or registry to assess the benefit, including certain benefits requiring coverage with evidence development (NCDs-CED) and investigational device exemption (IDE) studies. These benefits may also be subject to prior authorization and other plan rules.)

While you don't need our plan's permission to be in a clinical research study, we encourage you to notify us in advance when you choose to participate in Medicare-qualified clinical trials.

If you participate in a study not approved by Medicare, you'll be responsible for paying all costs for your participation in the study.

Section 5.2 Who pays for services in a clinical research study

Once you join a Medicare-approved clinical research study, Original Medicare covers the routine items and services you get as part of the study, including:

- Room and board for a hospital stay that Medicare would pay for even if you weren't in a study.
- An operation or other medical procedure if it is part of the research study.
- Treatment of side effects and complications of the new care.

After Medicare pays its share of the cost for these services, our plan will pay the difference between the cost sharing in Original Medicare and your in-network cost sharing as a member

of our plan. This means you'll pay the same amount for services you get as part of the study as you would if you got these services from our plan. However, you must submit documentation showing how much cost sharing you paid. Go to Chapter 7 for more information on submitting requests for payments.

> *Example of cost sharing in a clinical trial:* Let's say you have a lab test that costs $100 as part of the research study. Your share of the costs for this test is $20 under Original Medicare, but the test would be $10 under our plan. In this case, Original Medicare would pay $80 for the test, and you would pay the $20 copay required under Original Medicare. You would notify our plan that you got a qualified clinical trial service and submit documentation (like a provider bill) to our plan. Our plan would then directly pay you $10. This makes your net payment for the test $10, the same amount you'd pay under our plan's benefits.

When you're in a clinical research study, **neither Medicare nor our plan will pay for any of the following**:

- Generally, Medicare won't pay for the new item or service the study is testing unless Medicare would cover the item or service even if you weren't in a study.
- Items or services provided only to collect data and not used in your direct health care. For example, Medicare won't pay for monthly CT scans done as part of a study if your medical condition would normally require only one CT scan.
- Items and services provided by the research sponsors free-of-charge for people in the trial.

Get more information about joining a clinical research study

Get more information about joining a clinical research study in the Medicare publication *Medicare and Clinical Research Studies,* available at Medicare.gov/coverage/clinical-research-studies.) You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 6 Rules for getting care in a religious non-medical health care institution

Section 6.1 A religious non-medical health care institution

A religious non-medical health care institution is a facility that provides care for a condition that would ordinarily be treated in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. If getting care in a hospital or a skilled nursing facility is against a member's religious beliefs, we'll instead cover care in a religious non-medical health care institution. This benefit is provided only for Part A inpatient services (non-medical health care services).

Section 6.2 How to get care from a religious non-medical health care institution

To get care from a religious non-medical health care institution, you must sign a legal document that says you're conscientiously opposed to getting medical treatment that's **non-excepted**.

- **Non-excepted** medical care or treatment is any medical care or treatment that's *voluntary* and *not required* by any federal, state, or local law.
- **Excepted** medical treatment is medical care or treatment you get that's *not* voluntary or *is required* under federal, state, or local law.

To be covered by our plan, the care you get from a religious non-medical health care institution must meet the following conditions:

- The facility providing the care must be certified by Medicare.
- Our plan only covers *non-religious* aspects of care.
- If you get services from this institution provided to you in a facility, the following conditions apply:
  - You must have a medical condition that would allow you to get covered services for inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing facility care.
  - – *and* – you must get approval in advance from our plan before you're admitted to the facility, or your stay won't be covered.

Inpatient Hospital Benefit coverage for this plan is unlimited. For more information, please refer to Medicare Inpatient Hospital Benefit in the Medical Benefit Chart included in Chapter 4.

SECTION 7 Rules for ownership of durable medical equipment

Section 7.1 You won't own some durable medical equipment after making a certain number of payments under our plan

Durable medical equipment (DME) includes items like oxygen equipment and supplies, wheelchairs, walkers, powered mattress systems, crutches, diabetic supplies, speech generating devices, IV infusion pumps, nebulizers, and hospital beds ordered by a provider for members to use in the home. The member always owns some DME items, like prosthetics. Other types of DME you must rent.

In Original Medicare, people who rent certain types of DME own the equipment after paying copayments for the item for 13 months. **As a member of *PMC Premier Platino*, you usually won't get ownership of rented DME items no matter how many copayments you make for the item while a member of our plan.** You won't get ownership, even if you made up to 12 consecutive payments for the DME item under Original Medicare before you joined our plan. Under some limited circumstances, we'll transfer

ownership of the DME item to you. Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) for more information.

What happens to payments you made for durable medical equipment if you switch to Original Medicare?

If you didn't get ownership of the DME item while in our plan, you'll have to make 13 new consecutive payments after you switch to Original Medicare to own the DME item. The payments you made while enrolled in our plan don't count towards these 13 payments.

Example 1: You made 12 or fewer consecutive payments for the item in Original Medicare and then joined our plan. The payments you made in Original Medicare don't count. You'll have to make 13 payments to our plan before owning the item.

Example 2: You made 12 or fewer consecutive payments for the item in Original Medicare and then joined our plan. You didn't get ownership of the item while in our plan. You then go back to Original Medicare. You'll have to make 13 consecutive new payments to own the item once you rejoin Original Medicare. Any payments you already made (whether to our plan or to Original Medicare) don't count.

Section 7.2 Rules for oxygen equipment, supplies, and maintenance

If you qualify for Medicare oxygen equipment coverage *PMC Premier Platino* will cover:

- Rental of oxygen equipment
- Delivery of oxygen and oxygen contents
- Tubing and related oxygen accessories for the delivery of oxygen and oxygen contents
- Maintenance and repairs of oxygen equipment

If you leave *PMC Premier Platino* or no longer medically require oxygen equipment, the oxygen equipment must be returned.

What happens if you leave our plan and return to Original Medicare?

Original Medicare requires an oxygen supplier to provide you with services for 5 years. During the first 36 months, you rent the equipment. For the remaining 24 months, the supplier provides the equipment and maintenance (you're still responsible for applicable cost sharing for oxygen). After 5 years, you can choose to stay with the same company or go to another company. At this point, the 5-year cycle starts over again, even if you stay with the same company, and you're again required to pay copayments for the first 36 months. If you join or leave our plan, the 5-year cycle starts over.

CHAPTER 4: Medical Benefits Chart (what's covered and what you pay)

SECTION 1 Understanding your out-of-pocket costs for covered services

The Medical Benefits Chart lists your covered services and shows how much you pay for each covered service as a member of *PMC Premier Platino*. This section also gives information about medical services that aren't covered and explains limits on certain services.

Section 1.1 Out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered services

To understand the payment information we give you in this chapter, you need to know about the types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for your covered services.

Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered services include:

- **Copayment:** the fixed amount you pay each time you get certain medical services. You pay a copayment at the time you get the medical service. (The Medical Benefits Chart tells you more about your copayments.)
- **Coinsurance:** the percentage you pay of the total cost of certain medical services. You pay a coinsurance at the time you get the medical service. (The Medical Benefits Chart tells you more about your coinsurance.)

Section 1.2 What's the most you'll pay for covered medical services?

Note: Because our members also get help from Medicaid, very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum.

Medicare Advantage Plans have limits on the amount you have to pay out-of-pocket each year for medical services covered by our plan. This limit is called the maximum out-of-pocket (MOOP) amount for medical services. **For calendar year 2027 the MOOP amount is $3,250.**

The amounts you pay for copayments, and coinsurance for covered services count toward this maximum out-of-pocket amount. The amounts you pay for plan premiums and Part D drugs don't count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. If you reach the maximum out-of-pocket amount of $3,250, you won't have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for the rest of the

year for covered services. However, you must continue to pay the Medicare Part B premium (unless your Part B premium is paid for you by Medicaid or another third party).

Section 1.3 Providers aren't allowed to balance bill you

As a member of *PMC Premier Platino*, you have an important protection because you only have to pay your cost-sharing amount when you get services covered by our plan. Providers can't bill you for additional separate charges, called **balance billing**. This protection applies even if we pay the provider less than the provider charges for a service and even if there's a dispute and we don't pay certain provider charges.

Here's how protection from balance billing works:

- If your cost sharing is a copayment (a set amount of dollars, for example, $15.00), you pay only that amount for any covered services from a network provider.
- If your cost sharing is a coinsurance (a percentage of the total charges), you never pay more than that percentage. However, your cost depends on which type of provider you see:
  - If you get covered services from a network provider, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by our plan's reimbursement rate (this is set in the contract between the provider and our plan).
  - If you get covered services from an out-of-network provider who participates with Medicare, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the Medicare payment rate for participating providers. (Our plan covers services from out-of-network providers only in certain situations, such as when you get a referral or for emergencies or urgently needed services.)
  - If you get covered services from an out-of-network provider who doesn't participate in Medicare, you pay the coinsurance percentage multiplied by the Medicare payment rate for non-participating providers. (Our plan covers services from out-of-network providers only in certain situations, such as when you get a referral, or for emergencies or urgently needed services outside the service area.)
- If you think a provider has balance billed you, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

We don't allow providers to bill you for covered services. We pay our providers directly, and we protect you from any charges. This is true even if we pay the provider less than the provider charges for a service. If you get a bill from a provider, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

SECTION 2 The Medical Benefits Chart shows your medical benefits and costs

The Medical Benefits Chart on the next pages lists the services *PMC Premier Platino* covers and what you pay out of pocket for each service (Part D drug coverage is in Chapter 5). The services listed in the Medical Benefits Chart are covered only when these requirements are met:

- Your Medicare and Medicaid covered services must be provided according to Medicare and Medicaid coverage guidelines.
- Your services (including medical care, services, supplies, equipment, and Part B drugs) *must* be medically necessary. Medically necessary means that the services, supplies, or drugs are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.
- For new enrollees, your MA coordinated care plan must provide a minimum 90-day transition period, during which time the new MA plan may not require prior authorization for any active course of treatment, even if the course of treatment was for a service that commenced with an out-of-network provider.
- You get your care from a network provider. In most cases, care you get from an out-of-network provider won't be covered unless it's emergency or urgent care, or unless our plan or a network provider gave you a referral. This means that you pay the provider in full for out-of-network services you get.
- You have a primary care provider (a PCP) providing and overseeing your care. In most situations, your PCP must give you approval in advance (a referral) before you can see other providers in our plan's network.
- Some services listed in the Medical Benefits Chart are covered *only* if your doctor or other network provider gets approval from us in advance (sometimes called prior authorization). Covered services that need approval in advance are marked in the Medical Benefits Chart in bold. These services not listed in the Medical Benefits Chart also require prior authorization:
  1. Procedures commonly performed at the physician's office, but physicians require to perform them in a facility (such as Ambulatory Surgical Center or in a hospital). Also, procedures that are commonly performed at ambulatory settings, but the physician requires it to be as an acute hospital admission.
  2. Remote monitoring services from a physician or any other clinician.
  3. Procedures that are cosmetic in nature, but you need them for medical reasons. (If there is no medical need for these services and instead are performed to improve the way you look, these services are excluded from your coverage.)
  4. All cornea and major organ transplants (lung, heart, bone marrow, intestine, liver, pancreas, kidney). Your physician must start the preauthorization process as soon as

you decide to proceed with the procedure.

5. Diagnostic services or treatments:
   - Certain diagnostic services and treatments may require prior authorization, including select infusion therapies, injectable treatments, and other services as determined by applicable Medical Policies. Prior authorization requirements are based on medical necessity and other clinical criteria.
6. Radiology CT/CTA, MRI/MRA
7. PET Scans
8. Specific elective cardiovascular procedures including defibrillators (implantable or external)
9. Some genetics and molecular pathology or laboratory tests
10. Behavioral Health Services such as neuropsychological tests partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient programs, or any service, treatment, or evaluation.
11. Medical Drugs
    - Certain drugs covered under the Medical Benefit may require prior authorization when administered in the home, physician's office, outpatient facility, or other approved setting. Coverage determinations are based on applicable Medical Policies, medical necessity, and clinical criteria.
12. Pharmacy Benefit Drugs
    - Certain drugs covered under the Pharmacy Benefit may require Prior Authorization (PA), Step Therapy (ST), Quantity Limits (QL), or other utilization management requirements. Drugs subject to these requirements are identified in the plan's Drug List (Formulary).

- If your coordinated care plan provides approval of a prior authorization request for a course of treatment, the approval must be valid for as long as medically reasonable and necessary to avoid disruptions in care in accordance with applicable coverage criteria, your medical history, and the treating provider's recommendation.

Other important things to know about our coverage:

- You're covered by both Medicare and Medicaid. Medicare covers health care and prescription drugs. Medicaid covers your cost sharing for Medicare services, including the cost sharing for prescription drugs. Medicaid also covers services Medicare doesn't cover, like preventive dental care, family planning, among others.
- Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers. (To learn more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, go to your *Medicare & You 2027* handbook. View it online at Medicare.gov or ask for a copy by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.)
- For preventive services covered at no cost under Original Medicare, we also cover those services at no cost to you. However, if you're also treated or monitored for an

existing medical condition during the visit when you get the preventive service, a copayment will apply for the care you got for the existing medical condition.

- If Medicare adds coverage for any new services during 2027, either Medicare or our plan will cover those services.
- This plan covers Medicare, Medicaid, and additional supplemental benefits. Medicaid benefits are described in the benefit chart below, please note that all services are covered at zero cost-sharing.
- If you lose your Medicaid eligibility but can be expected to regain it within 6-month, we'll continue to provide all Medicare Advantage plan-covered Medicare benefits. However, during this period, **we will continue to cover Medicaid benefits that are included under the Medicaid State Plan**. Medicare cost-sharing amounts for Medicare basic and supplemental benefits don't change during this period. To determine your Medicaid eligibility, you may apply online at https://medicaid.pr.gov, by calling the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program Call Center at (787) 641-4224 or (787) 625-6955 (TTY/TDD), Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or in person by visiting one of their offices.

Important Benefit Information for Enrollees with Chronic Conditions

- If you're diagnosed with any of the chronic condition(s) listed below and meet certain criteria, you may be eligible for special supplemental benefits for the chronically ill.
    - *Chronic alcohol use disorder and other substance use disorders, Autoimmune disorders (Polyarteritis nodosa, Polymyalgia rheumatica, Polymyositis, Dermatomyositis, Rheumatoid arthritis, Systemic lupus erythematosus, Psoriatic arthritis, Scleroderma), Cancer, Cardiovascular disorders (Cardiac arrhythmias, Coronary artery disease, Peripheral vascular disease, Valvular heart disease, Hyperlipidemia), Chronic heart failure, Dementia, Diabetes mellitus, Pre-diabetes (Fasting blood glucose: 100-125 mg/dL or Hgb A1C:5.7-6.4%, Overweight, obesity, and metabolic syndrome (Hyperlipidemia), Chronic gastrointestinal disorder (Chronic liver disease, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Pancreatitis, Irritable bowel syndrome, Inflammatory bowel disease), Chronic kidney disease (CKD) (CKD requiring dialysis/End-stage renal disease (ESRD), CKD not requiring dialysis), Severe hematologic disorders (Aplastic anemia, Hemophilia, Immune thrombocytopenic purpura, Myelodysplastic syndrome, Sickle-cell disease (excluding sickle-cell trait), Chronic venous thromboembolic disorder), HIV/AIDS, Chronic lung disorders (Asthma, Chronic bronchitis, Cystic fibrosis, Emphysema, Pulmonary fibrosis, Pulmonary hypertension, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Chronic and Disabling mental health conditions (Bipolar disorders, Major depressive disorders, Paranoid disorder, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective disorder, Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Eating disorders, Anxiety disorders), Neurologic disorders (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Cerebral palsy, Epilepsy, Extensive paralysis (such as hemiplegia, quadriplegia, paraplegia, monoplegia), Huntington's disease, Multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Polyneuropathy, Fibromyalgia, Chronic fatigue syndrome, Spinal cord injuries, Spinal stenosis, Stroke-*

related neurological deficits, Traumatic brain injury), Stroke, Post-organ transplantation care, Immunodeficiency and immunosuppressive disorders, Conditions that may cause cognitive impairment (Alzheimer's disease, Intellectual and developmental disabilities, Traumatic brain injuries, Disabling mental illness associated with cognitive impairment, Mild cognitive impairment), Conditions that may cause similar functional challenges and require similar services (Spinal cord injuries, Paralysis, Limb loss, Stroke, Arthritis), Chronic conditions that impair vision, hearing (deafness), taste, touch, and smell, Conditions that require continued therapy services in order for individuals to maintain or retain functioning, Other (Hypertension, Osteoporosis, Chronic back pain, among others).

- You must have one of the aforementioned conditions, you must also have a high risk of hospitalization or other adverse health outcomes, and you must require intensive care coordination. We will validate your condition and confirm your eligibility. Remember, you must remain a member of the plan and meet all the eligibility criteria mentioned above to continue to be eligible for these benefits. If you are a current member, your condition and eligibility criteria will be confirmed through the information we have in our system that makes you eligible. Call the plan if you have questions.

- For more detail, go to the *Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill* row in the Medical Benefits Chart below.
- Contact us to find out exactly which benefits you may be eligible for.

This apple shows the preventive services in the Medical Benefits Chart.

Medical Benefits Chart

Covered Service	What you pay
Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening A one-time screening ultrasound for people at risk. Our plan only covers this screening if you have certain risk factors and if you get a referral for it from your physician, physician assistant (PA), nurse practitioner (NP), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS).	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for this preventive screening.
Acupuncture for chronic low back pain Covered services include: Up to 12 visits in 90 days are covered under the following circumstances: For the purpose of this benefit, chronic low back pain is defined as: • Lasting 12 weeks or longer • Nonspecific, in that it has no identifiable systemic cause (i.e., not associated with metastatic, inflammatory, infectious disease, etc.) • Not associated with surgery • Not associated with pregnancy An additional 8 sessions will be covered for patients demonstrating an improvement. No more than 20 acupuncture treatments may be administered annually. Treatment must be discontinued if the patient is not improving or is regressing. **Provider Requirements:** Physicians may furnish acupuncture in accordance with applicable state requirements. Physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs)/clinical nurse specialists (CNSs), and auxiliary personnel may furnish acupuncture if	Medicare covered acupuncture for chronic low back pain services **$0** copayment Supplemental acupuncture services **$0** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
they meet all applicable state requirements and have: • a master's or doctoral level degree in acupuncture or Oriental Medicine from a school accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM); and, • a current, full, active, and unrestricted license to practice acupuncture in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth (i.e., Puerto Rico) of the United States, or District of Columbia. Auxiliary personnel furnishing acupuncture must be under the appropriate level of supervision of a physician, PA, or NP/CNS required by our regulations. **Acupuncture – Supplemental** You are eligible for: • Up to six **(6)** routine visits per year for acupuncture services, with a plan maximum benefit amount of up to **$500** per year. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Alternative Therapies – Supplemental You are eligible for: • Up to twelve **(12)** visits per year for naturopath services. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Supplemental Alternative Therapies **$0** copayment
Ambulance services Covered ambulance services, whether for an emergency or non-emergency situation, include fixed wing, rotary wing, and ground	Emergency ambulance **$0** copayment per date of service regardless of the number of trips.

Covered Service	What you pay
ambulance services, to the nearest appropriate facility that can provide care if they're furnished to a member whose medical condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health or if authorized by our plan. If the covered ambulance services aren't for an emergency situation, it should be documented that the member's condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person's health and that transportation by ambulance is medically required. • **Authorization rules apply, except for emergency care.**	Non-emergency ambulance **$0** copayment per date of service regardless of the number of trips.
Annual wellness visit If you've had Part B for longer than 12 months, you can get an annual wellness visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors. This is covered once every 12 months. **Note**: Your first annual wellness visit can't take place within 12 months of your *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit. However, you don't need to have had a *Welcome to Medicare* visit to be covered for annual wellness visits after you've had Part B for 12 months.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the annual wellness visit.
Bone mass measurement For qualified people (generally, this means people at risk of losing bone mass or at risk of osteoporosis), the following services are covered every 24 months or more frequently if medically necessary: procedures to identify bone mass, detect bone loss, or determine bone quality, including a physician's interpretation of the results.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for Medicare-covered bone mass measurement.

Covered Service	What you pay
Breast cancer screening (mammograms) Covered services include: • One baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 and 39 • One screening mammogram every 12 months for women aged 40 and older • Clinical breast exams once every 24 months	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for covered screening mammograms.
Cardiac rehabilitation services Comprehensive programs of cardiac rehabilitation services that include exercise, education, and counseling are covered for members who meet certain conditions with a doctor's referral. Our plan covers these comprehensive programs if you've had at least one of these conditions: • Heart attack in the last 12 months • Coronary artery bypass surgery • Stable angina pectoris (chest pain) • Heart valve repair or replacement • Coronary angioplasty (a medical procedure used to open a blocked artery) or coronary stenting (a procedure used to keep an artery open) • Heart or heart and lung transplant • Stable chronic heart failure Coverage limitations: • You can get up to 36 cardiac rehabilitation sessions. You can have 2 sessions per day (each lasting 1 hour), and the program can last up to 36 weeks. If you qualify, you may be able to get 36 more sessions that can be spread out over a longer time period.	Medicare covered cardiac rehabilitation services **$0** copayment Medicare covered intensive cardiac rehabilitation services **$0** copayment

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• **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Cardiovascular disease risk reduction visit (therapy for cardiovascular disease) We cover one visit per year with your primary care doctor to help lower your risk for cardiovascular disease. During this visit, your doctor may discuss aspirin use (if appropriate), check your blood pressure, and give you tips to make sure you're eating healthy.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the intensive behavioral therapy cardiovascular disease preventive benefit.
Cardiovascular disease screening tests Blood tests for the detection of cardiovascular disease (or abnormalities associated with an elevated risk of cardiovascular disease) once every 5 years (60 months).	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for cardiovascular disease testing that is covered once every 5 years.
Cervical and vaginal cancer screening Covered services include: • Pap tests and pelvic exams once every 24 months for all women • One pap test every 12 months if you're at high risk of cervical or vaginal cancer or if of childbearing age and have had an abnormal pap test within the past 3 years	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for Medicare-covered preventive Pap and pelvic exams.
Chiropractic services Covered services include: • Manual manipulation of the spine to correct a vertebral subluxation **Chiropractic services – Supplemental** You are also eligible for: • Up to six **(6)** visits per year for supplemental chiropractic services,	Medicare covered chiropractic services **$0** copayment per visit Supplemental chiropractic services **$0** copayment per visit

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with a plan maximum benefit amount of up to **$750** per year. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Colorectal cancer screening The following screening tests are covered: • Colonoscopy has no minimum or maximum age limitation and is covered once every 120 months (10 years) for patients not at high risk, or 48 months after a previous flexible sigmoidoscopy for patients who aren't at high risk for colorectal cancer, and once every 24 months for high-risk patients after a previous screening colonoscopy. • Computed tomography colonography for patients 45 years and older who are not at high risk of colorectal cancer and is covered when at least 59 months have passed following the month in which the last screening computed tomography colonography was performed or 47 months have passed following the month in which the last screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or screening colonoscopy was performed. For patients at high risk for colorectal cancer, coverage for a screening computed tomography colonography performed after at least 23 months have passed following the month in which the last screening computed tomography colonography or the last screening colonoscopy was performed. • Flexible sigmoidoscopy for patients 45 years and older. Once every 120 months for patients not at high risk after the patient got a screening colonoscopy.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for a Medicare-covered colorectal cancer screening exam. If your doctor finds and removes a polyp or other tissue during the colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy, the screening exam becomes a diagnostic exam.

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Once every 48 months for high-risk patients from the last flexible sigmoidoscopy or computed tomography colonography. • Screening fecal-occult blood tests for patients 45 years and older. Once every 12 months. • Multitarget stool DNA for patients 45 to 85 years of age and not meeting high risk criteria. Once every 3 years. • Blood-based Biomarker Tests for patients 45 to 85 years of age and not meeting high risk criteria. Once every 3 years. • Colorectal cancer screening tests include a follow-on screening colonoscopy after a Medicare-covered non-invasive stool-based colorectal cancer screening test returns a positive result. • Colorectal cancer screening tests include a planned screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or screening colonoscopy that involves the removal of tissue or other matter, or other procedure furnished in connection with, as a result of, and in the same clinical encounter as the screening test.	
Dental services In general, preventive dental services (such as cleaning, routine dental exams, and dental x-rays) are not covered by Original Medicare. However, Medicare pays for dental services in a limited number of circumstances, specifically when that service is an integral part of specific treatment of a person's primary medical condition. Examples include reconstruction of the jaw after a fracture or injury, tooth extractions done in preparation for radiation treatment for cancer involving the jaw, or oral exams prior to organ transplantation. In addition, we cover:	Medicare-covered dental services **0%** coinsurance Preventive and diagnostic dental services: Oral Exams **0%** coinsurance Prophylaxis (Cleaning) **0%** coinsurance Fluoride Treatment **0%** coinsurance Dental X-Rays **0%** coinsurance

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Medicare Covered Dental Services Services covered by Medicare, like certain dental services that you get when you are in a hospital if you need to have emergency or complicated dental procedures.	Diagnostic services **0%** coinsurance Comprehensive dental services: Supplemental Restorative services:
Diagnostic and Preventive Services: Some services may require pre-authorization or reporting. Diagnostic and preventive services will be covered as required by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program. The plan's annual maximum limit will not apply to diagnostic and preventive services, nor for services required by the Puerto Rico Medicaid Program.	Post and Core buildup and/or Individual Crowns **0%** coinsurance Other Restorative Services **0%** coinsurance Endodontics **0%** coinsurance
Comprehensive Dental Services-Supplemental This plan has a maximum limit of up to **$2,000** per year for the following supplemental comprehensive dental services: • Restorative Services • Prosthodontic Services • Adjunctive General Services (The maximum plan limit amount will not apply to diagnostic and preventive services, Medicare covered services, or for services covered by Medicaid). The member will be responsible for any costs that exceed the plan maximum amount established per year. The member and the provider must be aware of their available balance before requesting any service. Member can verify their balance by calling the Member Services Department or by accessing the MMM Mobile App. Please see	Extractions **0%** coinsurance Oral and maxillofacial surgery **0%** coinsurance Supplemental prosthodontic dental benefits **0%** coinsurance Adjunctive general services **$0** copayment

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details on applicable limits and exclusions below:
 	
Restorative services:
 	
• Post and core in addition to crown- Covered one (1) per year, per tooth, per life.
• Buildup, including any pins when required, covered every two (2) years.
• Crowns are covered one (1) per year. Replacement crowns covered every five (5) years per tooth, by report if replacement is needed.
 	
  ○ Crown- Resin
  ○ Crown- Porcelain fused to noble metal
  ○ Crown- Porcelain fused to high noble metal
  ○ Crown- Porcelain/ceramic
 	
Provisional Crowns are covered one (1) per tooth every five (5) years.
Labial Veneer are covered one (1) per tooth every five (5) years.
 	
Resin and/or amalgam restorations followed by a crown service in less than three (3) months, in the same tooth, will be considered to be included as part of the payment of the final crown.
 	
The recementation of crowns and posts is limited for payment to one (1) per tooth per life, after six (6) months of the initial cementation.
 	
The services listed above are covered up to the maximum plan amount established for the	

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year, the member will be responsible for any costs that exceed this amount. Services that are not mentioned above, are not covered by the plan. • **Authorization rules apply for individual crowns.** **Prosthodontic services:** <u>Removable Prosthodontia</u> • Complete and partial removable denture in resin base or partial denture cast metal framework with resin base (1 per arch: maxillary and/or mandibular), or partial flexible base denture (1 per arch: maxillary and/or mandibular) every five (5) years. Flexible base dentures (thermoplastic) are not covered for complete dentures. Complete dentures are limited by any other removable prosthesis, and vice versa, because is considered a final prosthesis. For example: resin base, cast metal framework resin or flexible base partial dentures, and/or immediate dentures. • Repair services for metal and/or resin base dentures, including services related to the repair of existing complete or partial dentures will be covered after six (6) months from the date of insertion. Relines for complete dentures are covered one (1) per denture every 5 years, after 6 months from the date of insertion. Includes all necessary adjustments within 6 months of insertion date. Adjustment, rebase, repairs, relines or replacement clasps for flexible	

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partial dentures (Valplast®) are not covered**.** A removable prosthesis can take up to 90 days to adapt. If you experience any discomfort, it is **recommended** that you consult with your dental provider.
 	
The services listed above are covered up to the maximum plan amount established for the year, the member will be responsible for any costs that exceed this amount. All other prosthodontic services are not covered. Services and materials not mentioned above, are not covered by the plan.
 	
<u>Fixed Dentures</u>
• Pontics and Retainers Crowns- Up to four **(4)** units of fixed dentures per year, covered one **(1)** per tooth per life
  ○ Retainer Crown- Porcelain fused to high noble metal
  ○ Retainer Crown – fused to noble metal
  ○ Retainer Crown- Porcelain/ceramic
  ○ Pontic- Porcelain fused to high noble metal
  ○ Pontic- Porcelain fused to noble metal
  ○ Pontic- Porcelain/ceramic
 	
For payment approval, pre and post x-rays must be sent along with the member's and dentist's signature. Local anesthesia is considered to be part of fixed prosthodontic procedures.
 	
The services listed above are covered up to the maximum plan amount established for the year, the member will be responsible for any	

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costs that exceed this amount. Services and materials not mentioned above, are not covered by the plan. Implants: Up to one (1) implant covered per year. • Surgical placement of implant body, endosteal implant and second stage implant surgery are covered one (1) per tooth per life. Implant insertion cannot be paid the same service day of the second phase of exposure of an implant already surgically inserted. • Abutment supported porcelain (noble metal and/or high noble metal) crown. • Abutment supported porcelain/ceramic crown • Implant supported porcelain crown (ceramic) • Implant supported complete and partial dentures are covered one (1), per arch, every five (5) years, and are mutually exclusive. Crowns on implants are covered one (1) per tooth every five (5) years with appropriate justification. Implant services will only be covered when performed by a certified provider. All abutments are covered one (1) per tooth per life. Constructing a complete or partial removable denture on an implant includes all procedures, techniques and materials. It also includes all adjustments, repairs and overruns up to six (6) months after the date of insertion. The services listed above are covered up to the maximum plan amount established for the	

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year, the member will be responsible for any costs that exceed this amount. Bone graft or sinus augmentation are not covered. Mini Implants are not covered as part of the Implants coverage. Services not mentioned above, are not covered by the plan. • **Authorization rules apply for prosthodontic services.** **Adjunctive General Services** Anesthesia under deep sedation is covered. The first fifteen (15) minutes and three (3) additional fifteen (15) minute increments are covered for a total of sixty (60) minutes combined per day of service. Deep sedation services are applicable for payment when the following services are performed: • Surgical placement of the implant body, endosseous implant • Surgical extraction of protruding tooth or residual root • Removal of impacted teeth – in soft tissue • Removal of partially or completely impacted teeth in bone • Removal of residual tooth roots • Removal of the palatine torus, mandibular torus and removal of exostosis **Authorization rules apply to deep sedation services.** Services and materials not listed above are not covered by the plan.	

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MMM will not be responsible, and will neither accept or pay for any dental treatment or dental work performed directly by a Dental Laboratory Technician. This is considered an illegal dental practice. For more information about your dental coverage, please contact Customer Service.	
Depression screening We cover one screening for depression per year. The screening must be done in a primary care setting that can provide follow-up treatment and/or referrals.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an annual depression screening visit.
Diabetes screening We cover this screening (includes fasting glucose tests) if you have any of these risk factors: high blood pressure (hypertension), history of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels (dyslipidemia), obesity, or a history of high blood sugar (glucose). Tests may also be covered if you meet other requirements, like being overweight and having a family history of diabetes. You may be eligible for up to 2 diabetes screenings every 12 months following the date of your most recent diabetes screening test.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered diabetes screening tests.
Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services, and supplies For all people who have diabetes (insulin and non-insulin users), covered services include: • Supplies to monitor your blood glucose: blood glucose monitor, blood glucose test strips, lancet devices and lancets, and glucose-control solutions for checking the accuracy of test strips and monitors. • For people with diabetes who have severe diabetic foot disease: one (1) pair	Medicare-covered Diabetes self-management training **$0** copayment Diabetic monitoring supplies and therapeutic shoes and / or inserts **0%** coinsurance

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per calendar year of therapeutic custom-molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and two (2) additional pairs of inserts, or one pair of depth shoes and three (3) pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes), including fitting. • Diabetes self-management training under certain conditions.	
Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies (For a definition of durable medical equipment, go to Chapter 12 and Chapter 3) Covered items include, but aren't limited to, wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress systems, diabetic supplies, hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home, IV infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, and walkers. We cover all medically necessary DME covered by Original Medicare. If our supplier in your area doesn't carry a particular brand or manufacturer, you can ask them if they can order it especially for you. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered benefits: DME Supplies **0%** coinsurance Wheelchair **0%** coinsurance Hospital bed for use in the home **0%** coinsurance Power wheelchair **0%** coinsurance All other DME **0%** coinsurance Your cost sharing for Medicare oxygen equipment coverage is **0%** coinsurance, every month. Your cost sharing won't change after you're enrolled for 36 months.
Emergency care Emergency care refers to services that are: • Furnished by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services • Needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition.	Medicare covered emergency services **$0** copayment for emergency room visit Supplemental Worldwide Emergency Service **$75** copayment for emergency room visit

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A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life (and, if you're a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that's quickly getting worse. Cost sharing for necessary emergency services you get out-of-network is the same as when you get these services in-network. This plan includes worldwide emergency/urgent care visits as a supplemental benefit, with a maximum plan limit of **$500**.	Copayment waived if admitted to the hospital If you get emergency care at an out-of-network hospital and need inpatient care after your emergency condition is stabilized, you must move to a network hospital for your care to continue to be covered *OR* you must have your inpatient care at the out-of-network hospital authorized by the plan and your cost is the cost sharing you would pay at a network hospital.

Fitness Benefit- Supplemental
You are eligible for:
• Up to **$200** every month, to be used towards the purchase of the following items covered through the OTC catalogue:
  ○ Physical exercise pedals
  ○ Stretch straps
This is a combined benefit with a single, shared maximum benefit amount for OTC, home and bathroom safety devices and modifications and fitness benefit (physical exercise items only). Item quantity limits in each category may apply.
	Supplemental Fitness Benefit
	$0 copayment

Health and wellness education programs These are programs focused on health conditions such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, asthma, and special diets. Programs designed to enrich the health and	Health and wellness education programs services **$0** copayment

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lifestyles of members include weight management, fitness, and stress management. This plan covers the following health/wellness education benefits: • Nursing hotline. Available 24 hours, 7 days a week. • Written health education materials. • Nutritional training.	
Hearing services Diagnostic hearing and balance evaluations performed by your provider to determine if you need medical treatment are covered as outpatient care when you get them from a physician, audiologist, or other qualified provider. **Hearing services – Supplemental** You are also eligible for: • Up to **$2,500** every three **(3)** years to be used toward the purchase of hearing aids for both ears- combined; • One **(1)** supplemental fitting/evaluation for hearing aid per year. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered hearing services **$0** copayment Supplemental hearing aids benefit **$0** copayment Supplemental hearing aid fitting evaluation service **$0** copayment
HIV screening For people who ask for an HIV screening test or are at increased risk for HIV infection, we cover: • One screening exam every 12 months. If you are pregnant, we cover: • Up to 3 screening exams during a pregnancy.	There's no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered preventive HIV screening.

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Home and Bathroom Safety Devices and Modifications- Supplemental
You are eligible for:
• Up to **$200** every month to be used towards the purchase of the following items covered through the OTC catalogue:
  ○ Medical Bathmat
  ○ Raised Toilet Seat
  ○ Handheld Shower Head
  ○ Reacher
  ○ Nightlight
 	
This is a combined benefit with a single, shared maximum benefit amount for OTC, home and bathroom safety devices and modifications and fitness benefit (physical exercise items only). Item quantity limits in each category may apply.
	Home and Bathroom Safety Devices and Modifications
	$0 copayment

Home health agency care Before you get home health services, a doctor must certify that you need home health services and will order home health services to be provided by a home health agency. You must be homebound, which means leaving home is a major effort. Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services (to be covered under the home health care benefit, your skilled nursing and home health aide services combined must total fewer than 8 hours per day and 35 hours per week) • Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy • Medical and social services	Services received in a Home health agency care **$0** copayment

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• Medical equipment and supplies • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Home infusion therapy Home infusion therapy involves the intravenous or subcutaneous administration of drugs or biologicals to a person at home. The components needed to perform home infusion include the drug (for example, antivirals, immune globulin), equipment (for example, a pump), and supplies (for example, tubing and catheters). Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Professional services, including nursing services, furnished in accordance with our plan of care • Patient training and education not otherwise covered under the durable medical equipment benefit • Remote monitoring • Monitoring services for the provision of home infusion therapy and home infusion drugs furnished by a qualified home infusion therapy supplier • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Home infusion therapy **0%** coinsurance
Hospice care You're eligible for the hospice benefit when your doctor and the hospice medical director have given you a terminal prognosis certifying that you're terminally ill and have 6 months or less to live if your illness runs its normal course. You can get care from any Medicare-certified hospice program. Our plan is obligated to help you find Medicare-certified hospice programs in our plan's service area, including programs we own, control, or have a	When you enroll in a Medicare-certified hospice program, your hospice services and your Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis are paid for by Original Medicare, not *PMC Premier Platino*. Hospice consultations are included as part of Inpatient hospital care. Physicians cost sharing may apply for outpatient consultations.

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financial interest in. Your hospice doctor can be a network provider or an out-of-network provider. Covered services include: • Drugs for symptom control and pain relief • Short-term respite care • Home care When you're admitted to a hospice, you have the right to stay in our plan; if you stay in our plan you must continue to pay plan premiums. **For hospice services and services covered by Medicare Part A or B that are related to your terminal prognosis:** Original Medicare (rather than our plan) will pay your hospice provider for your hospice services and any Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis. While you're in the hospice program, your hospice provider will bill Original Medicare for the services Original Medicare pays for. You'll be billed Original Medicare cost sharing. **For services covered by Medicare Part A or B not related to your terminal prognosis:** If you need non-emergency, non-urgently needed services covered under Medicare Part A or B that aren't related to your terminal prognosis, your cost for these services depends on whether you use a provider in our plan's network and follow plan rules (like if there's a requirement to get prior authorization). • If you get the covered services from a network provider and follow plan rules for getting service, you pay only our plan cost-sharing amount for in-network services	

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• If you get the covered services from an out-of-network provider, you pay the cost sharing under Original Medicare **For services covered by *PMC Premier Platino* but not covered by Medicare Part A or B:** *PMC Premier Platino* will continue to cover plan-covered services that aren't covered under Part A or B whether or not they're related to your terminal prognosis. You pay our plan cost-sharing amount for these services. **For drugs that may be covered by our plan's Part D benefit:** If these drugs are unrelated to your terminal hospice condition, you pay cost sharing. If they're related to your terminal hospice condition, you pay Original Medicare cost sharing. Drugs are never covered by both hospice and our plan at the same time. For more information, go to Chapter 5, Section 9.4). **Note:** If you need non-hospice care (care that's not related to your terminal prognosis), contact us to arrange the services. Our plan covers hospice consultation services (one time only) for a terminally ill person who hasn't elected the hospice benefit.	
Immunizations Covered Medicare Part B services include: • Pneumonia vaccines • Flu/influenza shots (or vaccines), once each flu/influenza season in the fall and winter, with additional flu/influenza shots (or vaccines) if medically necessary • Hepatitis B vaccines if you've never received a complete series, you don't	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the pneumonia, flu/influenza, Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines.

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know your vaccination history, or you have any other condition that puts you at high or intermediate risk of getting Hepatitis B • COVID-19 vaccines • Other vaccines if you're at risk and they meet Medicare Part B coverage rules We also cover most other adult vaccines under our Part D drug benefit. Go to Chapter 6, Section 8 for more information.	
Inpatient hospital care Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you're formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you're discharged is your last inpatient day. Covered services include but aren't limited to: • Semi-private room (or a private room if medically necessary) • Meals including special diets • Regular nursing services • Costs of special care units (such as intensive care or coronary care units) • Drugs and medications • Lab tests • X-rays and other radiology services • Necessary surgical and medical supplies • Use of appliances, such as wheelchairs • Operating and recovery room costs • Physical, occupational, and speech language therapy • Inpatient substance abuse services • Under certain conditions, the following types of transplants are covered: corneal, kidney, kidney-pancreatic, heart, liver, lung, heart/lung, bone marrow, stem cell,	Services received in a network hospital **$0** copayment per admission or per stay Services received in UNIDAD DORADA **$0** copayment per admission or per stay If you get authorized inpatient care at an out-of-network hospital after your emergency condition is stabilized, your cost is the cost sharing you would pay at a network hospital.

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and intestinal/multivisceral. If you need a transplant, we'll arrange to have your case reviewed by a Medicare-approved transplant center that will decide whether you're a candidate for a transplant. Transplant providers may be local or outside of the service area. If our in-network transplant services are outside the community pattern of care, you may choose to go locally as long as the local transplant providers are willing to accept the Original Medicare rate. If *PMC Premier Platino* provides transplant services at a location outside the pattern of care for transplants in your community and you choose to get transplants at this distant location, we'll arrange or pay for appropriate lodging and transportation costs for you and a companion. • Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells starts only with the fourth pint of blood you need. You must either pay the costs for the first 3 pints of blood you get in a calendar year or have the blood donated by you or someone else. All other components of blood are covered starting with the first pint. • Physician services **Note:** To be an inpatient, your provider must write an order to admit you formally as an inpatient of the hospital. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. If you're not sure if you're an inpatient or an outpatient, ask the hospital staff. Get more information from the Medicare fact sheet *Medicare Hospital Benefits.* This fact sheet is available at Medicare.gov/publications/11435-Medicare-Hospital-Benefits.pdf or by calling 1-800-	

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MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. • **Authorization rules apply, except for emergency care.**	
Inpatient services in a psychiatric hospital Covered services include mental health care services that require a hospital stay. • The plan covers up to 190 days in a lifetime for inpatient mental health care in a psychiatric hospital. • The inpatient mental hospital care limit does not apply to inpatient mental services provided in a psychiatric unit of general hospital. Our plan covers 90 days for an inpatient hospital stay. • Also, our plan covers 60 "lifetime reserve days." These are "extra" days that we cover. If your hospital stay is longer than 90 days, you can use these extra days. But once you have used up these extra 60 days, your inpatient hospital coverage will be limited to 90 days. • **Authorization rules apply except in an emergency.**	Services received in an in- network psychiatric hospital **$0** copayment per admission or per stay
Inpatient stay: Covered services you get in a hospital or SNF during a non-covered inpatient stay The plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay and up to 100 days in a skilled nursing facility (SNF). If you've used up your inpatient benefits or if the inpatient stay isn't reasonable and necessary, we won't cover your inpatient stay.	Physician services Please refer to "Physician/Practitioner Services, Including Doctor's Office Visits" section in this chart. Diagnostic and radiological services, surgical dressings, and splints Please refer to "Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies" section in this chart.

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In some cases, we'll cover certain services you get while you're in the hospital or the skilled nursing facility (SNF). Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Physician services • Diagnostic tests (like lab tests) • X-ray, radium, and isotope therapy including technician materials and services • Surgical dressings • Splints, casts, and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations • Prosthetics and orthotics devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of an internal body organ (including contiguous tissue), or all or part of the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning internal body organ, including replacement or repairs of such devices • Leg, arm, back, and neck braces; trusses, and artificial legs, arms, and eyes including adjustments, repairs, and replacements required because of breakage, wear, loss, or a change in the patient's physical condition • Physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Durable medical equipment and related supplies Please refer to "Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies" section in this chart. Prosthetics, orthotics, and outpatient medical/ therapeutic supplies Please refer to "Prosthetic Devices and Related Supplies" section in this chart. Physical, speech, and occupational therapy services Please refer to "Outpatient Rehabilitation Services" section in this chart.
Medical nutrition therapy This benefit is for people with diabetes, renal (kidney) disease (but not on dialysis), or after a kidney transplant when referred by your doctor. We cover 3 hours of one-on-one counseling services during the first year you get medical nutrition therapy services under Medicare (this includes our plan, any other Medicare Advantage plan, or Original Medicare), and 2 hours each year after that. If your condition,	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered medical nutrition therapy services.

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treatment, or diagnosis changes, you may be able to get more hours of treatment with a physician's referral. A physician must prescribe these services and renew their referral yearly if your treatment is needed in the next calendar year.	
Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) **MDPP services are covered for eligible people under all Medicare health plans.** MDPP is a structured health behavior change intervention that provides practical training in long-term dietary change, increased physical activity, and problem-solving strategies for overcoming challenges to sustain weight loss and a healthy lifestyle.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the MDPP benefit.
Medicare Part B drugs **These drugs are covered under Part B of Original Medicare. Members of our plan get coverage for these drugs through our plan. Covered drugs include:** • Drugs that usually aren't self-administered by the patient and are injected or infused while you get physician, hospital outpatient, or ambulatory surgical center services • Insulin furnished through an item of durable medical equipment (such as a medically necessary insulin pump) • Other drugs you take using durable medical equipment (such as nebulizers) that were authorized by our plan • The Alzheimer's drug, Leqembi® (generic name lecanemab), is administered intravenously. In addition to medication costs, you may need additional scans and tests before and/or during treatment that could add to your overall costs. Talk to	Medicare Part B chemotherapy drugs **0%** coinsurance Other Medicare Part B drugs **0%** coinsurance Step Therapy may apply from Part B to Part B and Part D to Part B. Medicare Part B insulin drugs **$0** copayment

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your doctor about what scans and tests you may need as part of your treatment. • Clotting factors you give yourself by injection if you have hemophilia • Transplant/immunosuppressive drugs: Medicare covers transplant drug therapy if Medicare paid for your organ transplant. You must have Part A at the time of the covered transplant, and you must have Part B at the time you get immunosuppressive drugs. Medicare Part D drug coverage covers immunosuppressive drugs if Part B doesn't cover them • Injectable osteoporosis drugs, if you're homebound, have a bone fracture that a doctor certifies was related to post-menopausal osteoporosis, and can't self-administer the drug • Some antigens: Medicare covers antigens if a doctor prepares them and a properly instructed person (who could be you, the patient) gives them under appropriate supervision • Certain oral anti-cancer drugs: Medicare covers some oral cancer drugs you take by mouth if the same drug is available in injectable form or the drug is a prodrug (an oral form of a drug that, when ingested, breaks down into the same active ingredient found in the injectable drug) of the injectable drug. As new oral cancer drugs become available, Part B may cover them. If Part B doesn't cover them, Part D does. • Oral anti-nausea drugs: Medicare covers oral anti-nausea drugs you use as part of an anti-cancer chemotherapeutic regimen if they're administered before, at, or within 48 hours of chemotherapy or are used as a full therapeutic replacement for an intravenous anti-nausea drug	

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• Certain oral End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) drugs covered under Medicare Part B • Calcimimetic and phosphate binder medications under the ESRD payment system, including the intravenous medication Parsabiv® and the oral medication Sensipar® • Certain drugs for home dialysis, including heparin, the antidote for heparin when medically necessary and topical anesthetics • Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents: Medicare covers erythropoietin by injection if you have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) or you need this drug to treat anemia related to certain other conditions (such as Epogen®, Procrit®, Retacrit®, Epoetin Alfa, Aranesp®, Darbepoetin Alfa, Mircera®, or Methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta) • Intravenous Immune Globulin for the home treatment of primary immune deficiency diseases • Parenteral and enteral nutrition (intravenous and tube feeding) This link will take you to a list of Part B drugs that may be subject to Step Therapy: *https://www.mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/formulario-medicamentos* We also cover some vaccines under Part B and most adult vaccines under our Part D drug benefit. Chapter 5 explains our Part D drug benefit, including rules you must follow to have prescriptions covered. What you pay for Part D drugs through our plan is explained in Chapter 6.	

Covered Service	What you pay
• **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Nutritional / Dietary Benefit-Supplemental You are eligible for: Up to six (6) Nutritionist visits per year. Both sessions (individual and group) are covered. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Supplemental Nutritional / Dietary Benefit **$0** copayment
Obesity screening and therapy to promote sustained weight loss If you have a body mass index of 30 or more, we cover intensive counseling to help you lose weight. This counseling is covered if you get it in a primary care setting, where it can be coordinated with your comprehensive prevention plan. Talk to your primary care doctor or practitioner to find out more.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for preventive obesity screening and therapy.
Opioid treatment program services Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can get coverage of services to treat OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) which includes the following services: • U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications • Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable) • Substance use counseling • Individual and group therapy • Toxicology testing • Intake activities • Periodic assessments	Opioid treatment program services **0%** coinsurance
Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies	Medicare covered diagnostic procedures/tests **$0** copayment

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Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • X-rays • Radiation (radium and isotope) therapy including technician materials and supplies • Surgical supplies, such as dressings • Splints, casts, and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations • Laboratory tests • Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins only with the fourth pint of blood that you need - you must either pay the costs for the first 3 pints of blood you get in a calendar year or have the blood donated by you or someone else. All other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used • Diagnostic non-laboratory tests such as CT scans, MRIs, EKGs, and PET scans when your doctor or other health care provider orders them to treat a medical problem. • Other outpatient diagnostic tests • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered lab services **$0** copayment Medicare covered X-rays services **$0** copayment Medicare covered therapeutic radiological services **$0** copayment Medicare covered diagnostic radiological services **$0** copayment Medicare covered blood services **$0** copayment Medicare covered medical supplies **0%** coinsurance
Outpatient hospital observation Observation services are hospital outpatient services given to determine if you need to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged. For outpatient hospital observation services to be covered, they must meet Medicare criteria and be considered reasonable and necessary. Observation services are covered only when provided by the order of a physician or another person authorized by state licensure law and hospital staff bylaws to	Medicare covered hospital observation **$0** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
admit patients to the hospital or order outpatient tests. **Note:** Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you're an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. If you aren't sure if you're an outpatient, ask the hospital staff. Get more information from the Medicare fact sheet *Medicare Hospital Benefits.* This fact sheet is available at Medicare.gov/publications/11435-Medicare-Hospital-Benefits.pdf or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. • **Authorization rules may apply**.	
Outpatient hospital services We cover medically necessary services you get in the outpatient department of a hospital for diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury. Covered services include, but aren't limited to: • Services in an emergency department or outpatient clinic, such as observation services or outpatient surgery • Laboratory and diagnostic tests billed by the hospital • Mental health care, including care in a partial hospitalization program, if a doctor certifies that inpatient treatment would be required without it • X-rays and other radiology services billed by the hospital • Medical supplies such as splints and casts	Medicare covered outpatient hospital facility services **$0** copayment per visit Emergency services Please refer to "Emergency Care" section in this chart. Outpatient surgery Please refer to "Outpatient Surgery, Including Services Provided at Hospital Outpatient Facilities and Ambulatory Surgical Centers" section in this chart. Laboratory and diagnostic tests, x-rays, radiological services, and medical supplies

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• Certain drugs and biologicals you can't give yourself **Note:** Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you're an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. If you aren't sure if you're an outpatient, ask the hospital staff. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Please refer to "Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Therapeutic Services and Supplies" section in this chart. <u>Mental health care and partial hospitalization</u> Please refer to "Outpatient Mental Health Care" and "Partial Hospitalization Services" sections in this chart. <u>Chemical dependency care</u> Please refer to "Outpatient Substance Abuse Services" section in this chart. <u>Drugs and biologicals that you can't give yourself</u> Please refer to "Medicare Part B Prescription Drugs" section in this chart.
Outpatient mental health care Covered services include: Mental health services provided by a state-licensed psychiatrist or doctor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker (CSW), clinical nurse specialist (CNS), licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), nurse practitioner (NP), physician assistant (PA), or other Medicare-qualified mental health care professional as allowed under applicable state laws. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	<u>Outpatient mental health care services covered by Medicare:</u> <u>Psychiatrist visit</u> **$0** copayment for each Medicare covered therapy visit in an individual setting. **$0** copayment for each Medicare covered therapy visit in a group setting. <u>Other specialist visit</u> **$0** copayment for each Medicare covered therapy visit in an individual setting. **$0** copayment for each Medicare covered therapy visit in a group setting.

Covered Service	What you pay
Outpatient rehabilitation services Covered services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language therapy. Outpatient rehabilitation services are provided in various outpatient settings, such as hospital outpatient departments, independent therapist offices, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs). • **Referral is required from your PCP for occupational therapy.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered occupational therapy **$0** copayment Medicare covered physical and/or speech language therapy **$0** copayment
Outpatient substance use disorder services The plan covers individual and group substance use disorder treatment visits. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered therapy visit in an individual setting **$0** copayment Medicare covered therapy visit in a group setting **$0** copayment
Outpatient surgery, including services provided at hospital outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgical centers **Note:** If you're having surgery in a hospital facility, you should check with your provider about whether you'll be an inpatient or outpatient. Unless the provider writes an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you're an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient surgery. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered Ambulatory Surgical Center services **$0** copayment Medicare covered outpatient hospital facilities services **$0** copayment Medicare covered observation services **$0** copayment

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Over the counter (OTC) drugs and supplies – Supplemental You are eligible for**:** Up to **$200** every month supplemental benefit to be used toward the purchase of over-the-counter (OTC) health and wellness products that include: 1. Minerals and vitamins 2. First Aid supplies 3. Medicines, ointments and sprays with active medical ingredients that alleviate symptoms 4. Mouth care 5. Incontinence Supplies (Adult Diapers and Under pads) 6. Blood Pressure Monitor 7. Nicotine Replacement Therapy 8. Fiber Supplements 9. Topical Sunscreen 10. Supporting Items for Comfort 11. Skin moisturizers (including, but not limited to face, body, and foot lotions used for dry skin) 12. Soap (doctor recommended antibacterial/antimicrobial soap) 13. COVID-19 Tests 14. Homeopathic/Natural Medicine Items You must use the maximum amount allocated to the benefit as these amounts do not accumulate. The plan will cover the item and the beneficiary will be responsible to pay any applicable tax and / or any cost in excess of the maximum benefit amount. This is a combined benefit with a single, shared maximum benefit amount for OTC, home and bathroom safety devices and modifications and fitness benefit (physical	Supplemental over the counter (OTC) drugs and supplies **$0** copayment

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exercise items only). Item quantity limits in each category may apply.	
Partial hospitalization services and intensive outpatient services *Partial hospitalization* is a structured program of active psychiatric treatment provided as a hospital outpatient service or by a community mental health center that's more intense than care you get in your doctor's, therapist's, licensed marriage and family therapist's (LMFT), or licensed professional counselor's office and is an alternative to inpatient hospitalization. *Intensive outpatient service* is a structured program of active behavioral (mental) health therapy treatment provided in a hospital outpatient department, a community mental health center, a Federally Qualified Health Center, or a rural health clinic that's more intense than care you get in your doctor's, therapist's, licensed marriage and family therapist's (LMFT), or licensed professional counselor's office but less intense than partial hospitalization. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Partial hospitalization services and Intensive outpatient services **$0** copayment
Physician/practitioner services, including doctor's office visits Covered services include: • Medically necessary medical care or surgery services given in places such as: ○ physician's office ○ certified ambulatory surgical center ○ hospital outpatient department ○ any other location • Consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a specialist	Primary Care Provider's service **$0** copayment per visit Specialist's service **$0** copayment for each Specialist visit Other Health Care Professional services **$0** copayment per visit

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• Basic hearing and balance exams performed by your *specialist*, if your doctor orders it to see if you need medical treatment
• Certain telehealth services, including Specialist services provided in the MMM Multiclinic:
  ○ You have the option of getting these services through an in-person visit or by telehealth. If you choose to get one of these services by telehealth, you must use a network provider who offers the service by telehealth.
• Some telehealth services including consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a physician or practitioner, for patients in certain rural areas or other places approved by Medicare
• Telehealth services for monthly end-stage renal disease-related visits for home dialysis members in a hospital-based or critical access hospital-based renal dialysis center, renal dialysis facility, or the member's home
• Telehealth services to diagnose, evaluate, or treat symptoms of a stroke, regardless of your location
• Telehealth services for members with a substance use disorder or co-occurring mental health disorder, regardless of their location
• Telehealth services for diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of mental health disorders
• Telehealth services for mental health visits provided by Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers
• Virtual check-ins (for example, by phone or video chat) with your doctor for 5-10 minutes **if**:
  ○ You're not a new patient **and**
	Additional Telehealth Services available in the MMM Multiclinic:
	
	$0 copayment

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○ The check-in isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days **and** ○ The check-in doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment • Evaluation of video and/or images you send to your doctor, and interpretation and follow-up by your doctor within 24 hours **if**: ○ You're not a new patient **and** ○ The evaluation isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days **and** ○ The evaluation doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment • Consultation your doctor has with other doctors by phone, internet, or electronic health record • Second opinion by another network provider prior to surgery • Non-routine dental care (covered services are limited to surgery of the jaw or related structures, setting fractures of the jaw or facial bones, extraction of teeth to prepare the jaw for radiation treatments of neoplastic cancer disease, or services that would be covered when provided by a physician) • **Referral for certain services may apply.** • **Authorization rules may apply for Other Health Care Professional services.**	

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Podiatry services Covered services include: • Diagnosis and the medical or surgical treatment of injuries and diseases of the feet (such as hammer toe or heel spurs) • Routine foot care for members with certain medical conditions affecting the lower limbs **Podiatry services – Supplemental** You are also eligible for: • Six **(6)** supplemental visits for podiatry services per year. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered Podiatry services **$0** copayment per visit Supplemental Podiatry services **$0** copayment per visit
Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention If you don't have HIV, but your doctor or other health care practitioner determines you're at an increased risk for HIV, we cover pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) medication and related services. If you qualify, covered services include: • FDA-approved oral or injectable PrEP medication, including the fee for injecting the drug, if applicable • Up to 8 individual counseling sessions (including HIV risk assessment, HIV risk reduction, and medication adherence) every 12 months. • Up to 8 HIV screenings every 12 months. • One time hepatitis B virus screening.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the PrEP benefit.

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Post-Discharge Meal Program – Supplemental You are eligible to receive: • Up to two **(2)** nutritious meals per day, for five **(5)** days, up to two **(2)** times per year. Maximum of twenty **(20)** meals per year at no extra cost to you, after an inpatient stay in either a hospital or a skilled nursing facility (SNF). • **Referral may be required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Supplemental Post-Discharge Meal Program **$0** copayment for up to two **(2)** times per year. Maximum of twenty **(20)** meals per year
Prostate cancer screening exams For men aged 50 and older, covered services include the following once every 12 months: • Digital rectal exam • Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an annual PSA test. Annual digital rectal exam **$0** copayment
Prosthetic and orthotic devices and related supplies Devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of a body part or function. These include but aren't limited to testing, fitting, or training in the use of prosthetic and orthotic devices; as well as colostomy bags and supplies directly related to colostomy care, pacemakers, braces, prosthetic shoes, artificial limbs, and breast prostheses (including a surgical brassiere after a mastectomy). Includes certain supplies related to prosthetic and orthotic devices, and repair and/or replacement of prosthetic and orthotic devices. Also includes some coverage following cataract removal or	Medicare covered Prosthetic devices **0%** coinsurance Medicare covered Medical supplies **0%** coinsurance

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cataract surgery – go to *Vision Care* later in this table for more detail. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Pulmonary rehabilitation services Comprehensive programs of pulmonary rehabilitation are covered for members who have moderate to very severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and *a referral* for pulmonary rehabilitation from the doctor treating the chronic respiratory disease. • **Referral is required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	Medicare covered pulmonary rehabilitation services **$0** copayment
Screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse We cover one alcohol misuse screening for adults (including pregnant women) who misuse alcohol but aren't alcohol dependent. If you screen positive for alcohol misuse, you can get up to 4 brief face-to-face counseling sessions per year (if you're competent and alert during counseling) provided by a qualified primary care doctor or practitioner in a primary care setting.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse preventive benefit.
Screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) For qualified people, an LDCT is covered every 12 months. **Eligible members are** people age 50 – 77 who have no signs or symptoms of lung cancer, but who have a history of tobacco smoking of at least 20 pack-years and who currently smoke or have quit smoking within the last 15 years, who get an order for LDCT during a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit that meets the	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered counseling and shared decision-making visit or for the LDCT.

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Medicare criteria for such visits and be furnished by a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner. *For LDCT lung cancer screenings after the initial LDCT screening:* the members must get an order for LDCT lung cancer screening, which may be furnished during any appropriate visit with a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner. If a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner elects to provide a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision-making visit for later lung cancer screenings with LDCT, the visit must meet the Medicare criteria for such visits.	
Screening for Hepatitis C virus infection We cover one Hepatitis C screening if your primary care doctor or other qualified health care provider orders one and you meet one of these conditions: • You're at high risk because you use or have used illicit injection drugs. • You had a blood transfusion before 1992. • You were born between 1945-1965. If you were born between 1945-1965 and aren't considered high risk, we cover a screening once. If you're at high risk (for example, you've continued to use illicit injection drugs since your previous negative Hepatitis C screening test), we cover yearly screenings.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening for the Hepatitis C Virus.
Screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and counseling to prevent STIs We cover sexually transmitted infection (STI) screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and Hepatitis B. These screenings are covered for pregnant women and for certain people	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening for STIs and counseling for STIs preventive benefit.

Covered Service	What you pay
who are at increased risk for an STI when the tests are ordered by a primary care provider. We cover these tests once every 12 months or at certain times during pregnancy. We also cover up to 2 individual 20 to 30 minute, face-to-face high-intensity behavioral counseling sessions each year for sexually active adults at increased risk for STIs. We only cover these counseling sessions as a preventive service if they are provided by a primary care provider and take place in a primary care setting, such as a doctor's office.	
Services to treat kidney disease Kidney diseases and dialysis services include: • Kidney disease education services to teach kidney care and help members make informed decisions about their care. For members with stage IV chronic kidney disease when referred by their doctor, we cover up to 6 sessions of kidney disease education services per lifetime • Outpatient dialysis treatments (including dialysis treatments when temporarily out of the service area, as explained in Chapter 3, or when your provider for this service is temporarily unavailable or inaccessible) • Inpatient dialysis treatments (if you're admitted as an inpatient to a hospital for special care) • Self-dialysis training (includes training for you and anyone helping you with your home dialysis treatments) • Home dialysis equipment and supplies • Certain home support services (such as, when necessary, visits by trained dialysis workers to check on your home dialysis, to help in emergencies, and check your dialysis equipment and water supply)	Kidney disease education services **$0** copayment Dialysis services Peritoneal Dialysis **0%** coinsurance All Other Dialysis Services **0%** coinsurance

Covered Service	What you pay
Certain drugs for dialysis are covered under Medicare Part B. For information about coverage for Part B Drugs, go to **Medicare Part B drugs** in this table. • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care (For a definition of skilled nursing facility care, go to Chapter 12. Skilled nursing facilities are sometimes called SNFs.) The plan covers up to 100 days in a SNF. No prior hospital stay is required. Covered services include but aren't limited to: • Semiprivate room (or a private room if medically necessary) • Meals, including special diets • Skilled nursing services • Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy • Drugs administered to you as part of our plan of care (this includes substances naturally present in the body, such as blood clotting factors.) • Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins only with the fourth pint of blood you need - you must either pay the costs for the first 3 pints of blood you get in a calendar year or have the blood donated by you or someone else. All other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used. • Medical and surgical supplies ordinarily provided by SNFs • Laboratory tests ordinarily provided by SNFs • X-rays and other radiology services ordinarily provided by SNFs • Use of appliances such as wheelchairs ordinarily provided by SNFs • Physician/Practitioner services	Your cost sharing applies the day of admission. Skilled Nursing Facility Care **$0** copayment per admission or per stay

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Generally, you get SNF care from network facilities. Under certain conditions listed below, you may be able to pay in-network cost sharing for a facility that isn't a network provider, if the facility accepts our plan's amounts for payment. • A nursing home or continuing care retirement community where you were living right before you went to the hospital (as long as it provides skilled nursing facility care) • A SNF where your spouse or domestic partner is living at the time you leave the hospital • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use) Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling is covered for outpatient and hospitalized patients who meet these criteria: • Use tobacco, regardless of whether they exhibit signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease • Are competent and alert during counseling • A qualified physician or other Medicare-recognized practitioner provides counseling We cover 2 cessation attempts per year (each attempt may include a maximum of 4 intermediate or intensive sessions, with the patient getting up to 8 sessions per year.) **Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use) – Supplemental** You are also eligible for:	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered smoking and tobacco use cessation preventive benefits. Supplemental smoking and tobacco use cessation services **$0** copayment

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• Up to nine **(9)** additional smoking and tobacco cessation sessions.	
Special supplemental benefits for the chronically ill Enrollees with the following chronic conditions that meet medical criteria may be eligible for special supplemental benefits for the chronically ill. The benefits mentioned are Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI). You may qualify for SSBCI if you have a high risk for hospitalization and require intensive care coordination to manage chronic conditions such as: *Chronic alcohol use disorder and other substance use disorders, Autoimmune disorders (Polyarteritis nodosa, Polymyalgia rheumatica, Polymyositis, Dermatomyositis, Rheumatoid arthritis, Systemic lupus erythematosus, Psoriatic arthritis, Scleroderma), Cancer, Cardiovascular disorders (Cardiac arrhythmias, Coronary artery disease, Peripheral vascular disease, Valvular heart disease, Hyperlipidemia), Chronic heart failure, Dementia, Diabetes mellitus, Pre-diabetes (Fasting blood glucose: 100-125 mg/dL or Hgb A1C:5.7-6.4%, Overweight, obesity, and metabolic syndrome (Hyperlipidemia), Chronic gastrointestinal disorder (Chronic liver disease, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Pancreatitis, Irritable bowel syndrome, Inflammatory bowel disease), Chronic kidney disease (CKD) (CKD requiring dialysis/End-stage renal disease (ESRD), CKD not requiring dialysis), Severe hematologic disorders (Aplastic anemia, Hemophilia, Immune thrombocytopenic purpura, Myelodysplastic syndrome, Sickle-cell disease (excluding sickle-cell trait), Chronic venous thromboembolic disorder), HIV/AIDS, Chronic lung disorders (Asthma,*	Special supplemental benefits for the chronically ill **$0** copayment

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Chronic bronchitis, Cystic fibrosis, Emphysema, Pulmonary fibrosis, Pulmonary hypertension, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Chronic and Disabling mental health conditions (Bipolar disorders, Major depressive disorders, Paranoid disorder, Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective disorder, Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Eating disorders, Anxiety disorders), Neurologic disorders (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Cerebral palsy, Epilepsy, Extensive paralysis (such as hemiplegia, quadriplegia, paraplegia, monoplegia), Huntington's disease, Multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, Polyneuropathy, Fibromyalgia, Chronic fatigue syndrome, Spinal cord injuries, Spinal stenosis, Stroke-related neurological deficits, Traumatic brain injury), Stroke, Post-organ transplantation care, Immunodeficiency and immunosuppressive disorders, Conditions that may cause cognitive impairment (Alzheimer's disease, Intellectual and developmental disabilities, Traumatic brain injuries, Disabling mental illness associated with cognitive impairment, Mild cognitive impairment), Conditions that may cause similar functional challenges and require similar services (Spinal cord injuries, Paralysis, Limb loss, Stroke, Arthritis), Chronic conditions that impair vision, hearing (deafness), taste, touch, and smell, Conditions that require continued therapy services in order for individuals to maintain or retain functioning, Other (Hypertension, Osteoporosis, Chronic back pain, among others). **MMM Flexi Card- Supplemental** You are eligible for: • **$85** monthly allowance in the form of a debit card. You will be able to use MMM Flexi Card for the following services: - Prepared food - Food and Groceries - Gasoline	

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- Cleaning Products - Entertainment (concerts/theater/movies, etc.) - Utilities - Additional OTC items, including Homeopathic / Natural Medicine Items - Home and Bathroom Safety Devices - Fitness Benefit (physical exercise and Gym Membership) - Memory and Cognitive Function Support items - Pet Care - Gardening / Hardware Items - Towels, Linens and Clothing - Additional Roadside Assistance and In-Home Minor Repairs and Other Services - Eyewear (lenses and frames, Contact lenses or Upgrades) - Hearing Services: (Fitting/Evaluation for Hearing Aid, Hearing Aids (all types)) - Comprehensive and Diagnostic dental services (Oral exams, Dental X-Rays, Restorative, Endodontics, Periodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Implant Services, Fixed Prosthodontics, Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery, Adjunctive General Services and Other Diagnostic Dental Services) You will not be able to use this benefit for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and its derivatives, or any other category or item not expressly mentioned above. You will be able to rollover and accumulate your allowance from month to month. Amounts will not rollover from year to year; you must use your accumulated allowances before the end of the plan year. **MMM Assistance – Supplemental** You are eligible for:	

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• Up to twelve **(12)** individual events a year for the following services: (to be eligible for roadside assistance services, the vehicle must not be older than **15 years, 2012 and newer**.) o Roadside assistance services, that include the following: – Tire Change- Flat tire will be replaced by the vehicle's spare tire. Towing services will be provided in case the vehicle has no spare tire. – Battery Jump Start- Jump start service will be provided using a battery booster in the event in which the vehicle won't start due to a dead battery. Towing services will be provided in cases in which the vehicle won't start after attempting a battery jump start. – Locksmith- Vehicle will be opened in the event in which the vehicle keys are locked inside the vehicle or have been lost. – Fuel Delivery- Up to two **(2)** gallons of regular gasoline will be provided in the event in which the vehicle does not start because it ran out of gas. Premium or diesel gas is not covered. – Towing Services- Towing service will be provided in the event of a mechanical breakdown or accident on a public road in Puerto Rico which impedes the vehicle from moving. – Extraction Services-	

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Extraction service will be provided in the event in which the vehicle requires special equipment to be loaded into the tow truck or recovered and brought back to the traversable road. In the case of a vehicle recovery, if the member needs a tow after the extraction, it will be deducted as a separate event. ○ In-Home minor repair services, that include the following: – Locksmith- Covered in case you are not able to access the inside of your home from the outside. Covers opening of main residential door lock, main gate lock or padlock and/or driveway door if it is considered the main entrance to residence. Includes basic door lock replacement only for the main door lock if it is damaged or becomes damaged in the process of opening it. (Excluded: repair, repositioning and/or opening of locks that are not the main entrance and opening of locks in the interior of the residence, such as, closet, cabinet doors, locks on corridors, or others. Does not apply to security or smart door locks.) – Plumbing- Covered when a malfunction occurs within	

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the fixed water supply or sanitary installations of the residence. A specialized technician will be sent to repair valves or leaks, replace toilet parts and unclog pipes, drains or other physical installation of the residence. In case of requiring a replacement part, you shall be responsible for providing it or for paying separately for such part so that the service can be completed. (Excluded: repairs related to kitchen faucets, water tanks, septic tanks, water heaters, hydraulic pumps, radiators, washers, dryers, refrigerators, or any other electro domestic appliance that is attached to the residence's water supply; repairs for galvanized pipes, shut-off valves that are not exposed, are buried or embedded; repairs related to damages caused by moisture, water leaks or improper waterproofing; and any repair of communal or commercial areas that are property of the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority). – Electricity- Covered when an electricity malfunction occurs that causes partial or total loss of electricity in the interior of the residence. A specialized technician will be sent to	

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assist in the emergency to restore the electricity supply to the residence, to repair or replace covered electric fixtures such as light sockets, breakers, receptacles, light bulbs, switches, among others, and/or to replace damaged accessories like lights, lamps or fans. (Excluded: repairs related to electric appliances such as stoves, ovens, heaters, washers, dryers, microwaves, power generators, refrigerators, amongst others;, repairs for electrical equipment such as computers, televisions, cameras, etc.; repairs for electrical faults in the exterior of the residence; repairs related to damages from blackouts or power outages, water or humidity leaks, structural problems or as a direct consequence of a force majeure event such as earthquakes, hurricanes, etc.; and any repairs to communal areas or locations that are property of the Puerto Rico Electrical Power Authority). – Appliance repairs – Covered up to two **(2)** events per year (one **(1)** event per semester) for refrigerator and stove repair. (Excludes: existing faults prior to January 1, 2027; equipment used for commercial, industrial, or	

Covered Service	What you pay
educational purposes; refrigerant gas; repair parts; mold and cosmetic wear; misuse and normal wear and tear of parts; wine refrigerators, stand-alone freezers, and other equipment other than the main refrigerator or stove in the residence). The brands covered may vary; contact Member Services to confirm. Appliances up to 10 years old (2017 and newer) will qualify for service under this benefit. – Handyman services - one **(1)** event per year for two **(2)** hours • Pest Control Services- One **(1)** visit for simple interior or exterior pest control services per semester (two **(2)** per year) • Indoor Air Quality Equipment Services- air conditioning cleaning services for the main unit, up to 12,000 BTU. (One (1) visit per semester, two (2) per year) A maximum amount of **$300** applies for each roadside assistance service and/or in-home minor repairs and **$200** per event for home appliances repairs. This includes the cost of materials (except for home appliances repairs and some minor in-home repair services related to replacement equipment parts that have to be paid for by the member), transportation and labor. Any amount in excess of the maximum plan limit will be covered by the member. Limitations and restrictions may apply.	

Covered Service	What you pay
To be eligible for this benefit, the service must be coordinated through the provider contracted by the plan. Contact Member Services at 1-866-333-5470, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to schedule a service appointment. For benefit status and orientation, hours of service are Monday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The hours of operation for appliance repair services will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
Supervised exercise therapy (SET) SET is covered for members who have symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD) and a referral for PAD from the physician responsible for PAD treatment. Up to 36 sessions over a 12-week period are covered if the SET program requirements are met. The SET program must: • Consist of sessions lasting 30-60 minutes, comprising a therapeutic exercise-training program for PAD in patients with claudication • Be conducted in a hospital outpatient setting or a physician's office • Be delivered by qualified auxiliary personnel necessary to ensure benefits exceed harms and who are trained in exercise therapy for PAD • Be under the direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant (PA), or nurse practitioner (NP)/clinical nurse specialist (CNS) who must be trained in both basic and advanced life support techniques SET may be covered beyond 36 sessions over 12 weeks for an additional 36 sessions over an	Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy (SET) **$0** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
extended period of time if deemed medically necessary by a health care provider. • **Referral may be required from your PCP.** • **Authorization rules may apply.**	
Transportation services – Supplemental You are eligible for: • Up to twenty-four **(24)** one-way transportation trips to plan approved health-related locations per year, such as: appointments with a physician, to receive medical treatments, for medical procedures and/or to obtain results of medical/ laboratory studies and medications. • **Unlimited** transportation trips to and from the MMM Multiclinics. Transportation trips to and from the clinics will be coordinated using the vendor contracted by the clinic. • **Authorization rules may apply**	Supplemental transportations services **$0** copayment
Urgently needed services A plan-covered service requiring immediate medical attention that's not an emergency is an urgently needed service if either you're temporarily outside our plan's service area, or, even if you're inside our plan's service area, it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network providers. Our plan must cover urgently needed services and only charge you in-network cost sharing. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries, or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. Medically necessary routine provider visits (like annual checkups) aren't considered urgently needed even if	Medicare covered urgent services **$0** copayment for urgent room visit Supplemental worldwide urgent service **$75** copayment for urgent care visit. Copayment is waived if you are admitted to the hospital.

Covered Service	What you pay
you're outside our plan's service area or our plan network is temporarily unavailable. This plan includes worldwide emergency/urgent care visits as a supplemental benefit, with a maximum plan limit of **$500.**	
Vision care Covered services include: • Outpatient physician services for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of the eye, including treatment for age-related macular degeneration. Original Medicare doesn't cover routine eye exams (eye refractions) for eyeglasses/contacts. • For people who are at high risk for glaucoma, we cover one glaucoma screening each year. People at high risk of glaucoma include people with a family history of glaucoma, people with diabetes, African Americans who are age 50 and older and Hispanic Americans who are 65 or older. • For people with diabetes, screening for diabetic retinopathy is covered once per year • One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after each cataract surgery that includes insertion of an intraocular lens. If you have 2 separate cataract operations, you can't reserve the benefit after the first surgery and purchase 2 eyeglasses after the second surgery. **Vision care – Supplemental** You are also eligible for: • Up to a **$600** annual supplemental benefit to be used toward the	Medicare covered vision care: Exams to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye **$0** copayment Glaucoma screening **$0** copayment Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery **$0** copayment Supplemental eyeglasses and/or contact lenses **$0** copayment

Covered Service	What you pay
purchase of eyeglasses (frames and lenses) and / or contact lenses.	
Welcome to Medicare preventive visit Our plan covers the one-time *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit. The visit includes a review of your health, as well as education and counseling about preventive services you need (including certain screenings and shots (or vaccines)), and referrals for other care if needed. **Important:** We cover the *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit only within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B. When you make your appointment, let your doctor's office know you want to schedule your *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the *Welcome to Medicare* preventive visit.

Below you will find the covered benefit as required by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan:

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
Inpatient Hospital Services	Admissions: • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 Nursery: • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	• Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Coverage begins on first day of Medicare and Platino Wrap around apply on any non-covered benefit under the MAO supplementary benefits coverage and included as covered services on Medicaid state plan. Access to a semi-private room (bed available twenty-four (24) hours a day), every Calendar Day of the year. ➢ Coverage includes: ○ Isolation room for medical reasons ○ Specialized diagnostic/treatment such as electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, arterial gases, and other specialized diagnostic and/or treatment testing that are available in the hospital facilities and which are required to be performed while the patient is hospitalized. ○ Short Term Rehabilitation Services: To hospitalized patients, including physical,	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	occupational and speech therapy. ➢ Blood: Blood, plasma and their derivatives without limitations, to include irradiated and autologous blood; Monoclonal Factor IX per authorization of a certified hematologist; Antihemophilic Factor with intermediate purity concentration (Factor VIII) A; Antihemophilic Monoclonal Type Factor per authorization of a certified hematologist and Prothrombin Activated Complex (Auto flex and Feiba) per authorization of a certified hematologist.	
Inpatient Hospital Services for Mental Health Conditions	Admissions • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Coverage begins on the first day of Medicare and Platino Wrap around apply on any non-covered benefit under the MAO supplementary benefits coverage and included as covered services on Medicaid state plan.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	Access to a semi-private room (bed available twenty-four (24) hours a day), every Calendar Day of the year.	
Inpatient Substance Use Disorder	Admissions • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Coverage begins on first day of Medicare and Platino Wrap around apply on any non-covered benefit under the MAO supplementary benefits coverage and included as covered services on Medicaid state plan. Access to a semi-private room (bed available twenty-four (24) hours a day), every Calendar Day of the year.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Laboratory and High-Tech Laboratories	Clinical Laboratories and High-Tech Laboratories** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 **Apply to diagnostic tests only. Copays do not apply to tests required as part of a preventive service. ➢ Laboratory testing and	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	necessary procedures related to generating a Health Certificate non-covered by Medicare or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan. ➢ Health Certificates are covered under the GHP, provided that cost sharing and/or deductibles applicable to the necessary procedures and laboratory testing related to generating of Health Certificate will be the Enrollee's responsibility. Such certificates shall include: • Venereal Disease Research Laboratory("VDRL") tests. • Tuberculosis ("TB") tests; and • Hepatitis C virus: Anti HCV and or HCV- RNA, as required. • Hepatitis B virus: HBsAg; HBcAb IgM and or IbG, if needed. • Hepatitis A virus: HAV IgM; HAV RNA, as required.[1] ➢ • Any Certification for GHP Enrollees related to eligibility for the Medicaid Program (provided at no charge).	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	Coverage must follow Puerto Rico Department of Health and CDC guidelines. 1. As ordered by the Department of Health of Puerto Rico, administrative order 594 dated 7/30/2024.	
Emergency Room (ER) Services	Visits to the Emergency Room • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 Non-Emergency Services Provided in a Hospital Emergency Room, (per visit) • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 Non-Emergency Services Provided in a Freestanding Emergency Room, (per visit) • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 Trauma • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	• Coverage Code 130 - $0	
Outpatient Substance Use Disorder	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Coverage begins on first day of Medicare and Platino Wrap around apply on any non-covered benefit under the MAO supplementary benefit coverage and included as covered services on Medicaid state plan. Access to a semi-private room (bed available twenty-four (24) hours a day), every Calendar Day of the year.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Outpatient Mental Healthcare & Professional Services	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ All mental health related OPD services and twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week emergency and crisis intervention non-covered by Medicare or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
Ambulatory visits to:	Primary Care Physician (PCP), Specialist, Sub-specialist, and Pre-Natal Services • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Tobacco Cessation	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Tobacco cessation services non- covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan. ➢ Smoking cessation drugs are covered for individuals under age 21 and for pregnant women when medically necessary and prescribed by a physician. In these cases, the plan covers prescription and non-prescription aids as indicated by a physician.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Maternity Services	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	➢ Maternity services non-covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan. ➢ Abortions when the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest as certified by a physician. ➢ Severe and long-lasting damage would be caused to the mother if the pregnancy is carried to term as certified by a physician. ➢ Prenatal services.	
Medical and Surgical	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Medical and Surgical services non- covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	included in the State Plan. ➢ Voluntary sterilization of men and women of legal age and sound mind, provided that they have been previously informed about the medical procedure's implications, and that there is evidence of Enrollee's written consent by completing the Sterilization Consent Form.	
Vision Services	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Vision services non-covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan. ➢ Eyeglasses or lenses for beneficiaries between the ages of 0 to >21 years when **medically necessary** will be covered, the benefit of eyeglasses and lenses consists of a single or	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	multifocal lenses and a standard frame eyeglasses every 24 months. All types of lenses have to be preauthorized except intraocular lenses. Repair or replacement of eyeglasses within 24 months when this is medically necessary and approved by the pre authorization will be covered.	
Hearing Exams	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Hearing related services non-covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Covered without limits under Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance). Do not apply within Wrap-Around.	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Prescription Drugs	**Preferred (Children (0-20,**	Covered Drugs

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	Inclusive)) • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 **Preferred (Adult)**** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $1 • Coverage Code 120 - $2 • Coverage Code 130 - $3 **Non-Preferred (Children (0-20, Inclusive))** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 **Non-Preferred (Adult)**** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $3 • Coverage Code 120 - $4 • Coverage Code 130 - $6 **Outpatient Substance Abuse** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0	- $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan. - $0 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	➢ Prescription drugs non-covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan. ➢ Any cost sharing not included on the MAO benefit design as approved by CMS, including deductible, co insurances or coverage gaps exceeding the State Plan. ➢ The drug needs to be in the GHP formulary and needs to be subject to the applicable edits as established in the GHP Formulary of Medications in Coverage (FMC). It also needs to comply with the following: o All MAOs pharmacy benefit will provide full year drug coverage with their CMS approved Part D Drugs Formulary, and subject to established Platino copayments as the only out of pocket	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	contribution. ○ Drugs not included in the MAOs Part D Drugs Formulary should undergo CMS required exception process for possible approval of non-covered drugs. If exception process denial is sustained by the MAOs, including the appeal process, but if the drug is covered by the GHP Formulary, the drug will be covered under Wrap-Around. The prescriber physician needs to exhaust available MAO Formulary on the needed drug category. ○ Wrap around drugs to be considered need to be part of the GHP Formulary. All MAO's Part D Drugs Formularies should have the same therapeutic classes as GHP Formulary. **Copays for children 0-20 years of age are not applicable for Medicaid, Commonwealth medically indigent eligible and for children 0-20 enrolled in the CHIP program in group ages 0-20.	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
Dental Services Preventive and Restorative	**Preventive (Child)** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 **Preventive (Adult)** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 **Restorative** • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Dental services non-covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the State Plan. ➢ The following are the benefits included in the GHP;	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	○ All preventative and corrective services for children under age twenty-one (21). ○ Pediatric Pulp Therapy (Pulpotomy) for children under age twenty-one (21). ○ Stainless steel crowns for use in primary teeth following a Pediatric Pulpotomy. ○ Preventive dental services for adults. ○ Restorative dental services for adults. ○ One (1) comprehensive oral exam per year. ○ One (1) periodical exam every six months. ○ One (1) defined problem-limited oral exam. ○ One (1) full series of intraoral radiographies, including bite, every three (3) years. ○ One (1) initial periapical intra-oral radiography. ○ Up to five (5) additional periapical/intra-oral radiographies per year. ○ One (1) single film-bite radiography per year. ○ One (1) two-film bite radiography per year. ○ One (1) panoramic radiography every three (3)	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	years. ○ One (1) adult cleanses every six (6) months. ○ One (1) child cleanses every six (6) months. ○ One (1) topical fluoride application every six (6) months for Enrollees under nineteen (19) years old. ○ Fissure sealants for life for Enrollees up to fourteen (14) years old, including decidual molars up to eight (8) years old when Medically Necessary because of cavity tendencies. ○ Amalgam restoration. ○ Resin restorations. ○ Root Canal. ○ Palliative treatment. ○ Oral Surgery. ○ Sedation and anesthesia services for beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities in accordance with local laws. ○ Periodontal Scaling and root planning up to 4 cuadrants per beneficiary. ○ Interim removable partial dentures (upper and lower). ○ Hospital visits. ○ All limitations may be exceeded based on medical necessity and approved through a prior	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	authorization or exemption process.	
Preventive Services	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Immunization services non-covered by: 1. Medicare Part B 2. MAO Part D drug formulary 3. MAO supplementary plan benefits 4. Not covered by the Puerto Rico Department of Health Immunization Program, but included in the Puerto Rico Medicaid State Plan ➢ Vaccines All immunizations required for post bone marrow transplant patients	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.
Family Planning	• Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 ➢ Family Planning services non-covered by Medicare and/or the MAO supplementary benefits but included in the	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	State Plan. ➢ Puerto Rico Medicaid benefits provide reproductive health and family planning counseling. Such services shall be provided voluntarily and confidentially, including circumstances where the beneficiary is under age eighteen (18). Family planning services will include, at a minimum, the following: education and counseling; pregnancy testing; infertility assessment; sterilization services in accordance with 42 CFR 441.200 subpart F; laboratory services; cost and insertion/removal of non-oral products, such as long acting reversible contraceptives (LARC); at least one of every class and category of FDA-approved contraceptive; at least one of every class and category of FDA-approved contraceptive method; and other FDA approved contraceptive medications or methods when it is Medically Necessary and approved	

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	through a Prior Authorization or through an exception process and the prescribing Provider can demonstrate at least one of the following situations: - Contra-indication with drugs that the Enrollee is already taking, and no other methods covered/available that can be used by the Enrollee. - History of adverse reaction by the Enrollee to the contraceptive methods covered. - History of adverse reaction by the Enrollee to the contraceptive medications that are covered. Federal Sterilization Requirements: • Beneficiary must be at least 21 years old. • Federal consent form must be signed 30–180 days prior to the procedure. • Emergency sterilizations are prohibited. • Interpreter services must be provided when needed. • Coercion is prohibited.	
Other Services	X Rays** / Special Diagnostic Tests** / Therapy-Respiratory / Healthy Child Care / Ambulatory	$0 per benefit covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan.

Benefit Category	Medicaid State Plan	PMC Premier Platino
	Surgery • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 Physical Exam / Special Coverage • Coverage Code 100 - $0 • Coverage Code 110 - $0 • Coverage Code 120 - $0 • Coverage Code 130 - $0 **Apply to diagnostic tests only. Copays do not apply to tests required as part of a preventive service.	

Medicare Platino cannot establish copayments higher than the ones specified in the Wrap Around table.

Platino Wrap services are subject to the maximum copayments in the table with the exemptions and zero copayments for beneficiaries of Medicaid/CHIP and certain services, as follows:

1. The following Medicaid/CHIP* beneficiaries are exempt from copays independent of their coverage code:
    - Children from 0 to less than 21 years of age (0-20 years of age, inclusive);
    - Pregnant women (during pregnancy and the 60-day post-partum period);
    - American Indian and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN);
    - Institutionalized individuals; and
    - Individuals receiving hospice care.

2. Medicaid/CHIP* beneficiaries are exempt from copays receiving any of the following services:
   - Emergency services, including ambulatory services, hospital and post-stabilization services as defined in federal regulations 1932(b)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR438.114(a);
   - Family Planning services and supplies;
   - Preventive services provided to children less than 18 years of age (0-17 years of age; inclusive);
   - Pregnancy related services and counseling, and drugs for cessation of tobacco use;
   - Provider-preventable services as defined in 42 CFR 447.26(b);
3. No copay for services provided by a Preferred Network Participating Provider Pharmacies and dentists are not part of Preferred Provider Network; and
4. Copay for non-emergency visit to a hospital emergency room may be waived by calling the MCO call center and receiving a code to waiver copay.

Notes:
1. Wrap around table is subject to change in 01/01/2027.
2. N/A= Medicare fulfill or exceeds PSG benefit
3. The $0.00 copayments changes under non-Rx copays and MH/SA copays is a result of the compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) under the Platino 2027 Wrap Around.

*Does not apply to Medicare Platino.

Additional comments:

2026 Medicare Part D Redesign

The 2026 redesign includes:

• Elimination of the coverage gap.

• A $2,000 annual out of pocket cap.

• New Manufacturer Discount Program (MDRP).

• Optional smoothing program to distribute out of pocket costs across the year.

• All ACIP recommended vaccines covered at $0.

A. Wrap Around Drug Coverage

Wrap Around coverage applies only when Medicare and the MAO do not cover the drug and the State Plan does.

Compliance:

• The CMS exception process must be completed first.

• Documentation must demonstrate that formulary alternatives were attempted or contraindicated.

B. Federal Citations

• Medicare: 42 USC §1395; 42 CFR 400–429

• Medicaid: 42 USC §1396; 42 CFR 430–456

• MHPAEA: 42 CFR 438.910

• Sterilization: 42 CFR 441.200–208

• Emergency Services: 42 CFR 438.114

• Part D Redesign: CMS Final Rule 2025–2026

SECTION 3 Services covered outside of *PMC Premier Platino*

The following services aren't covered by *PMC Premier Platino* but are available through Medicaid:

- Family Planning
- Preventive Dental Services

I. VACCINES FOR CHILDREN AGES 0–20 | These vaccines follow the current CDC/ACIP Pediatric and Adolescent Immunization Schedule

Routine Vaccines

- Hepatitis A

	• Hepatitis B • Rotavirus (RV) • DTaP • Hib • Polio (IPV) • Influenza (LAIV or IIV) • MMR; Varicella (VAR) • Tdap • HPV **Pneumococcal Vaccines** | PCV15 and PCV20 (CDC-recommended pneumococcal conjugate vaccines); PPSV23 for risk-based indications. **Meningococcal Vaccines** | MenACWY-D; MenACWY-CRM; The one-vial formulation must not be administered before age 10; MenB-4C; MenB-FHbp. **Dengue Vaccine** | Recommended only for seropositive children ages 9–16 living in endemic areas; Not recommended for travelers or seronegative individuals. **Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines** | CDC nomenclature: 1v (monovalent), 2v (bivalent), mRNA, aPS; The MAO must follow CMS guidance for pediatric COVID-19.
II.	**VACCINES FOR ADULTS AGES 21+ |** These vaccines follow the CDC Adult Immunization Schedule **Routine Adult Vaccines** • Hib • HepA • HepA-HepB • HepB • HPV • Influenza (IIV4, LAIV4, RIV4) • MMR • Td

	• Tdap • Varicella (VAR) • Recombinant Zoster (RZV) **Meningococcal Vaccines** | MenACWY-D; MenACWY-CRM; MenACWY-TT; MenB-4C; MenB-FHbp. **Pneumococcal Vaccines** | PCV15; PCV20 (CDC-preferred conjugate vaccine for adults); PPSV23.
III.	**POST–BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT PATIENTS | All required revaccinations must follow the CDC revaccination schedule for hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT).** **Revaccination Requirement** | Full revaccination is required regardless of prior immunization history.
IV.	**COVID-19 VACCINE (ALL AGES) | COVID-19 vaccines are not included in the Medicaid Wrap Around but are provided by PRDOH.** **Compliance Requirements** | The MAO must follow CMS instructions for coverage and administration. CDC nomenclature: 1v, 2v, mRNA, aPS.

SECTION 4 Services that aren't covered by our plan (exclusions)

This section tells you what services are excluded.

The chart below lists services and items that aren't covered by our plan under any conditions or are covered by our plan only under specific conditions.

If you get services that are excluded (not covered), you must pay for them yourself except under the specific conditions listed below. Even if you get the excluded services at an emergency facility, the excluded services are still not covered, and our plan will not pay for them. The only exception is if the service is appealed and decided: upon appeal to be a medical service that we should have paid for or covered because of your specific situation. (For information about appealing a decision we have made to not cover a medical service, go to Chapter 9, Section 6.3.)

Services not covered by Medicare	Covered only under specific conditions
Cosmetic surgery or procedures	Covered in cases of an accidental injury or for improvement of the functioning of a malformed body member Covered for all stages of reconstruction for a breast after a mastectomy, as well as for the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
Custodial care Custodial care is personal care that doesn't require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel, such as care that helps you with activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing	Not covered under any condition
Experimental medical and surgical procedures, equipment, and medications Experimental procedures and items are those items and procedures determined by Original Medicare to not be generally accepted by the medical community	May be covered by Original Medicare under a Medicare-approved clinical research study or by our plan (Go to Chapter 3, Section 5 for more information on clinical research studies)
Fees charged for care by your immediate relatives or members of your household	Not covered under any condition
Full-time nursing care in your home	Not covered under any condition
Home health services	Medicare covers medically necessary part-time or intermittent skilled nursing care.
Homemaker services include basic household help, including light housekeeping or light meal preparation.	Not covered under any condition
Non-routine dental care	Dental care required to treat illness or injury may be covered as inpatient or outpatient care
Orthopedic shoes or supportive devices for the feet	Shoes that are part of a leg brace and are included in the cost of the brace. Orthopedic or therapeutic shoes for people with, diabetic foot disease
Personal items in your room at a hospital or a skilled nursing	Not covered under any condition

Services not covered by Medicare	Covered only under specific conditions
facility, such as a telephone or a television	
Private room in a hospital	Covered only when medically necessary
Reversal of sterilization procedures and or non-prescription contraceptive supplies	Not covered under any condition
Radial keratotomy, LASIK surgery, and other low vision aids	One pair of eyeglasses with standard frames (or one set of contact lenses) covered after each cataract surgery that implants an intraocular lens.
Services considered not reasonable and necessary, according to Original Medicare standards	Not covered under any condition

CHAPTER 5: Using plan coverage for Part D drugs

How can you get information about your drug costs if you're getting Extra Help with your Part D drug costs?

Most of our members qualify for and are getting Extra Help from Medicare to pay for their prescription drug plan costs. If you're in the Extra Help program, **some information in this** *Evidence of Coverage* **about the costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.**

SECTION 1 Basic rules for our plan's Part D drug coverage

Go to the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 for Medicare Part B drug benefits and hospice drug benefits.

In addition to the drugs covered by Medicare, some prescription drugs are covered under your Medicaid benefits. To find out about the Medicaid coverage, please refer to the services covered by the Puerto Rico Government Health Plan included in Chapter 4.

Our plan will generally cover your drugs as long as you follow these rules:

- You must have a provider (a doctor, dentist, or other prescriber) write you a prescription that's valid under applicable state law.
- Your prescriber must not be on Medicare's Exclusion or Preclusion Lists.
- You generally must use a network pharmacy to fill your prescription (Go to Section 2 *or you can fill your prescription through our plan's mail-order service*.)
- Your drug must be on our plan's Drug List (Go to Section 3).
- Your drug must be used for a medically accepted indication. A "medically accepted indication" is a use of the drug that's either approved by the FDA or supported by certain references. (Go to Section 3 for more information about a medically accepted indication.)
- Your drug may require approval from our plan based on certain criteria before we agree to cover it. (Go to Section 4 for more information)

SECTION 2 Fill your prescription at a network pharmacy or through our plan's mail-order service

In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they're filled at our plan's network pharmacies. (Go to Section 2.4 for information about when we cover prescriptions filled at out-of-network pharmacies.)

A network pharmacy is a pharmacy that has a contract with our plan to provide your covered drugs. The term "covered drugs" means all the Part D drugs on our plan's Drug List.

Section 2.1 Network pharmacies

Find a network pharmacy in your area

To find a network pharmacy, go to your *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*, visit our website https://mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/proveedores-farmacias, and/or call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

You may go to any of our network pharmacies.

If your pharmacy leaves the network

If the pharmacy you use leaves our plan's network, you'll have to find a new pharmacy in the network. To find another pharmacy in your area, get help from Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) or use the *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*. You can also find information on our website at www.mmmpr.com.

Specialized pharmacies

Some prescriptions must be filled at a specialized pharmacy. Specialized pharmacies include:

- Pharmacies that supply drugs for home infusion therapy.
- Pharmacies that supply drugs for residents of a long-term care (LTC) facility. Usually, an LTC facility (such as a nursing home) has its own pharmacy. If you have difficulty getting your Part D drugs in an LTC facility, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).
- Pharmacies that serve the Indian Health Service / Tribal / Urban Indian Health Program (not available in Puerto Rico). Except in emergencies, only Native Americans or Alaska Natives have access to these pharmacies in our network.
- Pharmacies that dispense drugs restricted by the FDA to certain locations or that require special handling, provider coordination, or education on its use. To locate a specialized pharmacy, go to your *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* www.mmmpr.com or call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

Section 2.2 Our plan's mail-order service

For certain kinds of drugs, you can use our plan's network mail-order service. Generally, the drugs provided through mail order are drugs you take on a regular basis, for a chronic or long-term medical condition. These drugs are marked as **MT** in our Drug List.

Our plan's mail-order service allows you to order **up to a *90*-day supply**.

To get order forms and information about filling your prescriptions by mail please contact Member Services at the numbers listed at the end of this document.

Usually, a mail-order pharmacy order will be delivered to you in no more than 10 days. If the mail order is delayed, you can call the nearest Walgreens Pharmacy or reach a toll-free number at 866-525-1590 with the prescription information. Walgreens Mail Service will contact the physician for a new prescription to arrive the next business day; overnight shipping charges apply. Auto-refill service is available, and the beneficiary needs to contact Walgreens Mail Service three weeks before the next fill to cancel or change the service.

New prescriptions the pharmacy gets directly from your doctor's office. After the pharmacy gets a prescription from a health care provider, it will contact you to see if you want the medication filled immediately or at a later time. It is important to respond each time you're contacted by the pharmacy, to let them know whether to ship, delay, or stop the new prescription.

Refills on mail-order prescriptions. For refills of your drugs, you have the option to sign up for an automatic refill program. Under this program we start to process your next refill automatically when our records show you should be close to running out of your drug. The pharmacy will contact you before shipping each refill to make sure you need more medication, and you can cancel scheduled refills if you have enough medication or your medication has changed.

If you choose not to use our auto-refill program but still want the mail-order pharmacy to send you your prescription, contact your pharmacy *15* days before your current prescription will run out. This will ensure your order is shipped to you in time.

To opt out of our program that automatically prepares mail-order refills, contact us by calling Walgreens Mail Service Customer Center Numbers: English: 1-800-489-2197, TTY: 1-800-925-0178, Spanish: 1-800-778-5427, TTY: 1-800-925-0178.

If you get a refill automatically by mail that you don't want, you may be eligible for a refund.

Section 2.3 How to get a long-term supply of drugs

Our plan offers 2 ways to get a long-term supply (also called an extended supply) of maintenance drugs on our plan's Drug List. (Maintenance drugs are drugs you take on a regular basis, for a chronic or long-term medical condition.)

1. Some retail pharmacies in our network allow you to get a long-term supply of maintenance drugs. Your *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* www.mmmpr.com tells you which pharmacies in our network can give you a long-term supply of maintenance drugs. You can also call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) for more information
2. You can also get maintenance drugs through our mail-order program. Go to Section 2.2 for more information.

Section 2.4 Using a pharmacy that's not in our plan's network

Generally, we cover drugs filled at an out-of-network pharmacy *only* when you aren't able to use a network pharmacy. We also have network pharmacies outside of our service area where you can get prescriptions filled as a member of our plan. **Check first with Member Services at *787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free)* (TTY users call 711)** to see if there's a network pharmacy nearby.

We cover prescriptions filled at an out-of-network pharmacy only in these circumstances:

- If you are unable to obtain a covered drug in a timely manner within our service area because there is no network pharmacy within a reasonable driving distance that provides 24-hour service.
- If you are trying to fill a prescription drug that is not regularly stocked at an accessible network retail pharmacy (including high cost and unique drugs).
- If you are getting a vaccine that is medically necessary but not covered by Medicare Part B or some covered drugs that are administered in your doctor's office.

If you must use an out-of-network pharmacy, you'll generally have to pay the full cost at the time you fill your prescription. You can ask us to reimburse you. (Go to Chapter 7, Section 2 for information on how to ask our plan to pay you back.) You may be required to pay the difference between what you pay for the drug at the out-of-network pharmacy and the cost we would cover at an in-network pharmacy.

SECTION 3 Your drugs need to be on our plan's Drug List

Section 3.1 The Drug List tells which Part D drugs are covered

Our plan has a *List of Covered Drugs* (formulary). In this *Evidence of Coverage*, **we call it the Drug List.**

The drugs on this list are selected by our plan with the help of doctors and pharmacists. The list meets Medicare's requirements and has been approved by Medicare.

The Drug List only shows drugs covered under Medicare Part D. In addition to the drugs covered by Medicare, some prescription drugs are covered under your Medicaid benefits. The Drug List includes Medicaid drugs covered by our plan.

We generally cover a drug on our plan's Drug List as long as you follow the other coverage rules explained in this chapter and use of the drug for a medically accepted indication. A medically accepted indication is a use of the drug that's *either*:

- Approved by the FDA for the diagnosis or condition for which it's prescribed, or
- Supported by certain references, such as the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information and the Micromedex DRUGDEX Information System.

Drugs that aren't on the Drug List

Our plan doesn't cover all prescription drugs.

- In some cases, the law doesn't allow any Medicare plan to cover certain types of drugs. (For more information, go to Section 7.)
- In other cases, we decided not to include a particular drug on the Drug List.
- In some cases, you may be able to get a drug that isn't on our Drug List. (For more information, go to Chapter 9.)

Section 3.2 How to find out if a specific drug is on the Drug List

To find out if a drug is on our Drug List, you have these options:

- Check the most recent Drug List we provided electronically.
- Visit our plan's website www.mmmpr.com. The Drug List on the website is always the most current.
- Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) to find out if a particular drug is on our plan's Drug List or ask for a copy of the list.

- Use our plan's "Real-Time Benefit Tool" (www.afiliadommm.com) to search for drugs on the Drug List to get an estimate of what you'll pay and see if there are alternative drugs on the Drug List that could treat the same condition. You can also call Member Services 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

SECTION 4 Drugs with restrictions on coverage

Section 4.1 Why some drugs have restrictions

For certain prescription drugs, special rules restrict how and when our plan covers them. A team of doctors and pharmacists developed these rules to encourage you and your provider to use drugs in the most effective way. To find out if any of these restrictions apply to a drug you take or want to take, check the Drug List.

If a safe, lower-cost drug will work just as well medically as a higher-cost drug, our plan's rules are designed to encourage you and your provider to use that lower-cost option.

Note that sometimes a drug may appear more than once in our Drug List. This is because the same drugs can differ based on the strength, amount, or form of the drug prescribed by your health care provider, and different restrictions or cost sharing may apply to the different versions of the drug (for example, 10 mg versus 100 mg; one per day versus 2 per day; tablet versus liquid).

Section 4.2 Types of restrictions

If there's a restriction for your drug, it usually means that you or your provider have to take extra steps for us to cover the drug. Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) to learn what you or your provider can do to get coverage for the drug. **If you want us to waive the restriction for you, you need to use the coverage decision process and ask us to make an exception.** We may or may not agree to waive the restriction for you. (Go to Chapter 9.)

Getting plan approval in advance

For certain drugs, you or your provider need to get approval from our plan based on specific criteria before we agree to cover the drug for you. This is called **prior authorization**. This is put in place to ensure medication safety and help guide appropriate use of certain drugs. If you don't get this approval, your drug might not be covered by our plan. Our plan's prior authorization criteria can be obtained by calling Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) or on our website https://mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/formulario-medicamentos.

Trying a different drug first

This requirement encourages you to try less costly but usually just as effective drugs before our plan covers another drug. For example, if Drug A and Drug B treat the same medical condition and Drug A is less costly, our plan may require you to try Drug A first. If Drug A doesn't work for you, our plan will then cover Drug B. This requirement to try a different drug first is called **step therapy**. Our plan's step therapy criteria can be obtained by calling Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) or on our website https://www.mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/formulario-medicamentos.

Quantity limits

For certain drugs, we limit how much of a drug you can get each time you fill your prescription. For example, if it's normally considered safe to take only one pill per day for a certain drug, we may limit coverage for your prescription to no more than one pill per day.

SECTION 5 What you can do if one of your drugs isn't covered the way you'd like

There are situations where a prescription drug you take, or that you and your provider think you should take, isn't on our Drug List or has restrictions. For example:

- The drug might not be covered at all. Or a generic version of the drug may be covered but the brand name version you want to take isn't covered.
- The drug is covered, but there are extra rules or restrictions on coverage.

If your drug isn't on the Drug List or is restricted, here are options for what you can do:

- You may be able to get a temporary supply of the drug.
- You can change to another drug.
- You can ask for an **exception** and ask our plan to cover the drug or remove restrictions from the drug.

You may be able to get a temporary supply

Under certain circumstances, our plan must provide a temporary supply of a drug you're already taking. This temporary supply gives you time to talk with your provider about the change.

To be eligible for a temporary supply, the drug you take **must no longer be on our plan's Drug List** OR **is now restricted in some way**.

- **If you're a new member,** we'll cover a temporary supply of your drug during the first ***90 days*** of your membership in our plan**.**
- **If you were in our plan last year,** we'll cover a temporary supply of your drug during the first ***90 days*** of the calendar year.
- This temporary supply will be for a maximum of *30 days*. If your prescription is written for fewer days, we'll allow multiple fills to provide up to a maximum of *30-day supply* of medication. The prescription must be filled at a network pharmacy. (Note that a long-term care pharmacy may provide the drug in smaller amounts at a time to prevent waste.)
- **For members who've been in our plan for more than *90 days* and live in a long-term care facility and need a supply right away:** We'll cover one *31-day supply* emergency supply of a particular drug, or less if your prescription is written for fewer days. This is in addition to the above temporary supply.
- **For those members who have been discharged from a hospital, psychiatric hospital or other level of care facility to home or if your ability to get your drugs is limited:**

  We will cover a 30-day supply of drugs not included on the Drug List or restricted on the Drug list in some way (preauthorization, step therapy, quantity limits).

For questions about a temporary supply, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

During the time when you're using a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your provider to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You have 2 options:

Option 1. You can change to another drug

Talk with your provider about whether a different drug covered by our plan may work just as well for you. Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition. This list can help your provider find a covered drug that might work for you.

Option 2. You can ask for an exception

You and your provider can ask our plan to make an exception and cover the drug in the way you'd like it covered. If your provider says you have medical reasons that justify asking us for an exception, your provider can help you ask for an exception. For example, you can ask our plan to cover a drug even though it's not on our plan's Drug List. Or you can ask our plan to make an exception and cover the drug without restrictions.

If you and your provider want to ask for an exception, go to Chapter 9, Section 7.4 to learn what to do. It explains the procedures and deadlines set by Medicare to make sure your request is handled promptly and fairly.

SECTION 6 Our Drug List can change during the year

Most changes in drug coverage happen at the beginning of each year (January 1). However, during the year, our plan can make some changes to the Drug List. For example, our plan might:

- **Add or remove drugs from the Drug List**.
- **Add or remove a restriction on coverage for a drug**.
- **Replace a brand name drug with a generic version of the drug.**
- **Replace an original biological product with an interchangeable biosimilar version of the biological product.**

We must follow Medicare requirements before we change our plan's Drug List.

Information on changes to drug coverage

When changes to the Drug List occur, we post information on our website about those changes. We also update our online Drug List regularly. Sometimes you'll get direct notice if changes were made for a drug that you take.

Changes to drug coverage that affect you during this plan year

- **Adding new drugs to the Drug List and immediately removing or making changes to a like drug on the Drug List.**
    - We may immediately remove a like drug from the Drug List, move the like drug to a different cost-sharing tier, add new restrictions, or both. The new version of the drug will be with the same or fewer restrictions.
    - We'll make these immediate changes only if we add a new generic version of a brand name or add certain new biosimilar versions of an original biological product that was already on the Drug List.
    - We may make these changes immediately and tell you later, even if you take the drug that we remove or make changes to. If you take the like drug at the time we make the change, we'll tell you about any specific change we made.
- **Adding drugs to the Drug List and removing or making changes to a like drug on the Drug List**
    - When adding another version of a drug to the Drug List, we may remove a like drug from the Drug List, move it to a different cost-sharing tier, add new restrictions, or both. The version of the drug that we add will be with the same or fewer restrictions.

  - We'll make these changes only if we add a new generic version of a brand name drug or adding certain new biosimilar versions of an original biological product that was already on the Drug List.
  - We'll tell you at least 30 days before we make the change or tell you about the change and cover a 30-day fill of the version of the drug you're taking.
- **Removing unsafe drugs and other drugs on the Drug List that are withdrawn from the market.**
  - Sometimes a drug may be deemed unsafe or taken off the market for another reason. If this happens, we may immediately remove the drug from the Drug List. If you're taking that drug, we'll tell you after we make the change.
- **Making other changes to drugs on the Drug List.**
  - We may make other changes once the year has started that affect drugs you are taking. For example, we based on FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines recognized by Medicare.
  - We'll tell you at least 30 days before we make these changes or tell you about the change and cover an additional 30-day fill of the drug you take.

If we make any of these changes to any of the drugs you take, talk with your prescriber about the options that would work best for you, including changing to a different drug to treat your condition, or ask for a coverage decision to satisfy any new restrictions on the drug you're taking. You or your prescriber can ask us for an exception to continue covering the drug or version of the drug you have been taking. For more information on how to ask for a coverage decision, including an exception, go to Chapter 9.

Changes to the Drug List that don't affect you during this plan year

We may make certain changes to the Drug List that aren't described above. In these cases, the change won't apply to you if you're taking the drug when the change is made; however, these changes will likely affect you starting January 1 of the next plan year if you stay in the same plan.

In general, changes that won't affect you during the current plan year are:

- We put a new restriction on the use of your drug.
- We remove your drug from the Drug List.

If any of these changes happen for a drug you take (except for market withdrawal, a generic drug replacing a brand name drug, or other change noted in the sections above), the change won't affect your use or what you pay as your share of the cost until January 1 of the next year.

We won't tell you about these types of changes directly during the current plan year. You'll need to check the Drug List for the next plan year (when the list is available during the open enrollment period) to see if there are any changes to drugs you take that will impact you during the next plan year.

SECTION 7 Types of drugs we don't cover

Some kinds of prescription drugs are *excluded*. This means neither Medicare nor Medicaid pays for these drugs.

If you appeal and the drug asked for is found not to be excluded under Part D, we'll pay for or cover it. (For information about appealing a decision, go to Chapter 9.) If the drug excluded by our plan is also excluded by Medicaid, you must pay for it yourself.

Here are 3 general rules about drugs that Medicare drug plans won't cover under Part D:

- Our plan's Part D drug coverage can't cover a drug that would be covered under Medicare Part A or Part B.
- Our plan can't cover a drug purchased outside the United States or its territories.
- Our plan can't cover *off-label* use of a drug when the use isn't supported by certain references, such as the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information and the Micromedex DRUGDEX Information System. *Off-label* use is any use of the drug other than those indicated on a drug's label as approved by the FDA.

In addition, by law, the following categories of drugs listed below aren't covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

- Non-prescription drugs (also called over-the-counter drugs)
- Drugs used to promote fertility
- Drugs used for the relief of cough or cold symptoms
- Drugs used for cosmetic purposes or to promote hair growth
- Prescription vitamins and mineral products, except prenatal vitamins and fluoride preparations
- Drugs used for the treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction
- Drugs used for treatment of anorexia, weight loss, or weight gain
- Outpatient drugs for which the manufacturer requires associated tests or monitoring services be purchased only from the manufacturer as a condition of sale

If you get Extra Help to pay for your prescriptions, Extra Help won't pay for drugs that aren't normally covered. If you have drug coverage through Medicaid, your state Medicaid program may cover some prescription drugs not normally covered in a Medicare drug plan. Contact your state Medicaid program to determine what drug coverage may be available to you. (Find phone numbers and contact information for Medicaid in Chapter 2, Section 6.)

SECTION 8 How to fill a prescription

To fill your prescription, provide our plan membership information (which can be found on your membership card) at the network pharmacy you choose. The network pharmacy will automatically bill our plan for your drug.

If you don't have our plan membership information with you, you or the pharmacy can call our plan to get the information, or you can ask the pharmacy to look up our plan enrollment information.

If the pharmacy can't get the necessary information, **you may have to pay the full cost of the prescription when you pick it up**. You can then **ask us to reimburse**. Go to Chapter 7, Section 2 for information about how to ask our plan for reimbursement.

SECTION 9 Part D drug coverage in special situations

Section 9.1 In a hospital or a skilled nursing facility for a stay covered by our plan

If you're admitted to a hospital or to a skilled nursing facility for a stay covered by our plan, we'll generally cover the cost of your prescription drugs during your stay. Once you leave the hospital or skilled nursing facility, our plan will cover your prescription drugs as long as the drugs meet all of our rules for coverage described in this chapter.

Section 9.2 As a resident in a long-term care (LTC) facility

Usually, a long-term care (LTC) facility (such as a nursing home) has its own pharmacy or uses a pharmacy that supplies drugs for all its residents. If you're a resident of an LTC facility, you may get your prescription drugs through the facility's pharmacy or the one it uses, as long as it is part of our network.

Check your *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* https://mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/proveedores-farmacias to find out if your LTC facility's pharmacy or the one it uses is part of our network. If it isn't, or if you need more information or help, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). If you're in an LTC facility, we must ensure that you're able to routinely get your Part D benefits through our network of LTC pharmacies.

If you're a resident in an LTC facility and need a drug that isn't on our Drug List or restricted in some way, go to Section 5 for information about getting a temporary or emergency supply.

Section 9.3 If you're in Medicare-certified hospice

Hospice and our plan don't cover the same drug at the same time. If you're enrolled in Medicare hospice and require certain drugs (e.g., anti-nausea drugs, laxatives, pain medication or anti-anxiety drugs) that aren't covered by your hospice because it is unrelated to your

terminal illness and related conditions, our plan must get notification from either the prescriber or your hospice provider that the drug is unrelated before our plan can cover the drug. To prevent delays in getting these drugs that should be covered by our plan, ask your hospice provider or prescriber to provide notification before your prescription is filled.

In the event you either revoke your hospice election or are discharged from hospice, our plan should cover your drugs as explained in this document. To prevent any delays at a pharmacy when your Medicare hospice benefit ends, bring documentation to the pharmacy to verify your revocation or discharge.

SECTION 10 Programs on drug safety and managing medications

We conduct drug use reviews to help make sure our members get safe and appropriate care.

We do a review each time you fill a prescription. We also review our records on a regular basis. During these reviews, we look for potential problems like:

- Possible medication errors
- Drugs that may not be necessary because you take another similar drug to treat the same condition
- Drugs that may not be safe or appropriate because of your age or gender
- Certain combinations of drugs that could harm you if taken at the same time
- Prescriptions for drugs that have ingredients you're allergic to
- Possible errors in the amount (dosage) of a drug you take
- Unsafe amounts of opioid pain medications

If we see a possible problem in your use of medications, we'll work with your provider to correct the problem.

Section 10.1 Drug Management Program (DMP) to help members safely use opioid medications

We have a program that helps make sure members safely use prescription opioids and other frequently abused medications. This program is called a Drug Management Program (DMP). If you use opioid medications that you get from several prescribers or pharmacies, or if you had a recent opioid overdose, we may talk to your prescribers to make sure your use of opioid medications is appropriate and medically necessary. Working with your prescribers, if we decide your use of prescription opioid or benzodiazepine medications may not be safe, we may limit how you can get those medications. If we place you in our DMP, the limitations may be:

- Requiring you to get all your prescriptions for opioid or benzodiazepine medications from a certain pharmacy(ies)

- Requiring you to get all your prescriptions for opioid or benzodiazepine medications from a certain prescriber(s)
- Limiting the amount of opioid or benzodiazepine medications we'll cover for you

If we plan on limiting how you get these medications or how much you can get, we'll send you a letter in advance. The letter will tell you if we limit coverage of these drugs for you, or if you'll be required to get the prescriptions for these drugs only from a specific prescriber or pharmacy. You'll have an opportunity to tell us which prescribers or pharmacies you prefer to use, and about any other information you think is important for us to know. After you've had the opportunity to respond, if we decide to limit your coverage for these medications, we'll send you another letter confirming the limitation. If you think we made a mistake or you disagree with our decision or with the limitation, you and your prescriber have the right to appeal. If you appeal, we'll review your case and give you a new decision. If we continue to deny any part of your request related to the limitations that apply to your access to medications, we'll automatically send your case to an independent reviewer outside of our plan. Go to Chapter 9 for information about how to ask for an appeal.

You won't be placed in our DMP if you have certain medical conditions, such as cancer-related pain or sickle cell disease, you're getting hospice, palliative, or end-of-life care, or live in a long-term care facility.

Section 10.2 Medication Therapy Management (MTM) to help members manage medications

We have a program that can help our members with complex health needs. Our program is called a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program. This program is voluntary and free. A team of pharmacists and doctors developed the program for us to help make sure our members get the most benefit from the drugs they take.

Some members who have certain chronic diseases and take medications that exceed a specific amount of drug costs or are in a DMP to help them use opioids safely, may be able to get services through an MTM program. If you qualify for the program, a pharmacist or other health professional will give you a comprehensive review of all your medications. During the review, you can talk about your medications, your costs, and any problems or questions you have about your prescription and over the counter medications. You'll get a written summary which has a recommended to-do list that includes steps you should take to get the best results from your medications. You'll also get a medication list that will include all the medications you're taking, how much you take, and when and why you take them. In addition, members in the MTM program will get information on the safe disposal of prescription medications that are controlled substances.

It's a good idea to talk to your doctor about your recommended to-do list and medication list. Bring the summary with you to your visit or anytime you talk with your doctors, pharmacists, and other health care providers. Keep your medication list up to date and with you (for example, with your ID) in case you go to the hospital or emergency room.

If we have a program that fits your needs, we'll automatically enroll you in the program and send you information. If you decide not to participate, notify us and we'll withdraw you. For questions about this program, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

CHAPTER 6: What you pay for Part D drugs

SECTION 1 What you pay for Part D drugs

We use "drug" in this chapter to mean a Part D prescription drug. Not all drugs are Part D drugs. Some drugs are excluded from Part D coverage by law. Some of the drugs excluded from Part D coverage are covered under Medicare Part A or Part B or under Medicaid.

To understand the payment information, you need to know what drugs are covered, where to fill your prescriptions, and what rules to follow when you get your covered drugs. Chapter 5 explains these rules. When you use our plan's "Real-Time Benefit Tool" to look up drug coverage www.afiliadommm.com the cost you see shows an estimate of the out-of-pocket costs you're expected to pay. You can also get information provided in the "Real-Time Benefit Tool" by calling Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

How can you get information about your drug costs if you're getting Extra Help with your Part D prescription drug costs?

Most of our members qualify for and are getting Extra Help from Medicare to pay for their prescription drug plan costs. If you get Extra Help, **some information in this** *Evidence of Coverage* **about the costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.**

Section 1.1 Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs

There are 3 different types of out-of-pocket costs for covered Part D drugs that you may be asked to pay:

- **Deductible** is the amount you pay for drugs before our plan starts to pay our share.
- **Copayment** is a fixed amount you pay each time you fill a prescription.
- **Coinsurance** is a percentage of the total cost you pay each time you fill a prescription.

Section 1.2 How Medicare calculates your out-of-pocket costs

Medicare has rules about what counts and what doesn't count toward your out-of-pocket costs. Here are the rules we must follow to keep track of your out-of-pocket costs.

These payments are included in your out-of-pocket costs

Your out-of-pocket costs **include** the payments listed below (as long as they're for covered Part D drugs and you followed the rules for drug coverage explained in Chapter 5):

- The amount you pay for drugs when you're in the following drug payment stages:
  - The Initial Coverage Stage
- Any payments you made during this calendar year as a member of a different Medicare drug plan before you joined our plan
- Any payments for your drugs made by family or friends
- Any payments made for your drugs by Extra Help from Medicare, employer or union health plans, Indian Health Service, AIDS drug assistance programs, State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAPs), and most charities

Moving to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage:

When you (or those paying on your behalf) have spent a total of $2,400 in out-of-pocket costs within the calendar year, you move from the Initial Coverage Stage to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

These payments aren't included in your out-of-pocket costs

Your out-of-pocket costs **don't include** any of these types of payments:

- Drugs you buy outside the United States and its territories
- Drugs that aren't covered by our plan
- Drugs you get at an out-of-network pharmacy that don't meet our plan's requirements for out-of-network coverage
- Non-Part D drugs, including prescription drugs covered by Part A or Part B and other drugs excluded from coverage by Medicare.
- Payments you make toward drugs not normally covered in a Medicare Drug Plan
- Payments for your drugs made by certain insurance plans and government-funded health programs such as TRICARE and the Veterans Health Administration (VA)
- Payments for your drugs made by a third-party with a legal obligation to pay for prescription costs (for example, Workers' Compensation)
- Payments made by drug manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program

Reminder: If any other organization like the ones listed above pays part or all your out-of-pocket costs for drugs, you're required to tell our plan by calling Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

Tracking your out-of-pocket total costs

- The *Part D Explanation of Benefits* (EOB) you get includes the current total of your out-of-pocket costs. When this amount reaches $2,400, the *Part D EOB* will tell you that you left the Initial Coverage Stage and moved to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.
- **Make sure we have the information we need**. Go to Section 3.1 to learn what you can do to help make sure our records of what you spent are complete and up to date.

SECTION 2 Drug payment stages for *PMC Premier Platino* members

There are **3 drug payment stages** for your drug coverage under *PMC Premier Platino*. How much you pay for each prescription depends on what stage you're in when you get a prescription filled or refilled. Details of each stage are explained in this chapter. The stages are:

- **Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage**
- **Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage**
- **Stage 3: Catastrophic Coverage Stage**

SECTION 3 Your *Part D Explanation of Benefits* explains which payment stage you're in

Our plan keeps track of your prescription drug costs and the payments you make when you get prescriptions at the pharmacy. This way, we can tell you when you move from one drug payment stage to the next. We track 2 types of costs:

- **Out-of-Pocket Costs:** this is how much you paid. This includes what you paid when you get a covered Part D drug, any payments for your drugs made by family or friends, and any payments made for your drugs by Extra Help from Medicare, employer or union health plans, Indian Health Service, AIDS drug assistance programs, charities, and most State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAPs).
- **Total Drug Costs:** this is the total of all payments made for your covered Part D drugs. It includes what our plan paid, what you paid, and what other programs or organizations paid for your covered Part D drugs.

If you filled one or more prescriptions through our plan during the previous month, we'll send you a *Part D EOB*. The *Part D EOB* includes:

- **Information for that month**. This report gives payment details about prescriptions you filled during the previous month. It shows the total drug costs, what our plan paid, and what you and others paid on your behalf.
- **Totals for the year since January 1.** This shows the total drug costs and total payments for your drugs since the year began.

- **Drug price information.** This displays the total drug price, and information about changes in price from first fill for each prescription claim of the same quantity.
- **Available lower cost alternative prescriptions.** This shows information about other available drugs with lower cost sharing for each prescription claim, if applicable

Section 3.1 Help us keep our information about your drug payments up to date

To keep track of your drug costs and the payments you make for drugs, we use records we get from pharmacies. Here is how you can help us keep your information correct and up to date:

- **Show your membership card every time you get a prescription filled.** This helps make sure we know about the prescriptions you fill and what you pay.
- **Make sure we have the information we need.** There are times you may pay for the entire cost of a prescription drug. In these cases, we won't automatically get the information we need to keep track of your out-of-pocket costs. To help us keep track of your out-of-pocket costs, give us copies of your receipts. **Examples of when you should give us copies of your drug receipts:**
    - When you purchase a covered drug at a network pharmacy at a special price or use a discount card that's not part of our plan's benefit.
    - When you pay a copayment for drugs provided under a drug manufacturer patient assistance program.
    - Any time you buy covered drugs at out-of-network pharmacies or pay the full price for a covered drug under special circumstances.
    - If you're billed for a covered drug, you can ask our plan to pay our share of the cost. For instructions on how to do this, go to Chapter 7, Section 2.
- **Send us information about the payments others make for you.** Payments made by certain other people and organizations also count toward your out-of-pocket costs. For example, payments made by an AIDS drug assistance program (ADAP), the Indian Health Service, and charities count toward your out-of-pocket costs. Keep a record of these payments and send them to us so we can track your costs.
- **Check the written report we send you.** When you get the *Part D EOB*, look it over to be sure the information is complete and correct. If you think something is missing or have questions, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). Be sure to keep these reports.

SECTION 4 There's no deductible for PMC Premier Platino

There's no deductible for *PMC Premier Platino*. You begin in the Initial Coverage Stage when you fill your first prescription for the year. Go to Section 5 for information about your coverage in the Initial Coverage Stage.

SECTION 5 The Initial Coverage Stage

Section 5.1 What you pay for a drug depends on the drug and where you fill your prescription

During the Initial Coverage Stage, our plan pays its share of the cost of your covered drugs, and you pay your share (your copayment). Your share of the cost will vary depending on the drug and where you fill your prescription.

Your pharmacy choices

How much you pay for a drug depends on whether you get the drug from:

- A network retail pharmacy
- A pharmacy that isn't in our plan's network. We cover prescriptions filled at out-of-network pharmacies in only limited situations. Go to Chapter 5, Section 2.5 to find out when we'll cover a prescription filled at an out-of-network pharmacy.
- Our plan's mail-order pharmacy.

For more information about these pharmacy choices and filling your prescriptions, go to Chapter 5 and our plan's *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* https://mmmpr.com/planes-medicos/proveedores-farmacias.

Section 5.2 Your costs for a *one-month* supply of a covered drug

During the Initial Coverage Stage, your share of the cost of a covered drug will be a copayment.

Your costs for a *one-month* supply of a covered Part D drug

Tier	Standard retail in-network cost sharing (up to a *30*-day supply)	Long-term care (LTC) cost sharing (up to a *31*-day supply)	Out-of-network cost sharing (Coverage is limited to certain situations; go to Chapter 5 for details.) (up to a *30*-day supply)
Covered Drugs	**$0** copayment	**$0** copayment	**$0** copayment

Go to Section 8 for more information on cost sharing for Part D vaccines.

Section 5.3 If your doctor prescribes less than a full month's supply, you may not have to pay the cost of the entire month's supply

Typically, the amount you pay for a drug covers a full month's supply. There may be times when you or your doctor would like you to have less than a month's supply of a drug (for example, when you're trying a medication for the first time). You can also ask your doctor to prescribe, and your pharmacist to dispense, less than a full month's supply if this will help you plan refill dates better.

If you get less than a full month's supply of certain drugs, you won't have to pay for the full month's supply.

- If you're responsible for coinsurance, you pay a *percentage* of the total cost of the drug. Since the coinsurance is based on the total cost of the drug, your cost will be lower since the total cost for the drug will be lower.
- If you're responsible for a copayment for the drug, you only pay for the number of days of the drug that you get instead of a whole month. We calculate the amount you pay per day for your drug (the daily cost-sharing rate) and multiply it by the number of days of the drug you get.

Section 5.4 Your costs for a long-term up to a 90-day supply of a covered Part D drug

For some drugs, you can get a long-term supply (also called an extended supply). A long-term supply is up to a 90-day supply.

Your costs for a *long-term* up to a 90-day supply of a covered Part D drug

Tier	Standard retail cost sharing (in-network) (up to 90-day supply)	Mail-order cost sharing (up to 90-day supply)
Covered Drugs	**$0** copayment	**$0** copayment

Section 5.5 You stay in the Initial Coverage Stage until your out-of-pocket costs for the year reach $2,400

You stay in the Initial Coverage Stage until your total out-of-pocket costs reach $2,400. You then move to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

The *Part D EOB* that you get will help you keep track of how much you, our plan, and any third parties have spent on your behalf during the year. Not all members will reach the $2,400 out-of-pocket limit in a year.

We'll let you know if you reach this amount. Go to Section 1.3 for more information on how Medicare calculates your out-of-pocket costs.

SECTION 6 The Catastrophic Coverage Stage

In the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for covered Part D drugs. You enter the Catastrophic Coverage Stage when your out-of-pocket costs reach the $2,400 limit for the calendar year. Once you're in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you stay in this payment stage until the end of the calendar year.

- During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.

SECTION 7 What you pay for Part D vaccines

Important message about what you pay for vaccines – Some vaccines are considered medical benefits and are covered under Part B. Other vaccines are considered Part D drugs. You can find these vaccines listed in our plan's Drug List. Our plan covers most adult Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Go to our plan's Drug List or call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) for coverage and cost-sharing details about specific vaccines.

There are 2 parts to our coverage of Part D vaccines:

- The first part is the cost of **the vaccine itself**.
- The second part is for the cost of **giving you the vaccine**. (This is sometimes called the administration of the vaccine.)

Your costs for a Part D vaccine depend on 3 things:

1. **Whether the vaccine is recommended for adults by an organization called the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).**
   - Most adult Part D vaccines are recommended by ACIP and cost you nothing.
2. **Where you get the vaccine.**
   - The vaccine itself may be dispensed by a pharmacy or provided by the doctor's office.
3. **Who gives you the vaccine.**

- A pharmacist or another provider may give the vaccine in the pharmacy. Or, a provider may give it in the doctor's office.

What you pay at the time you get the Part D vaccine can vary depending on the circumstances and what **drug payment stage** you're in.

- When you get a vaccine, you may have to pay the entire cost for both the vaccine itself and the cost for the provider to give you the vaccine. You can ask our plan to pay you back for our share of the cost. For most adult Part D vaccines, this means you'll be reimbursed the entire cost you paid.
- Other times, when you get a vaccine, you pay only your share of the cost under your Part D benefit. For most adult Part D vaccines, you pay nothing.

Below are 3 examples of ways you might get a Part D vaccine.

Situation 1: You get the Part D vaccine at the network pharmacy. (Whether you have this choice depends on where you live. Some states don't allow pharmacies to give certain vaccines.)

- For most adult Part D vaccines, you pay nothing.
- For other Part D vaccines, you pay the pharmacy your copayment for the vaccine itself which includes the cost of giving you the vaccine.
- Our plan will pay the remainder of the costs.

Situation 2: You get the Part D vaccine at your doctor's office.

- When you get the vaccine, you may have to pay the entire cost of the vaccine itself and the cost for the provider to give it to you.
- You can then ask our plan to pay our share of the cost by using the procedures described in Chapter 7.
- For most adult Part D vaccines, you'll be reimbursed the full amount you paid. For other Part D vaccines, you'll be reimbursed the amount you paid less any copayment for the vaccine (including administration)

Situation 3: You buy the Part D vaccine itself at the network pharmacy and take it to your doctor's office where they give you the vaccine.

- For most adult Part D vaccines, you pay nothing for the vaccine itself.
- For other Part D vaccines, you pay the pharmacy your copayment for the vaccine itself.
- When your doctor gives you the vaccine, you may have to pay the entire cost for this service.

- You can then ask our plan to pay our share of the cost by using the procedures in Chapter 7.
- For most adult Part D vaccines, you'll be reimbursed the full amount you paid.

CHAPTER 7: Asking us to pay our share of a bill for covered medical services or drugs

SECTION 1 Situations when you should ask us to pay our share for covered services or drugs

Our network providers bill our plan directly for your covered services and drugs. If you get a bill for the full cost of medical care or drugs you got, send this bill to us so that we can pay it. When you send us the bill, we'll look at the bill and decide whether the services and drugs should be covered. If we decide they should be covered, we'll pay the provider directly.

If you already paid for a Medicare service or item covered by our plan, you can ask our plan to pay you back (paying you back is often called **reimburse** you). It is your right to be paid back by our plan whenever you've paid more than your share of the cost for medical services or drugs that are covered by our plan. There may be deadlines that you must meet to get paid back. Go to Section 2 of this chapter. When you send us a bill you've already paid, we'll look at the bill and decide whether the services or drugs should be covered. If we decide they should be covered, we'll pay you back for the services or drugs.

There may also be times when you get a bill from a provider for the full cost of medical care you got or for more than your share of cost sharing. First, try to resolve the bill with the provider. If that doesn't work, send the bill to us instead of paying it. We'll look at the bill and decide whether the services should be covered. If we decide they should be covered, we'll pay the provider directly. If we decide not to pay it, we'll notify the provider. You should never pay more than plan-allowed cost-sharing. If this provider is contracted, you still have the right to treatment.

Examples of situations in which you may need to ask our plan to pay you back or to pay a bill you got:

1. **When you got emergency or urgently needed medical care from a provider who's not in our plan's network**
   - You can get emergency or urgently needed services from any provider, whether or not the provider is a part of our network. In these cases, ask the provider to bill our plan.
   - If you pay the entire amount yourself at the time you get the care, ask us to pay you back for our share of the cost. Send us the bill, along with documentation of any payments you made.
   - You may get a bill from the provider asking for payment that you think you don't owe. Send us this bill, along with documentation of any payments you made.

- If the provider is owed anything, we'll pay the provider directly.
- If you already paid more than your share of the cost for the service, we'll determine how much you owed and pay you back for our share of the cost.

2. When a network provider sends you a bill you think you shouldn't pay

Network providers should always bill our plan directly. But sometimes they make mistakes and ask you to pay more than your share of the cost.

- You only have to pay your cost-sharing amount when you get covered services. We don't allow providers to add additional separate charges, called **balance billing**. This protection (that you never pay more than your cost-sharing amount) applies even if we pay the provider less than the provider charges for a service and even if there's a dispute and we don't pay certain provider charges. We don't allow providers to bill you for covered services. We pay our providers directly, and we protect you from any charges. This is true even if we pay the provider less than the provider charges for a service.
- Whenever you get a bill from a network provider you think is more than you should pay, send us the bill. We'll contact the provider directly and resolve the billing problem.
- If you already paid a bill to a network provider, but feel you paid too much, send us the bill along with documentation of any payment you made. Ask us to pay you back for the difference between the amount you paid and the amount you owed under our plan.

3. If you're retroactively enrolled in our plan

Sometimes a person's enrollment in our plan is retroactive. (This means that the first day of their enrollment has already passed. The enrollment date may even have occurred last year.)

If you were retroactively enrolled in our plan and you paid out of pocket for any of your covered services or drugs after your enrollment date, you can ask us to pay you back for our share of the costs. You need to submit paperwork such as receipts and bills for us to handle the reimbursement.

4. When you use an out-of-network pharmacy to fill a prescription

If you go to an out-of-network pharmacy, the pharmacy may not be able to submit the claim directly to us. When that happens, you have to pay the full cost of your prescription.

Save your receipt and send a copy to us when you ask us to pay you back for our share of the cost. Remember that we only cover out-of-network pharmacies in limited circumstances. Go to Chapter 5, Section 2.4 to learn more about these circumstances. We may not pay you back the difference between what you paid for the drug at the out-of-network pharmacy and the amount that we'd pay at an in-network pharmacy.

5. When you pay the full cost for a prescription because you don't have our plan membership card with you

If you don't have our plan membership card with you, you can ask the pharmacy to call our plan or look up our plan enrollment information. If the pharmacy can't get the enrollment information they need right away, you may need to pay the full cost of the prescription yourself.

Save your receipt and send a copy to us when you ask us to pay you back for our share of the cost. We may not pay you back the full cost you paid if the cash price you paid is higher than our negotiated price for the prescription.

6. When you pay the full cost for a prescription in other situations

You may pay the full cost of the prescription because you find the drug isn't covered for some reason.

- For example, the drug may not be on our plan's Drug List or it could have a requirement or restriction you didn't know about or don't think should apply to you. If you decide to get the drug immediately, you may need to pay the full cost for it.
- Save your receipt and send a copy to us when you ask us to pay you back. In some situations, we may need to get more information from your doctor to pay you back for our share of the cost of the drug. We may not pay you back the full cost you paid if the cash price you paid is higher than our negotiated price for the prescription.

When you send us a request for payment, we'll review your request and decide whether the service or drug should be covered. This is called making a **coverage decision**. If we decide it should be covered, we'll pay for our share of the cost for the service or drug. If we deny your request for payment, you can appeal our decision. Chapter 9 has information about how to make an appeal.

SECTION 2 How to ask us to pay you back or pay a bill you got

You can ask us to pay you back by sending us a request in writing. If you send a request in writing, send your bill and documentation of any payment you've made. It's a good idea to make a copy of your bill and receipts for your records. **You must submit your claim to us within *12* months** of the date you got the service, item, or drug. Reimbursement will be made according to the Medicare payment or the rate contracted by the plan.

To make sure you're giving us all the information we need to make a decision, you can fill out our claim form to make your request for payment.

- You don't have to use the form, but it'll help us process the information faster (You will need to specify Provider name, phone number, service with date of service, proof of payment and member ID).

- Download a copy of the form from our website www.mmmpr.com or call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) and ask for the form.

Mail your request for payment for **Medical Services** together with any bills or paid receipts to us at this address:

MMM Healthcare, LLC.
Member Services Department
PO Box 71114
San Juan, PR 00936-8014

Mail your request for payment for **Pharmacy Services** together with any bills or receipts to us at this address:

MMM Healthcare, LLC.
Pharmacy Services Department
PO Box 71114
San Juan, PR 00936-8014

SECTION 3 We'll consider your request for payment and say yes or no

When we get your request for payment, we'll let you know if we need any additional information from you. Otherwise, we'll consider your request and make a coverage decision.

- If we decide the medical care or drug is covered and you followed all the rules, we'll pay for our share of the cost for the service or drug. If you already paid for the service or drug, we'll mail your reimbursement of our share of the cost to you. If you paid the full cost of a drug, you might not be reimbursed the full amount you paid (for example, if you got a drug at an out-of-network pharmacy or if the cash price you paid for a drug is higher than our negotiated price). If you haven't paid for the service or drug yet, we'll mail the payment directly to the provider.
- If we decide that the medical care or drug is *not* covered, or you did *not* follow all the rules, we won't pay for our share of the cost of the care or drug. We'll send you a letter explaining the reasons why we aren't sending the payment and your rights to appeal that decision.

Section 3.1 If we tell you we won't pay for all or part of the medical care or drug, you can make an appeal

If you think we made a mistake in turning down your request for payment or the amount we're paying, you can make an appeal. If you make an appeal, it means you're asking us to change the decision we made when we turned down your request for payment. The appeals process is a formal process with detailed procedures and important deadlines. For the details on how to make this appeal, go to Chapter 9.

CHAPTER 8:
Your rights and responsibilities

SECTION 1 Our plan must honor your rights and cultural sensitivities

Section 1.1 We must provide information in a way that works for you and consistent with your cultural sensitivities (in languages other than English, braille, large print, or other alternate formats, etc.)

Our plan is required to ensure that all services, both clinical and non-clinical, are provided in a culturally competent manner and are accessible to all enrollees, including those with limited English proficiency, limited reading skills, hearing incapacity, or those with diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Examples of how our plan may meet these accessibility requirements include, but aren't limited to, provision of translator services, interpreter services, teletypewriters, or TTY (text telephone or teletypewriter phone) connection.

Our plan has free interpreter services available to answer questions from non-English speaking members. We can also give you information in Spanish, braille, in large print, or other alternate formats at no cost if you need it. We're required to give you information about our plan's benefits in a format that's accessible and appropriate for you. To get information from us in a way that works for you, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

Our plan is required to give female enrollees the option of direct access to a women's health specialist within the network for women's routine and preventive health care services.

If providers in our plan's network for a specialty aren't available, it's our plan's responsibility to locate specialty providers outside the network who will provide you with the necessary care. In this case, you'll only pay in-network cost sharing. If you find yourself in a situation where there are no specialists in our plan's network that cover a service you need, call our plan for information on where to go to get this service at in-network cost sharing.

If you have any trouble getting information from our plan in a format that's accessible and appropriate for you, seeing a women's health specialist or finding a network specialist, call to file a grievance with Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). You can also file a complaint with Medicare by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or directly with the Office for Civil Rights 1-800-368-1019 or TTY 1-800-537-7697.

Sección 1.1 Debemos proveer información en un modo que funcione para usted y consistente con sus sensibilidades culturales (en un idioma que no sea español, en braille, en letra agrandada u otros formatos alternos, etc.)

Nuestro plan está obligado a garantizar que todos los servicios, tanto clínicos como no clínicos, se brinden de una manera culturalmente competente y sean accesibles para todos los afiliados, incluidos aquellos con dominio limitado del inglés, habilidades limitadas de lectura, discapacidad auditiva o aquellos con diversidad cultural y orígenes étnicos. Los ejemplos de cómo un plan puede cumplir con estos requisitos de accesibilidad incluyen, entre otros, proveer servicios de traducción, de interpretación, teletipos o conexión TTY (teléfono de texto o teletipo).

Nuestro plan tiene disponibles servicios de intérprete gratuitos para responder preguntas de afiliados que no hablan español. También le podemos ofrecer información en inglés, braille, letra agrandada u otros formatos alternos, libres de costo, de necesitarlos. Se nos requiere entregarle información sobre los beneficios del plan en un formato accesible y apropiado para usted. Para obtener la información en un formato adecuado para usted, por favor comuníquese con Servicios al Afiliado al 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (libre de cargos) (Usuarios de TTY llamen al 711).

Nuestro plan está obligado a brindar a las mujeres afiliadas la opción de acceso directo a un especialista en salud de la mujer dentro de la red para los servicios de cuidado médico preventivo y de rutina de la mujer.

Si los proveedores de la red del plan para una especialidad no están disponibles, es responsabilidad del plan encontrar proveedores especializados fuera de la red que le brindarán el cuidado necesario. En este caso, solo pagará el costo compartido dentro de la red. Si se encuentra en una situación en la que no hay especialistas en la red del plan que cubran un servicio que necesita, llame al plan para obtener información sobre dónde acudir para obtener este servicio con costos compartidos dentro de la red.

Si tiene alguna dificultad para obtener información sobre nuestro plan en un formato que sea accesible y apropiado para usted, consultar con un especialista en salud femenina o encontrar un especialista de la red, por favor llame para presentar una querella con Servicios al Afiliado al 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (libre de cargos) (Usuarios de TTY llamen al 711). Usted también puede presentar una queja con Medicare llamando al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) o directamente con la Oficina de Derechos Civiles 1-800-368-1019 ó TTY 1-800-537-7697.

Section 1.2 We must ensure you get timely access to covered services and drugs

You have the right to choose a primary care provider (PCP) in our plan's network to provide and arrange for your covered services. You also have the right to go to a women's health specialist (such as a gynecologist) without a referral.

You have the right to get appointments and covered services from our plan's network of providers *within a reasonable amount of time*. This includes the right to get timely services from

specialists when you need that care. You also have the right to get your prescriptions filled or refilled at any of our network pharmacies without long delays.

If you think that you aren't getting your medical care or Part D drugs within a reasonable amount of time, Chapter 9 tells what you can do.

Section 1.3 We must protect the privacy of your personal health information

Federal and state laws protect the privacy of your medical records and personal health information. We protect your personal health information as required by these laws.

- Your personal health information includes the personal information you gave us when you enrolled in this plan as well as your medical records and other medical and health information.
- You have rights related to your information and controlling how your health information is used. We give you a written notice, called a *Notice of Privacy Practice*, that tells about these rights and explains how we protect the privacy of your health information.

How do we protect the privacy of your health information?

- We make sure that unauthorized people don't see or change your records.
- Except for the circumstances noted below, if we intend to give your health information to anyone who isn't providing your care or paying for your care, *we are required to get written permission from you or someone you've given legal power to make decisions for you first.*
- There are certain exceptions that don't require us to get your written permission first. These exceptions are allowed or required by law.
    - We are required to release health information to government agencies that are checking on quality of care.
    - Because you're a member of our plan through Medicare, we are required to give Medicare your health information including information about your Part D prescription drugs. If Medicare releases your information for research or other uses, this will be done according to federal statutes and regulations; typically, this requires that information that uniquely identifies you not be shared.

You can see the information in your records and know how it's been shared with others

You have the right to look at your medical records held at our plan, and to get a copy of your records. We're allowed to charge you a fee for making copies. You also have the right to ask us to make additions or corrections to your medical records. If you ask us to do this, we'll work with your health care provider to decide whether the changes should be made.

You have the right to know how your health information has been shared with others for any purposes that aren't routine.

If you have questions or concerns about the privacy of your personal health information, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

I. NOPP Issued Upon Enrollment

Notice of Privacy Practices

Important information about your rights and our responsibilities

Protecting your personal health information is important. Each year, we're required to send you specific information about your rights and some of our duties to help keep your information safe. This notice combines three of these required yearly communications:

- State notice of privacy practices
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) notice of privacy practices
- Breast reconstruction surgery benefits

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State Notice of Privacy Practices

When it comes to handling your health information, we follow relevant state laws, which are sometimes stricter than the federal HIPAA privacy law. This notice:

- Explains your rights and our duties under state law.
- Applies to health, dental, vision and life insurance benefits you may have.

Your state may give you additional rights to limit sharing your health information. Please call the Member Services phone number on your ID card for more details.

Your personal information

Your nonpublic (private) personal information (PI) identifies you and it's often gathered in an insurance matter. You have the right to see and correct your PI. We may collect, use and share your PI as described in this notice. Our goal is to protect your PI because your information can be used to make judgments about your health, finances, character, habits, hobbies, reputation, career, and credit.

We may receive your PI from others, such as doctors, hospitals or other insurance companies. We may also share your PI with others outside our company — without your approval, in some cases. But we take reasonable measures to protect your information. If an activity requires us to give you a chance to opt out, we'll let you know, and we'll let you know how to tell us you don't want your PI used or shared for an activity you can opt out of.

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL, VISION AND DENTAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED, AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

We keep the health and financial information of our current and former members private as required by law, accreditation standards and our own internal rules. We're also required by federal law to give you this notice to explain your rights and our legal duties and privacy practices.

Your protected health information

There are times we may collect, use, and share your Protected Health Information (PHI) as allowed or required by law, including the HIPAA Privacy rule. Here are some of those times:

Payment: We collect, use, and share PHI to take care of your account and benefits, or to pay claims for healthcare you get through your plan.

Healthcare operations: We collect, use, and share PHI for our healthcare operations.

Treatment activities: We don't provide treatment, but we collect, use, and share information about your treatment to offer services that may help you, including sharing information with others providing you treatment.

Examples of ways we use your information:

- We keep information on file about your premium and deductible payments.
- We may give information to a doctor's office to confirm your benefits.
- We may share explanation of benefits (EOB) with the subscriber of your plan for payment purposes.
- We may share PHI with your doctor or hospital so that they may treat you.
- We may use PHI to review the quality of care and services you get.
- We may use PHI to help you with services for conditions like asthma, diabetes or traumatic injury.
- We may collect and use publicly and/or commercially available data about you to support you and help you get health plan benefits and services.
- We may use your PHI to create, use or share de-identified data as allowed by HIPAA.
- We may also use and share PHI directly or indirectly with health information exchanges for payment, healthcare operations and treatment. If you don't want your PHI to be shared in these situations, visit www.mmmpr.com for more information.

Sharing your PHI with you: We must give you access to your own PHI. We may also contact you about treatment options or other health-related benefits and services. When you or your dependents reach a certain age, we may tell you about other plans or programs for which you may be eligible, including individual coverage. We may also send you reminders about routine medical checkups and tests. You may get emails that have limited PHI, such as welcome materials. We'll ask your permission before we contact you.

Sharing your PHI with others: In most cases, if we use or share your PHI outside of treatment, payment, operations, or research activities, we have to get you're okay in writing first. We must also get your written permission before:

- Using your PHI for certain marketing activities.
- Selling your PHI.
- Sharing any psychotherapy notes from your doctor or therapist.

We may also need your written permission for other situations not mentioned above. You always have the right to cancel any written permission you have given at any time.

You have the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share information with your family, close friends or others involved with your current treatment or payment for your care.
- Share information in an emergency or disaster relief situation.

If you can't tell us your preference, for example in an emergency or if you're unconscious, we may share your PHI if we believe it's in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and likely threat to your health or safety.

Other reasons we may use or share your information:

We are allowed, and in some cases required, to share your information in other ways — usually for the good of the public, such as public health and research. We can share your information for these specific purposes:

- Helping with public health and safety issues, such as:
  - Preventing disease
  - Helping with product recalls
  - Reporting adverse reactions to medicines
  - Reporting suspected abuse neglect, or domestic violence
  - Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety
- Doing health research.
- Obeying the law if it requires sharing your information.
- Responding to organ donation groups for research and certain reasons.
- Addressing workers' compensation, law enforcement and other government requests, and to alert proper authorities if we believe you may be a victim of abuse or other crimes.
- Responding to lawsuits and legal actions.
- Responding to the Secretary of Human and Health Services for HIPAA rules compliance and enforcement purposes.

If you're enrolled with us through an employer, we may share your PHI with your group health plan. If the employer pays your premium or part of it, but doesn't pay your health insurance claims, your employer can only have your PHI for permitted reasons and is required by law to protect it.

Authorization: We'll get your written permission before we use or share your PHI for any purpose not stated in this notice. You may cancel your permission at any time, in writing. We will then stop using your PHI for that purpose. But if we've already used or shared your PHI with your permission, we cannot undo any actions we took before you told us to stop.

Genetic information: We cannot use your genetic information to decide whether we'll give you coverage or decide the price of that coverage.

Race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, and gender identity: We may collect, infer, receive and/or maintain race, ethnicity, language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity information about you and protect this information as described in this notice. We may use this information to help you, including identifying your specific needs, developing programs and educational materials, and offering interpretation services. We don't use race, ethnicity, language, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity information to decide whether we'll give you coverage, what kind of coverage and the price of that coverage. We don't share this information with unauthorized persons.

Please note MMM Healthcare, LLC ("MMM") and its subsidiaries comply with Executive Order 14168.

Your rights

Under federal law, you have the right to:

- Send us a written request to see or get a copy of your PHI, including a request for a copy of your PHI through email. Remember, there's a risk your PHI could be read by a third party when it's sent unencrypted, meaning regular email. So, we will first confirm that you want to get your PHI by unencrypted email before sending it to you. We will provide you a copy of your PHI usually within 30 days of your request. If we need more time, we will let you know.
- Ask that we correct your PHI that you believe is wrong or incomplete. If someone else, such as your doctor, gave us the PHI, we'll let you know so you can ask him or her to correct it. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.
- Send us a written request not to use your PHI for treatment, payment, or healthcare operations activities. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing.
- Request confidential communications. You can ask us to send your PHI or contact you using other ways that are reasonable. Also, let us know if you want us to send your mail to a different address if sending it to your home could put you in danger.
- Send us a written request to ask us for a list of those with whom we've shared your PHI. We will provide you a list usually within 60 days of your request. If we need more time, we will let you know.

- Ask for a restriction for services you pay for out of your own pocket: If you pay in full for any medical services out of your own pocket, you have the right to ask for a restriction. The restriction would prevent the use or sharing of that PHI for treatment, payment, or operations reasons. If you or your provider submits a claim to us, we may not agree to a restriction (see "Your rights" above). If a law requires sharing your information, we don't have to agree to your restriction.
- Call Member Services at the phone number on your ID card to use any of these rights. A representative can give you the address to send the request. They can also give you any forms we have that may help you with this process.

How we protect information

We're dedicated to protecting your PHI, and we've set up a number of policies and information practices to help keep your PHI secure and private. If we believe your PHI has been breached, we must let you know.

We keep your oral, written, and electronic PHI safe using the right procedures, and through physical and electronic ways. These safety measures follow federal and state laws. Some of the ways we keep your PHI safe include securing offices that hold PHI, password-protecting computers, and locking storage areas and filing cabinets. We require our employees to protect PHI through written policies and procedures. These policies limit access to PHI to only those employees who need the data to do their jobs. Employees are also required to wear ID badges to help keep unauthorized people out of areas where your PHI is kept. Also, where required by law, our business partners must protect the privacy of data we share with them as they work with us. They're not allowed to give your PHI to others without your written permission unless the law allows it and it's stated in this notice.

Potential impact of other applicable laws

HIPAA, the federal privacy law, generally doesn't cancel other laws that give people greater privacy protections. As a result, if any state or federal privacy law requires us to give you more privacy protections, then we must follow that law in addition to HIPAA. One example is with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Information we may receive from Providers or programs regulated by federal law (42 CFR Part 2). All disclosures of such SUD information must comply with applicable Federal and State privacy laws, including 42 CFR Part 2. We are allowed to Use and Disclose SUD information for certain Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations activities. You have the right to consent to the disclosure of SUD information in certain circumstances. You can revoke this consent in writing at any time.

Your Part 2 SUD records (or someone's testimony about what those records say) cannot be used or shared in a case against you in civil, criminal, administrative, or legislative proceedings unless:

- You give written permission, or
- A court orders the disclosure and the order is accompanied by a subpoena or similar legal requirement, and you (or the person holding your SUD records) are given notice and a chance to speak to the court before the records are shared.

To see more information

To read more information about how we collect and use your information, your privacy rights, and details about other state and federal privacy laws, please visit our Privacy web page at https://www.mmmpr.com/.

Calling or texting you

We, including our affiliates and/or vendors, may call or text you by using an automatic telephone dialing system and/or an artificial voice. But we only do this in accordance with the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). The calls may be about treatment options or other health-related benefits and services for you. If you don't want to be contacted by phone, just let the caller know or call 787-620-2397, 866-333-5470 (free of charge), 711 (TTY) to add your phone number to our Do Not Call list. We will then no longer call or text you.

Complaints

If you think we haven't protected your privacy, you can file a complaint with us at the Member Services phone number on your ID Card. You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by visiting U.S Department of Health and Human Services- Office of Civil Rights website. . We will not take action against you for filing a complaint.

Contact information

You may call us at the Member Services phone number on your ID card. Our representatives can help you apply your rights, file a complaint, or talk with you about privacy issues.

Copies and changes

You have the right to get a new copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to get this notice by electronic means, you still have the right to ask for a paper copy. We reserve the right to change this notice. A revised notice will apply to PHI we already have about you, as well as any PHI we may get in the future. We're required by law to follow the privacy notice that's in effect at this time. We may tell you about any changes to our notice through a newsletter, our website or a letter.

Effective date of this notice

The original effective date of this Notice was April 14, 2003. The most recent revision is noted in the footer at the end of this document.

Breast Reconstruction Surgery Benefits

A mastectomy that's covered by your health plan includes benefits that comply with the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, which provides for:

- Reconstruction of the breast(s) that underwent a covered mastectomy.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to restore a symmetrical appearance.
- Prostheses and coverage for physical complications related to all stages of a covered mastectomy, including lymphedema.

You'll pay your usual deductible, copay and/or coinsurance. For details, contact your plan administrator.

For more information about the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act, go to the United States Department of Labor website at http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/whcra.

It's Important We Treat You Fairly

We follow federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. If you have disabilities, we offer free aids and services. If your main language isn't English, we offer help for free through interpreters and other written languages. Call the Member Services number on your ID card for help (711 TTY/TDD, hearing impaired).

If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint through one of these ways:

- Write to Compliance Coordinator, P.O. Box 27401, Mail Drop VA2002-N160 Richmond, VA 23279.
- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201.
- Call 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1-800-537-7697).
- Go online at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/smartscreen/main.jsf and fill out a complaint form at https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/complaints/index.html.

Get help in your language

One more right that you have is to get this information in your language for free. If you'd like extra help to understand this in another language, call the Member Services number on your ID card. (711 TTY/TDD, hearing impaired).

Aside from helping you understand your privacy rights in another language, we also offer this notice in a different format for members with visual impairments. If you need a different format, please call the Member Services number on your ID card.

Section 1.4 We must give you information about our plan, our network of providers, and your covered services

As a member of *PMC Premier Platino*, you have the right to get several kinds of information from us.

If you want any of the following kinds of information, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711):

- **Information about our plan**. This includes, for example, information about our plan's financial condition.
- **Information about our network providers and pharmacies.** You have the right to get information about the qualifications of the providers and pharmacies in our network and how we pay the providers in our network.
- **Information about your coverage and the rules you must follow when using your coverage.** Chapters 3 and 4 provide information regarding medical services. Chapters 5 and 6 provide information about Part D drug coverage.
- **Information about why something isn't covered and what you can do about it.** Chapter 9 provides information on asking for a written explanation on why a medical service or Part D drug isn't covered or if your coverage is restricted. Chapter 9 also provides information on asking us to change a decision, also called an appeal.

Section 1.5 You have the right to know about your treatment options and participate in decisions about your care

You have the right to get full information from your doctors and other health care providers. Your providers must explain your medical condition and your treatment choices *in a way that you can understand*.

You also have the right to participate fully in decisions about your health care. To help you make decisions with your doctors about what treatment is best for you, your rights include the following:

- **To know about all your choices.** You have the right to be told about all treatment options recommended for your condition, no matter what they cost or whether they're covered by our plan. It also includes being told about programs our plan offers to help members manage their medications and use drugs safely.

- **To know about the risks.** You have the right to be told about any risks involved in your care. You must be told in advance if any proposed medical care or treatment is part of a research experiment. You always have the choice to refuse any experimental treatments.
- **The right to say "no."** You have the right to refuse any recommended treatment. This includes the right to leave a hospital or other medical facility, even if your doctor advises you not to leave. You also have the right to stop taking your medication. If you refuse treatment or stop taking medication, you accept full responsibility for what happens to your body as a result.

You have the right to give instructions about what's to be done if you can't make medical decisions for yourself

Sometimes people become unable to make health care decisions for themselves due to accidents or serious illness. You have the right to say what you want to happen if you're in this situation. This means *if you want to*, you can:

- Fill out a written form to give **someone the legal authority to make medical decisions for you** if you ever become unable to make decisions for yourself.
- **Give your doctors written instructions** about how you want them to handle your medical care if you become unable to make decisions for yourself.

Legal documents you can use to give directions in advance in these situations are called **advance directives**. Documents like a **living will** and **power of attorney for health care** are examples of advance directives.

How to set up an advance directive to give instructions:

Get a form. You can get an advance directive form from your lawyer, a social worker, or some office supply stores. You can sometimes get advance directive forms from organizations that give people information about Medicare. You can also call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) to ask for the forms.

- **Fill out the form and sign it.** No matter where you get this form, it's a legal document. Consider having a lawyer help you prepare it.
- **Give copies of the form to the right people.** Give a copy of the form to your doctor and to the person you name on the form who can make decisions for you if you can't. You may want to give copies to close friends or family members. Keep a copy at home.

If you know ahead of time that you're going to be hospitalized, and you signed an advance directive, **take a copy with you to the hospital**.

- The hospital will ask whether you signed an advance directive form and whether you have it with you.
- If you didn't sign an advance directive form, the hospital has forms available and will ask if you want to sign one.

Filling out an advance directive is your choice (including whether you want to sign one if you're in the hospital). According to law, no one can deny you care or discriminate against you based on whether or not you signed an advance directive.

Advance Directives Requirements in Puerto Rico:

Every person of legal age (21 years old and over), capable for all legal purposes, has the right to declare its desire or will with respect to its medical treatment. Pursuant to Puerto Rico law (Act. 160-2001). Every person interested in giving advance directives must prepare a statement complying with the following requirements:

- Be in writing, signed and sworn in the presence of a notary public.
- In the alternative, the declarant may make the statement in the presence of a physician and two competent witnesses, who are not heirs of the declarant, and who do not participate in the direct care of the patient.
- Declare in the statement the voluntary nature of the directives.
- Must include the date, time, and place where the directives are executed.

The document can also express any other orders relating to medical care that will be professionally evaluated by the doctors in charge of the person's treatment. It can include the designation of someone to make decisions for you regarding the acceptance or rejection of treatment, in the event you are unable to communicate on your own behalf.

You also must provide a copy of the advanced directives to your physician, or to the institution providing your health care services. Keep in mind that you must comply with all the requirements established by Law in order to the advance directives be legally binding. Therefore, your advance directives regarding your medical treatment must specify that they were voluntarily provided, indicate the date, time and place where the statement was executed, and signed and sworn before a notary public, or made before a physician and two witnesses, as previously indicated.

If your instructions aren't followed

If you sign an advance directive and you believe that a doctor or hospital did not follow the instructions in it, you can file a complaint with Puerto Rico Office of the Patient's Advocate, PO Box 11247, San Juan PR 00910-2347. You may contact them at 787-977-0909 and 1-800-981-0031, or www.opp.pr.gov for more information.

Section 1.6 You have the right to make complaints and ask us to reconsider decisions we made

If you have any problems, concerns, or complaints and need to ask for coverage, or make an appeal, Chapter 9 of this document tells what you can do. Whatever you do—ask for a coverage decision, make an appeal, or make a complaint—**we're required to treat you fairly**.

Section 1.7 If you believe you're being treated unfairly, or your rights aren't being respected

If you believe you've been treated unfairly or your rights haven't been respected due to your race, disability, religion, sex, health, ethnicity, creed (beliefs), age, or national origin, call the Department of Health and Human Services' **Office for Civil Rights** at 1-800-368-1019 (TTY users call 1-800-537-7697), or call your local Office for Civil Rights.

If you believe you've been treated unfairly or your rights haven't been respected *and* it's *not* about discrimination, you can get help dealing with the problem you're having from these places:

- **Call our plan's Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711)**
- **Call your local SHIP** at 787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300
- **Call Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048)

Section 1.8 How to get more information about your rights

Get more information about your rights from these places:

- **Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711)**
- **Call your local SHIP** at 787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300
- **Contact Medicare**
  - Visit Medicare.gov to read the publication *Medicare Rights & Protections* (available at: Medicare Rights & Protections)
  - Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048)

SECTION 2 Your responsibilities as a member of our plan

Things you need to do as a member of our plan are listed below. For questions, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

- **Get familiar with your covered services and the rules you must follow to get these covered services**. Use this *Evidence of Coverage* to learn what's covered and the rules you need to follow to get covered services.
  - Chapters 3 and 4 give details about medical services.
  - Chapters 5 and 6 give details about Part D drug coverage.
- **If you have any other health coverage or drug coverage in addition to our plan, you're required to tell us.** Chapter 1 tells you about coordinating these benefits.
- **Tell your doctor and other health care providers that you're enrolled in our plan.** Show our plan membership card whenever you get medical care or Part D drugs.
- **Help your doctors and other providers help you by giving them information, asking questions, and following through on your care.**
  - To help get the best care, tell your doctors and other health providers about your health problems. Follow the treatment plans and instructions you and your doctors agree on.
  - Make sure your doctors know all the drugs you're taking, including over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and supplements.
  - If you have questions, be sure to ask and get an answer you can understand.
- **Be considerate.** We expect our members to respect the rights of other patients. We also expect you to act in a way that helps the smooth running of your doctor's office, hospitals, and other offices.
- **Pay what you owe**. As a plan member, you're responsible for these payments:
  - You must continue to pay your Medicare premiums to stay a member of our plan.
  - For most of your medical services or drugs covered by our plan, you must pay your share of the cost when you get the service or drug.
- **If you move *within* our plan service area, we need to know** so we can keep your membership record up to date and know how to contact you.
- **If you move *outside* our plan service area, you can't stay a member of our plan.**
- **If you move, tell Social Security (or the Railroad Retirement Board).**

SECTION 3 MMM Healthcare, LLC contracts with the Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES) to provide the Medicare Platino Program.

MMM Healthcare must comply with any applicable Federal and Puerto Rico laws and regulations that pertain to Enrollee rights, including those set forth in the Medicaid regulation, the Puerto Rico Patient's Bill of Rights Act 194 of August 25, 2000; the Puerto Rico Mental Health Law Act 408 of October 2, 2000, as amended and implemented; and Law 77 of July 24, 2013 which created the Office of the Patient Advocate.

Section 3.1 Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Be treated with respect and in a dignified way.
- Get written information from your Insurer in English and Spanish and translated into any other language. You also have the right to get written information in an alternative format. Afterwards, you have the right to get all future written information in that same format or language, unless you tell your Insurer otherwise.
- Get information about your Insurer, health care facilities, health care professionals, health services covered, and how to access services.
- Choose a PCP, and other doctors and providers.
- Choose a dentist and a pharmacy among your plan's network.
- Contact your doctors when you want to and in private.
- Get medically necessary care that is right for you, when you need it. This includes getting emergency services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Be told in an easy-to-understand way about your care and all of the different kinds of treatment that could work for you, no matter what they cost or even if they aren't covered.
- Help to make decisions about your health care. You can turn down care.
- Ask for a second opinion for a diagnosis or treatment plan.
- Make an Advanced Directive. See section 1.5 for more information.

- Get care without fear of physical restraint or seclusion used for bullying, discipline, convenience or revenge.
- Ask for and get information about your medical records as the federal and state laws say. You can see your medical records, get copies of your medical records, and ask to correct your medical records if they are wrong.
- File a complaint or an appeal about your plan or your care. See Chapter 2 for more information. The complaint can be filed directly with your plan or in the Patience Advocate office.
- Get services without being treated in a different way because of race, color, birthplace, language, sex, age, religion, or disability. You have a right to file a complaint if you think you have been treated unfairly. If you complain or appeal, you have the right to keep getting care without fear of bad treatment from your plan, or providers.
- Choose an Authorized Representative to be involved in making decisions.
- Provide informed consent.
- Only have to pay the amounts for services listed in Chapter 4. You can't be charged more than those amounts.
- Be free from harassment by your plan or its Network Providers with respect to contractual disputes between the plan and its Providers.

Section 3.2 Your Responsibilities

You have the responsibility to:

- Understand the information in your guide and other papers that your plan sends you.
- Give your doctor your health records and let them know about any changes in your health so that they can take care of you.
- Follow your doctor's instructions. If you can't follow your doctor's instructions, let them know.
- Let your doctor know if you don't understand something.
- Help to make decisions about your health care.
- Communicate your Advance Directive so your doctors know how you want to be treated if you are too sick to say so.

- Treat your health care provider and your Insurer's staff with respect and dignity.
- Let your Insurer know if you have another insurance company that should pay your medical care.
- Let ASES know if you find out about a case of fraud and abuse in your plan Medicare Platino.

CHAPTER 9: If you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)

SECTION 1 What to do if you have a problem or concern

This chapter explains the processes for handling problems and concerns. The process you use to handle your problem depends on the type of problem you're having:

- For some problems, you need to use the **process for coverage decisions and appeals**.
- For other problems, you need to use the **process for making complaints** (also called grievances).

Each process has a set of rules, procedures, and deadlines that must be followed by us and by you.

Section 3 will help you identify the right process to use and what you should do.

Section 1.1 Legal terms

There are legal terms for some of the rules, procedures, and types of deadlines explained in this chapter. Many of these terms are unfamiliar to most people. To make things easier, this chapter uses more familiar words in place of some legal terms.

However, it's sometimes important to know the correct legal terms. To help you know which terms to use to get the right help or information, we include these legal terms when we give details for handling specific situations.

SECTION 2 Where to get more information and personalized help

We're always available to help you. Even if you have a complaint about our treatment of you, we're obligated to honor your right to complain. You should always call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) for help. In some situations, you may also want help or guidance from someone who isn't connected with us. Two organizations that can help are:

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

Each state has a government program with trained counselors. The program isn't connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. The counselors at this program can help you understand which process you should use to handle a problem you're having. They can also answer questions, give you more information, and offer guidance on what to do.

The services of SHIP counselors are free. Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly: 787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Medicare

You can also contact Medicare for help:

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.
- Visit Medicare.gov

You can get help and information from Medicaid

If you have questions about the help you get from Medicaid, contact the Department of Health (Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program).

Department of Health (Puerto Rico's Medicaid program) – Contact Information	
Call	787-641-4224 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TTY	787-625-6955 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Health Medicaid Program PO Box 70184 San Juan, PR 00936-8184 prmedicaid2@salud.pr.gov
Website	https://medicaid.pr.gov

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly helps people enrolled in Medicaid with service or billing problems. They can help you file a grievance or appeal with our plan.

Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly – Contact Information	
Call	787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300 1-800-981-0056 (Mayagüez Region) 1-800-981-7735 (Ponce Region) Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
TTY	787-919-7291 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**Office of Ombudsman for Elderly** **State Health Insurance Assistance Program** PO Box 191179 San Juan, PR 00919-1179
Website	www.oppea.pr.gov

Commence Health, has a group of doctors and other health care professionals paid by Medicare to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare.

Commence Health (Puerto Rico's Quality Improvement Organization) – Contact Information	
Call	787-520-5743 1-866-815-5440 Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Weekends and holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**BFCC-QIO Program** Commence Health PO Box 2687 Virginia Beach, VA 23454
Website	https://www.commencehealthqio.cms.gov/en

SECTION 3 Understanding Medicare and Medicaid complaints and appeals

You have Medicare and get help from Medicaid. Information in this chapter applies to **all** your Medicare and Medicaid benefits. This is called an integrated process because it combines, or integrates, Medicare and Medicaid processes.

Sometimes the Medicare and Medicaid processes aren't combined. In those situations, use a Medicare process for a benefit covered by Medicare and a Medicaid process for a benefit covered by Medicaid. These situations are explained in **Section 6.4**.

SECTION 4 Which process to use for your problem

If you have a problem or concern, read the parts of this chapter that apply to your situation. The information below will help you find the right section of this chapter for problems or complaints about **benefits covered by Medicare or Medicaid**.

Is your problem or concern about your benefits or coverage?

This includes problems about whether medical care (medical items, services and/or Part B drugs) are covered or not, the way they're covered, and problems related to payment for medical care.

Yes.

Go to **Section 5, A guide to coverage decisions and appeals.**

No.

Go to **Section 11**, **How to make a complaint about quality of care, waiting times, customer service, or other concerns.**

Coverage decisions and appeals

SECTION 5 A guide to coverage decisions and appeals

Coverage decisions and appeals deal with problems related to your benefits and coverage for your medical care (services, items, and Part B drugs, including payment). To keep things simple, we generally refer to medical items, services, and Medicare Part B drugs as **medical care**. You may use the coverage decision and appeals process for issues such as whether something is covered or not and the way in which something is covered.

Asking for coverage decisions before you get services

If you want to know if we'll cover medical care before you get it, you can ask us to make a coverage decision for you. A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we'll pay for your medical care. For example, if our plan network doctor refers you to a medical specialist not inside the network, this referral is considered a favorable coverage decision unless either you or your network doctor can show that you got a standard denial notice for this medical specialist, or the *Evidence of Coverage* makes it clear that the referred service is never covered under any condition. You or your doctor can also contact us and ask for a coverage decision if your doctor is unsure whether we'll cover a particular medical service or refuse to provide medical care you think you need.

In limited circumstances a request for a coverage decision will be dismissed, which means we won't review the request. Examples of when a request will be dismissed include if the request is incomplete, if someone makes the request on your behalf but isn't legally authorized to do so or if you ask for your request to be withdrawn. If we dismiss a request for a coverage decision, we'll send a notice explaining why the request was dismissed and how to ask for a review of the dismissal.

We make a coverage decision whenever we decide what's covered for you and how much we pay. In some cases, we might decide medical care isn't covered or is no longer covered for you. If you disagree with this coverage decision, you can make an appeal.

Making an appeal

If we make a coverage decision, whether before or after you get a benefit, and you aren't satisfied, you can **appeal** the decision. An appeal is a formal way of asking us to review and change a coverage decision we made. Under certain circumstances, you can ask for an expedited or **fast appeal** of a coverage decision. Your appeal is handled by different reviewers than those who made the original decision.

When you appeal a decision for the first time, this is called a Level 1 appeal. In this appeal, we review the coverage decision we made to check to see if we properly followed the rules. When we complete the review, we give you our decision.

In limited circumstances, a request for a Level 1 appeal will be dismissed, which means we won't review the request. Examples of when a request will be dismissed include if the request is incomplete, if someone makes the request on your behalf but isn't legally authorized to do so, or if you ask for your request to be withdrawn. If we dismiss a request for a Level 1 appeal, we'll send a notice explaining why the request was dismissed and how to ask for a review of the dismissal.

If we say no to all or part of your Level 1 appeal for medical care, your appeal will automatically go on to a Level 2 appeal conducted by an independent review organization not connected to us.

- You don't need to do anything to start a Level 2 appeal. Medicare rules require we automatically send your appeal for medical care to Level 2 if we don't fully agree with your Level 1 appeal.
- Go to **Section 6.4** of this chapter for more information about Level 2 appeals for medical care.
- Part D appeals are discussed in Section 7 of this chapter.

If you aren't satisfied with the decision at the Level 2 appeal, you may be able to continue through additional levels of appeal (this chapter explains the Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals processes).

Section 5.1 Get help asking for a coverage decision or making an appeal

Here are resources if you decide to ask for any kind of coverage decision or appeal a decision:

- **Call Member Services at** 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711)
- **Get free help** from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program
- **Your doctor or other health care provider can make a request for you.** If your doctor helps with an appeal past Level 2, they need to be appointed as your representative. Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *Appointment of Representative* form. (The form is also available at CMS.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf or on our website at www.mmmpr.com.)
    - For medical care, your doctor or other health care provider can ask for a coverage decision or a Level 1 appeal on your behalf. If your appeal is denied at Level 1, it'll be automatically forwarded to Level 2.
    - If your doctor or other health provider asks that a service or item that you're already getting be continued during your appeal, you **may** need to name your doctor or other prescriber as your representative to act on your behalf.
    - For Part D drugs, your doctor or other prescriber can ask for a coverage decision or a Level 1 appeal on your behalf. If your Level 1 appeal is denied, your doctor or prescriber can ask for a Level 2 appeal.
- **You can ask someone to act on your behalf.** You can name another person to act for you as your representative to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal.

If you want a friend, relative, or other person to be your representative, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *Appointment of Representative* form. (The form is also available at CMS.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms1696.pdf or on our website at www.mmmpr.com.) This form gives that person permission to act on your behalf. It must be signed by you and the person you want to act on your behalf. You must give us a copy of the signed form.

We can accept an appeal request from a representative without the form, but we can't begin or complete our review until we get it. If we don't get the form before our deadline for making a decision on your appeal, your appeal request will be dismissed. If this happens, we'll send you a written notice explaining your right to ask the independent review organization to review our decision to dismiss your appeal.

- **You also have the right to hire a lawyer.** You can contact your own lawyer or get the name of a lawyer from your local bar association or other referral service. There are also groups that will give you free legal services if you qualify. However, **you aren't required to hire a lawyer** to ask for any kind of coverage decision or appeal a decision.

Section 5.2 Rules and deadlines for different situations

There are 4 different situations that involve coverage decisions and appeals. Each situation has different rules and deadlines, we give the details for each of these situations:

- **Section 6:** "Medical care: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal"
- **Section 7:** "Part D drugs: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal"
- **Section 8:** "How to ask us to cover a longer inpatient hospital stay if you think you're being discharged too soon"
- **Section 9:** "How to ask us to keep covering certain medical services if you think your coverage is ending too soon" (*Applies only to these services:* home health care, skilled nursing facility care, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services)

If you're not sure which information applies to you, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). You can also get help or information from your SHIP.

SECTION 6 Medical care: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal

Section 6.1 What to do if you have problems getting coverage for medical care or want us to pay you back for our share of the cost of your care

Your benefits for medical care are described in Chapter 4 in the Medical Benefits Chart. In some cases, different rules apply to a request for a Part B drug. In those cases, we'll explain how the rules for Part B drugs are different from the rules for medical items and services.

This section tells what you can do if you're in any of the 5 following situations:

1. You aren't getting certain medical care you want, and you believe our plan covers this care. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 6.2.**

2. Our plan won't approve the medical care your doctor or other health care provider wants to give you, and you believe our plan covers this care. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 6.2.**
3. You got medical care that you believe our plan should cover, but we said we won't pay for this care. **Make an appeal. Section 6.3.**
4. You got and paid for medical care that you believe our plan should cover, and you want to ask our plan to reimburse you for this care. **Send us the bill. Section 6.5.**
5. You're told that coverage for certain medical care you've been getting (that we previously approved) will be reduced or stopped, and you believe that reducing or stopping this care could harm your health. **Make an appeal. Section 6.3.**

   Note: If the coverage that will be stopped is for hospital care, home health care, skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services, go to Sections 8 and 9. Special rules apply to these types of care.

Section 6.2 How to ask for a coverage decision

Legal Terms:

A coverage decision that involves your medical care is called an **organization determination**.

A **fast coverage decision** is called an **expedited determination**.

Step 1: Decide if you need a standard coverage decision or a fast coverage decision.

A standard coverage decision is usually made within 7 calendar days when the medical item or service is subject to our prior authorization rules, 14 calendar days for all other medical items and services, or 72 hours for Part B drugs. A fast coverage decision is generally made within 72 hours, for medical services, 24 hours for Part B drugs.

- You can get a fast coverage decision *only* if using the standard deadlines could *cause serious harm to your health or hurt your ability to function.*
- **If your doctor tells us that your health requires a fast coverage decision, we'll automatically agree to give you a fast coverage decision.**
- **If you ask for a fast coverage decision on your own, without your doctor's support, we'll decide whether your health requires that we give you a fast coverage decision.** If we don't approve a fast coverage decision, we'll send you a letter that:
  - Explains that we'll use the standard deadlines.
  - Explains if your doctor asks for the fast coverage decision, we'll automatically give you a fast coverage decision.

- Explains that you can file a fast complaint about our decision to give you a standard coverage decision instead of the fast coverage decision you asked for.

Step 2: Ask our plan to make a coverage decision or fast coverage decision.

- Start by calling, writing, or faxing our plan to make your request for us to authorize or provide coverage for the medical care you want. You, your doctor, or your representative can do this. Chapter 2 has contact information.

Step 3: We consider your request for medical care coverage and give you our answer.

For standard coverage decisions we use the standard deadlines.

This means we'll give you an answer within 7 calendar days after we get your request **for a medical item or service that is subject to our prior authorization rules. If your requested medical item or service is not subject to our prior authorization rules, we'll give you an answer within 14 calendar days** after we get your request. If your request is for a **Part B drug**, we'll give you an answer **within 72 hours** after we get your request.

- **However,** if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.
- If you believe we *shouldn't* take extra days, you can file a fast complaint. We'll give you an answer to your complaint as soon as we make the decision. (The process for making a complaint is different from the process for coverage decisions and appeals. Go to Section 11 for information on complaints.)

For fast coverage decisions we use an expedited timeframe.

A fast coverage decision means we'll answer within 72 hours if your request is for a medical item or service. If your request is for a Part B drug, we'll answer within 24 hours.

- **However,** if you ask for more time, or if we need more that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days**. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.
- If you believe we should *not* take extra days, you can file a fast complaint. (Go to Section 11 for information on complaints.) We'll call you as soon as we make the decision.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for**, we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no.

Step 4: If we say no to your request for coverage for medical care, you can appeal.

- If we say no, you have the right to ask us to reconsider this decision by making an appeal. This means asking again to get the medical care coverage you want. If you make an appeal, it means you're going on to Level 1 of the appeals process.

Section 6.3 How to make a Level 1 appeal

Legal Terms:

An appeal to our plan about a medical care coverage decision is called a plan **reconsideration**.

A fast appeal is also called an **expedited reconsideration**.

Step 1: Decide if you need a standard appeal or a fast appeal.

A standard appeal is usually made within 30 calendar days or 7 calendar days for Part B drugs. A fast appeal is generally made within 72 hours.

- If you're appealing a decision we made about coverage for care, you and/or your doctor need to decide if you need a fast appeal. If your doctor tells us that your health requires a fast appeal, we'll give you a fast appeal.
- The requirements for getting a fast appeal are the same as those for getting a fast coverage decision in Section 6.2.

Step 2: Ask our plan for an appeal or a fast appeal

- **If you're asking for a standard appeal, submit your standard appeal in writing.** You may also ask for an appeal by calling us. Chapter 2 has contact information.
- **If you're asking for a fast appeal, make your appeal in writing or call us.** Chapter 2 has contact information.
- **You must make your appeal request within 65 calendar days** from the date on the written notice we sent to tell you our answer on the coverage decision. If you miss this deadline and have a good reason for missing it, explain the reason your appeal is late when you make your appeal. We may give you more time to make your appeal. Examples of good cause may include a serious illness that prevented you from contacting us or if we provided you with incorrect or incomplete information about the deadline for asking for an appeal.

- **You can ask for a free copy of the information regarding your medical decision. You and your doctor may add more information to support your appeal.**

If we told you we were going to stop or reduce services or items that you were already getting, you may be able to keep those services or items during your appeal.

- If we decided to change or stop coverage for a service or item that you currently get, we'll send you a notice before taking the proposed action.
- If you disagree with the action, you can file a Level 1 appeal. We'll continue covering the service or item if you ask for a Level 1 appeal within 10 calendar days of the postmark date on our letter or by the intended effective date of the action, whichever is later.
- If you meet this deadline, you can keep getting the service or item with no changes while your Level 1 appeal is pending. You'll also keep getting all other services or items (that aren't the subject of your appeal) with no changes.

Step 3: We consider your appeal and we give you our answer.

- When we are reviewing your appeal, we take a careful look at all the information. We check to see if we were following all the rules when we said no to your request.
- We'll gather more information if needed and may contact you or your doctor.

Deadlines for a fast appeal

- For fast appeals, we must give you our answer **within 72 hours after we get your appeal**. We'll give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to.
    - If you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, we **can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service**.** If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time if your request is for a Part B drug.
    - If we don't give you an answer within 72 hours (or by the end of the extended time period if we took extra days), we're required to automatically send your request to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. The independent review organization will notify you in writing when it gets your appeal. Section 6.4 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must authorize or provide the coverage we agreed to within 72 hours after we get your appeal.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for,** we'll send you our decision in writing and automatically forward your appeal to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal. The independent review organization will notify you in writing when it gets your appeal.

Deadlines for a standard appeal

- For standard appeals, we must give you our answer **within 30 calendar days** after we get your appeal. If your request is for a Part B drug you didn't get yet, we'll give you our answer **within 7 calendar days** after we get your appeal. We'll give you our decision sooner if your health condition requires us to.
    - However, if you ask for more time, or if we need more information that may benefit you, **we can take up to 14 more calendar days** if your request is for a medical item or service. If we take extra days, we'll tell you in writing. We can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.
    - If you believe we *shouldn't* take extra days, you can file a fast complaint. When you file a fast complaint, we'll give you an answer to your complaint within 24 hours. (For more information about the process for making complaints, including fast complaints, go to **Section 11**.)
    - If we don't give you an answer by the deadline (or by the end of the extended time period), we'll send your request to a Level 2 appeal where an independent review organization will review the appeal. The independent review organization will notify you in writing when it gets your appeal. Section 6.4 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must authorize or provide the coverage within **30 calendar days**, or **within 7 calendar days** if your request is for a Part B drug.
- **If our plan says no to part or all of your appeal, you have additional appeal rights.**
- If we say no to part or all of what you asked for, we'll send you a letter.
    - If your problem is about coverage of a Medicare service or item, the letter will tell you that we sent your case to the independent review organization for a Level 2 appeal.
    - If your problem is about coverage of a Medicaid service or item, the letter will tell you how to file a Level 2 appeal yourself.

Section 6.4 The Level 2 appeal process

Legal Term:

The formal name for the independent review organization is the **Independent Review Entity**. It's sometimes called the **IRE**.

The **independent review organization is an independent organization hired by Medicare**. It isn't connected with us and isn't a government agency. This organization decides whether the decision we made is correct or if it should be changed. Medicare oversees its work.

- If your problem is about a service or item that's usually **covered by Medicare**, we'll automatically send your case to Level 2 of the appeals process as soon as the Level 1 appeal is complete.
- If your problem is about a service or item that's usually **covered by Medicaid**, you can file a Level 2 appeal yourself. The letter will tell you how to do this. Information is also below.
- If your problem is about a service or item that could be **covered by both Medicare and Medicaid**, you'll automatically get a Level 2 appeal with the independent review organization. You can also ask for a Fair Hearing with the state.

If you qualified for continuation of benefits when you filed your Level 1 appeal, your benefits for the service, item, or drug under appeal may also continue during Level 2. Go to page 187 for information about continuing your benefits during Level 1 appeals.

- If your problem is about a service that's usually covered by Medicare only, your benefits for that service will not continue during the Level 2 appeals process with the independent review organization.
- If your problem is about a service that's usually covered by Medicaid, your benefits for that service will continue if you submit a Level 2 appeal within 10 calendar days after getting our plan's decision letter.

If your problem is about a service or item Medicare usually covers:

Step 1: The independent review organization reviews your appeal.

- We'll send the information about your appeal to this organization. This information is called your **case file**. **You have the right to ask us for a free copy of your case file**.
- You have a right to give the independent review organization additional information to support your appeal.
- Reviewers at the independent review organization will take a careful look at all the information related to your appeal.

If you had a fast appeal at Level 1, you'll also have a fast appeal at Level 2.

- For the fast appeal, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 72 hours** of when it gets your appeal.
- If your request is for a medical item or service and the independent review organization needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days**. If they take extra days, they will notify you in writing. The independent review organization can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.

If you had a standard appeal at Level 1, you'll also have a standard appeal at Level 2.

- For the standard appeal, if your request is for a medical item or service, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 30 calendar days** of when it gets your appeal. If your request is for a Part B drug, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 7 calendar days** of when it gets your appeal.
- If your request is for a medical item or service and the independent review organization needs to gather more information that may benefit you, **it can take up to 14 more calendar days**. If they take extra days, they will notify you in writing. The independent review organization can't take extra time to make a decision if your request is for a Part B drug.

Step 2: The independent review organization gives you its answer.

The independent review organization will tell you its decision in writing and explain the reasons for it.

- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of a request for a medical item or service,** we must authorize the medical care coverage within **72 hours** or provide the service within 14 calendar days after we get the decision from the independent review organization for **standard requests**. For **expedited requests**, we have **72 hours** from the date we get the decision from the independent review organization.
- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of a request for a Part B drug**, we must authorize or provide the Part B drug within **72 hours** after we get the decision from the independent review organization for **standard requests.** For **expedited requests** we have **24 hours** from the date we get the decision from the independent review organization
- **If the independent review organization says no to part or all of your appeal**, it means they agree with our plan that your request (or part of your request) for coverage for medical care shouldn't be approved. (This is called **upholding the decision** or **turning down your appeal**.) In this case, the independent review organization will send you a letter that:
    - Explains the decision.
    - Lets you know about your right to a Level 3 appeal if the dollar value of the medical care coverage meets a certain minimum. The written notice you get from the independent review organization will tell you the dollar amount you must meet to continue the appeals process.
    - Tells you how to file a Level 3 appeal.
- If your Level 2 appeal is turned down and you meet the requirements to continue with the appeals process, you must decide whether you want to go to Level 3 and make a third appeal. The details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal.

- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. **Section 10** in this chapter explains the process for Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals.

If your problem is about a service or item Medicaid usually covers:

Step 1: Ask for a Fair Hearing with the state.

- Level 2 of the appeals process for services usually covered by Medicaid is a Fair Hearing with the state. You must ask for a Fair Hearing in writing or over the phone **within 120 calendar days** of the date that we sent the decision letter on your Level 1 appeal. The letter you get from us will tell you where to submit your hearing request.
- Once you get the decision letter from the plan, you may ask for a Fair Hearing by yourself in writing or over the phone. Before the Fair Hearing, you may ask the plan to provide you a copy of the documents and records needed to prepare for the hearing. Also, you may request the plan to look at and copy the documents and records they will use at the Fair Hearing. We will provide the copy of the documents and records at no charge.
- You, an authorized representative, or the representative of a deceased enrollee's estate may request a fair hearing before ASES, within 120 days from receipt of the determination of the Plan. To request a fair hearing before ASES, you must do so in writing to the following address:

  Executive Director
  Puerto Rico Health Insurance Administration (ASES)
  PO Box 195661
  San Juan, Puerto Rico 00919-5661

- You must indicate your name, address, name of the provider or health care organization where you received or will receive the service under appeal, a brief description of the claim or situation why you are requesting the hearing, and send a copy of the final decision issued by the plan. ASES will make a decision within ninety (90) calendar days from the date on which you filed that appeal to the plan (we will exclude the days it took you to request your hearing before ASES). In the event that the appeal to the plan has been expedited, ASES will make a decision at the hearing on or before three (3) business days from the date of the receipt of the request for a hearing in ASES for a denied service that meets criteria to be considered in an expedited appeal process, but that was not resolved by the plan in terms of the time set for expedited appeals, or was totally or partially resolved in a not favorable manner to you in those terms.
- The decision issued by ASES is subject to review in the court of appeals of the Government of Puerto Rico.

During the period in which your case is evaluated, you may ask continuity in the services subject to the appeal to the plan.

Step 2: The Fair Hearing office gives you its answer.

The Fair Hearing office will tell you its decision in writing and explain the reasons.

- **If the Fair Hearing office says yes to part or all of a request for a medical item or service,** we must authorize or provide the service or item within 72 hours after we get the decision from the Fair Hearing office.
- **If the Fair Hearing office says no to part or all of your appeal**, they agree with our plan that your request (or part of your request) for coverage for medical care should not be approved. (This is called **upholding the decision** or **turning down your appeal.**)

If the decision is no for all or part of what you asked for, you can make another appeal.

If the independent review organization or Fair Hearing office decision is no for all or part of what you asked for, you have **additional appeal rights**.

The letter you get from the Fair Hearing office will describe this next appeal option.

Go to **Section 10** for more information on your appeal rights after Level 2.

Section 6.5 If you're asking us to pay you back for our share of a bill you got for medical care

If you have already paid for a Medicaid service or item covered by our plan, ask our plan to pay you back (reimburse you). It's your right to be paid back by our plan whenever you've paid more than your share of the cost for medical services or drugs that are covered by our plan. When you send us a bill you already paid, we'll look at the bill and decide whether the services or drugs should be covered. If we decide they should be covered, we'll pay you back for the services or drugs.

Asking for reimbursement is asking for a coverage decision from us

If you send us the paperwork asking for reimbursement, you're asking for a coverage decision. To make this decision, we'll check to see if the medical care you paid for is covered. We'll also check to see if you followed the rules for using your coverage for medical care.

If you want us to reimburse you for a **Medicare** service or item or you're asking us to pay a health care provider for a Medicaid service or item you paid for, ask us to make this coverage decision. We'll check to see if the medical care you paid for is a covered service. We'll also check to see if you followed all the rules for using your coverage for medical care.

- **If we say yes to your request:** If the medical care is covered and you followed the rules, we'll send you the payment for our share of the cost typically within 30 calendar days, but no later than 60 calendar days after we get your request.
- **If we say no to your request:** If the medical care isn't covered, or you did *not* follow all the rules, we won't send payment. Instead, we'll send you a letter that says we'll not pay for the medical care and the reasons why.

If you don't agree with our decision to turn you down, **you can make an appeal**. If you make an appeal, it means you're asking us to change the coverage decision we made when we turned down your request for payment.

To make this appeal, follow the process for appeals in Section 6.3. For appeals concerning reimbursement, note:

- We must give you our answer within 30 calendar days after we get your appeal.
- If the independent review organization decides we should pay, we must send you or the provider the payment within 30 calendar days. If the answer to your appeal is yes at any stage of the appeals process after Level 2, we must send the payment you asked for to you or the health care provider within 60 calendar days.

SECTION 7 Part D drugs: How to ask for a coverage decision or make an appeal

Section 7.1 This section tells you what to do if you have problems getting a Part D drug or you want us to pay you back for a Part D drug

Your benefits include coverage for many prescription drugs. To be covered, the drug must be used for a medically accepted indication. (Go to Chapter 5 for more information about a medically accepted indication.) For details about Part D drugs, rules, restrictions, and costs go to Chapters 5 and 6. **This section is about your Part D drugs only.** To keep things simple, we generally say *drug* in the rest of this section, instead of repeating *covered outpatient prescription drug* or *Part D* drug every time. We also use the term Drug List instead *of List of Covered Drugs* or formulary.

- If you don't know if a drug is covered or if you meet the rules, you can ask us. Some drugs require you to get approval from us before we'll cover it.
- If your pharmacy tells you that your prescription can't be filled as written, the pharmacy will give you a written notice explaining how to contact us to ask for a coverage decision.

Part D coverage decisions and appeals

Legal Term:

An initial coverage decision about your Part D drugs is called a **coverage determination**.

A coverage decision is a decision we make about your benefits and coverage or about the amount we'll pay for your drugs. This section tells what you can do if you're in any of the following situations:

- Asking to cover a Part D drug that isn't on our plan's Drug List. **Ask for an exception. Section 7.2.**
- Asking to waive a restriction on our plan's coverage for a drug (such as limits on the amount of the drug you can get, prior authorization criteria, or the requirement to try another drug first). **Ask for an exception. Section 7.2.**
- Asking to get pre-approval for a drug. **Ask for a coverage decision. Section 7.4.**
- Pay for a prescription drug you already bought. **Ask us to pay you back. Section 7.4.**

If you disagree with a coverage decision we made, you can appeal our decision.

This section tells you both how to ask for coverage decisions and how to ask for an appeal.

Section 7.2 Asking for an exception

Legal Terms:

Asking for coverage of a drug that's not on the Drug List is a **formulary exception**.

Asking for removal of a restriction on coverage for a drug is a **formulary exception**.

Asking to pay a lower price for a covered non-preferred drug is a **tiering exception**.

If a drug isn't covered in the way you'd like it to be covered, you can ask us to make an **exception**. An exception is a type of coverage decision.

For us to consider your exception request, your doctor or other prescriber will need to explain the medical reasons why you need the exception approved. Here 2 examples of exceptions that you or your doctor or other prescriber can ask us to make:

1. **Covering a Part D drug that's not on our Drug List.**
2. **Removing a restriction for a covered drug**. Chapter 5 describes the extra rules or restrictions that apply to certain drugs on our Drug List.

Section 7.3 Important things to know about asking for exceptions

Your doctor must tell us the medical reasons

Your doctor or other prescriber must give us a statement that explains the medical reasons you're asking for an exception. For a faster decision, include this medical information from your doctor or other prescriber when you ask for the exception.

Our Drug List typically includes more than one drug for treating a particular condition. These different possibilities are called **alternative** drugs. If an alternative drug would be just as effective as the drug you're asking for and wouldn't cause more side effects or other health problems, we generally won't approve your request for an exception.

We can say yes or no to your request

- If we approve your request for an exception, our approval usually is valid until the end of our plan year. This is true as long as your doctor continues to prescribe the drug for you and that drug continues to be safe and effective for treating your condition.
- If we say no to your request, you can ask for another review by making an appeal.

Section 7.4 How to ask for a coverage decision, including an exception

Legal term:

A fast coverage decision is called an **expedited coverage determination**.

Step 1: Decide if you need a standard coverage decision or a fast coverage decision.

Standard coverage decisions are made within **72 hours** after we get your doctor's statement. **Fast coverage decisions** are made within **24 hours** after we get your doctor's statement.

***If your health requires it, ask us to give you a fast coverage decision.* To get a fast coverage decision, you must meet 2 requirements:**

- You must be asking for a *drug you didn't get yet.* (You can't ask for fast coverage decision to be paid back for a drug you have already bought.)
- Using the standard deadlines could *cause serious harm to your health or hurt your ability to function.*
- **If your doctor or other prescriber tells us that your health requires a fast coverage decision, we'll automatically give you a fast coverage decision.**
- **If you ask for a fast coverage decision on your own, without your doctor or prescriber's support, we'll decide whether your health requires that we give**

you a fast coverage decision. If we don't approve a fast coverage decision, we'll send you a letter that:

- Explains that we'll use the standard deadlines.
- Explains if your doctor or other prescriber asks for the fast coverage decision, we'll automatically give you a fast coverage decision.
- Tells you how you can file a fast complaint about our decision to give you a standard coverage decision instead of the fast coverage decision you asked for. We'll answer your complaint within 24 hours of receipt.

Step 2: Ask for a standard coverage decision or a fast coverage decision.

Start by calling, writing, or faxing our plan to ask us to authorize or provide coverage for the medical care you want. You can also access the coverage decision process through our website. We must accept any written request, including a request submitted on the *CMS Model Coverage Determination Request* form, which is available on our website https://www.mmmpr.com/frontend/web/uploads/documentos/CoverageDeterminationRequestFormENG_5d644ea23c60b.pdf. Chapter 2 has contact information. To help us process your request, include your name, contact information, and information that shows which denied claim is being appealed.

You, your doctor, (or other prescriber) or your representative can do this. You can also have a lawyer act on your behalf. Section 4 of this chapter tells how you can give written permission to someone else to act as your representative.

- **If you're asking for an exception, provide the supporting statement,** which is the medical reason for the exception. Your doctor or other prescriber can fax or mail the statement to us. Or your doctor or other prescriber can tell us on the phone and follow up by faxing or mailing a written statement if necessary.

Step 3: We consider your request and give you our answer.

Deadlines for a fast coverage decision

- We must generally give you our answer **within 24 hours** after we get your request.
  - For exceptions, we'll give you our answer within 24 hours after we get your doctor's supporting statement. We'll give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to.
  - If we don't meet this deadline, we're required to send your request on to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must provide the coverage we agreed to within 24 hours after we get your request or doctor's statement supporting your request.

- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for,** we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no. We'll also tell you how you can appeal.

Deadlines for a standard coverage decision about a drug you didn't get yet

- We must give you our answer **within 72 hours** after we get your request.
    - For exceptions, we'll give you our answer within 72 hours after we get your doctor's supporting statement. We'll give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to.
    - If we don't meet this deadline, we are required to send your request to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must **provide the coverage** we agreed to **within 72 hours** after we get your request or doctor's statement supporting your request.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for**, we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no. We'll also tell you how you can appeal.

Deadlines for a standard coverage decision about payment for a drug you have already bought

- We must give you our answer **within 14 calendar days** after we get your request.
    - If we don't meet this deadline, we are required to send your request to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we are also required to make payment to you within 14 calendar days after we get your request.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for**, we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no. We'll also tell you how you can appeal.

Step 4: If we say no to your coverage request, you can make an appeal.

- If we say no, you have the right to ask us to reconsider this decision by making an appeal. This means asking again to get the drug coverage you want. If you make an appeal, it means you're going to Level 1 of the appeals process.

Section 7.5 How to make a Level 1 appeal

Legal Terms:

An appeal to our plan about a Part D drug coverage decision is called a **plan redetermination**.

A fast appeal is called an **expedited redetermination**.

Step 1: Decide if you need a standard appeal or a fast appeal.

A standard appeal is usually made within 7 calendar days. A fast appeal is generally made within 72 hours. If your health requires it, ask for a fast appeal.

- If you're appealing a decision we made about a drug you didn't get yet, you and your doctor or other prescriber will need to decide if you need a fast appeal.
- The requirements for getting a fast appeal are the same as those for getting a fast coverage decision in Section 7.4.

Step 2: You, your representative, doctor or other prescriber must contact us and make your Level 1 appeal. If your health requires a quick response, you must ask for a fast appeal.

- **For standard appeals, submit a written request.** Chapter 2 has contact information.
- **For fast appeals, either submit your appeal in writing or call us at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (toll free) or 711 (TTY).** Chapter 2 has contact information.
- **We must accept any written request,** including a request submitted on the *CMS Model Redetermination Request Form*, which is available on our website https://mmmpr.com/docs/Request-Redetermination-Medicare-Prescription-Drug-Denial.pdf. Include your name, contact information, and information about your claim to help us process your request.
- **You must make your appeal request within 65 calendar days** from the date on the written notice we sent to tell you our answer on the coverage decision. If you miss this deadline and have a good reason for missing it, explain the reason your appeal is late when you make your appeal. We may give you more time to make your appeal. Examples of good cause may include a serious illness that prevented you from contacting us or if we provided you with incorrect or incomplete information about the deadline for asking for an appeal.
- **You can ask for a copy of the information in your appeal and add more information.** You and your doctor may add more information to support your appeal.

Step 3: We consider your appeal and give you our answer.

- When we review your appeal, we take another careful look at all the information about your coverage request. We check to see if we were following all the rules when we said no to your request.
- We may contact you or your doctor or other prescriber to get more information.

Deadlines for a fast appeal

- For fast appeals, we must give you our answer **within 72 hours after we get your appeal**. We'll give you our answer sooner if your health requires us to.
    - If we don't give you an answer within 72 hours, we're required to send your request to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization. Section 7.6 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must provide the coverage we agreed to within 72 hours after we get your appeal.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for,** we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no and how you can appeal our decision.

Deadlines for a standard appeal for a drug you didn't get yet

- For standard appeals, we must give you our answer **within 7 calendar days** after we get your appeal. We'll give you our decision sooner if you didn't get the drug yet and your health condition requires us to do so.
    - If we don't give you a decision within 7 calendar days, we're required to send your request on to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization. Section 7.6 explains the Level 2 appeal process.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must provide the coverage as quickly as your health requires, but no later than **7 calendar days** after we get your appeal.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for**, we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no and how you can appeal our decision.

Deadlines for a standard appeal about payment for a drug you already bought

- We must give you our answer **within 14 calendar days** after we get your request.
    - If we don't meet this deadline, we are required to send your request on to Level 2 of the appeals process, where it will be reviewed by an independent review organization. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization.
- **If our answer is yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we are also required to make payment to you within 30 calendar days after we get your request.
- **If our answer is no to part or all of what you asked for**, we'll send you a written statement that explains why we said no. We'll also tell you how you can appeal.

Step 4: If we say no to your appeal, you decide if you want to continue with the appeals process and make another appeal.

- If you decide to make another appeal, it means your appeal is going on to Level 2 of the appeals process.

Section 7.6 How to make a Level 2 appeal

Legal Term

The formal name for the independent review organization is the **Independent Review Entity**. It is sometimes called the **IRE**.

The **independent review organization is an independent organization hired by Medicare**. It isn't connected with us and isn't a government agency. This organization decides whether the decision we made is correct or if it should be changed. Medicare oversees its work.

Step 1: You (or your representative or your doctor or other prescriber) must contact the independent review organization and ask for a review of your case.

- If we say no to your Level 1 appeal, the written notice we send you'll include **instructions on how to make a Level 2 appeal** with the independent review organization. These instructions will tell who can make this Level 2 appeal, what deadlines you must follow, and how to reach the independent review organization.
- **You must make your appeal request within 65 calendar days** from the date on the written notice.
- If we did not complete our review within the applicable timeframe, or make an unfavorable decision regarding **at-risk** determination under our drug management program, we'll automatically forward your request to the IRE. We'll let you know in writing if your request has been sent to the independent review organization.
- We'll send the information about your appeal to this organization. This information is called your **case file**. **You have the right to ask us for a copy of your case file**.
- You have a right to give the independent review organization additional information to support your appeal.

Step 2: The independent review organization reviews your appeal.

Reviewers at the independent review organization will take a careful look at all the information related to your appeal.

Deadlines for fast appeal

- If your health requires it, ask the independent review organization for a fast appeal.

- If the independent review organization agrees to give you a fast appeal, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 72 hours** after it gets your appeal request.

Deadlines for standard appeal

- For standard appeals, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 7 calendar days** after it gets your appeal if it is for a drug you didn't get yet. If you're asking us to pay you back for a drug you have already bought, the independent review organization must give you an answer to your Level 2 appeal **within 14 calendar days** after it gets your request.

Step 3: The independent review organization gives you its answer.

For fast appeals:

- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of what you asked for,** we must provide the drug coverage that was approved by the independent review organization **within 24 hours** after we get the decision from the independent review organization.

For standard appeals:

- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of your request for coverage,** we must **provide the drug coverage** that was approved by the independent review organization **within 72 hours** after we get the decision from the independent review organization.
- **If the independent review organization says yes to part or all of your request to pay you back** for a drug you already bought, we're required to **send payment to you within 30 calendar days** after we get the decision from the independent review organization.

What if the independent review organization says no to your appeal?

If the independent organization says no to part or all of your appeal, it means they agree with our decision not to approve your request (or part of your request). (This is called **upholding the decision** or **turning down your appeal**.) In this case, the independent review organization will send you a letter that:

- Explains the decision.
- Lets you know about your right to a Level 3 appeal if the dollar value of the drug coverage you're asking for meets a certain minimum. If the dollar value of the drug coverage you're asking for is too low, you can't make another appeal and the decision at Level 2 is final.
- Tells you the dollar value that must be in dispute to continue with the appeals process.

Step 4: If your case meets the requirements, you choose whether you want to take your appeal further.

- There are 3 additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of 5 levels of appeal).
- If you want to go on to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. **Section 10** talks more about the process for Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals.

SECTION 8 How to ask us to cover a longer inpatient hospital stay if you think you're being discharged too soon

When you're admitted to a hospital, you have the right to get all covered hospital services necessary to diagnose and treat your illness or injury.

During your covered hospital stay, your doctor and the hospital staff will work with you to prepare for the day you leave the hospital. They'll help arrange for care you may need after you leave.

- The day you leave the hospital is called your **discharge date**.
- When your discharge date is decided, your doctor or the hospital staff will tell you.
- If you think you're being asked to leave the hospital too soon, you can ask for a longer hospital stay and your request will be considered.

Section 8.1 During your inpatient hospital stay, you'll get a written notice from Medicare that tells you about your rights

Within 2 calendar days of being admitted to the hospital, you'll be given a written notice called *An Important Message from Medicare about Your Rights.* Everyone with Medicare gets a copy of this notice. If you don't get the notice from someone at the hospital (for example, a caseworker or nurse), ask any hospital employee for it. If you need help, call Member Services 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048).

1. **Read this notice carefully and ask questions if you don't understand it.** It tells you:
   - Your right to get Medicare-covered services during and after your hospital stay, as ordered by your doctor. This includes the right to know what these services are, who will pay for them, and where you can get them.
   - Your right to be involved in any decisions about your hospital stay.

- Where to report any concerns you have about the quality of your hospital care.
- Your right to **ask for an immediate review** of the decision to discharge you if you think you're being discharged from the hospital too soon. This is a formal, legal way to ask for a delay in your discharge date so that we'll cover your hospital care for a longer time.

2. **You'll be asked to sign the written notice to show that you got it and understand your rights.**
   - You or someone who is acting on your behalf will be asked to sign the notice.
   - Signing the notice shows *only* that you got the information about your rights. The notice doesn't give your discharge date. Signing the notice ***doesn't* mean** you're agreeing on a discharge date.
3. **Keep your copy** of the notice so you have the information about making an appeal (or reporting a concern about quality of care) if you need it.
   - If you sign the notice more than 2 calendar days before your discharge date, you'll get another copy before you're scheduled to be discharged.
   - To look at a copy of this notice in advance, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) or 1-800 MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can also get the notice online at CMS.gov/medicare/forms-notices/beneficiary-notices-initiative/ffs-ma-im.

Section 8.2 How to make a Level 1 appeal to change your hospital discharge date

To ask us to cover inpatient hospital services for a longer time, use the appeals process to make this request. Before you start, understand what you need to do and what the deadlines are.

- **Follow the process**
- **Meet the deadlines**
- **Ask for help if you need it**. If you have questions or need help, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). Or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), for personalized help. The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly: 787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300. SHIP contact information is available in Chapter 2, Section 3.

During a Level 1 appeal, the Quality Improvement Organization reviews your appeal. It checks to see if your planned discharge date is medically appropriate for you. The **Quality Improvement Organization** is a group of doctors and other health care professionals who are paid by the federal government to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. This includes reviewing hospital discharge dates for people with Medicare. These experts aren't part of our plan.

Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization for your state and ask for an immediate review of your hospital discharge. You must act quickly.

How can you contact this organization?

- The written notice you got (*An Important Message from Medicare About Your Rights*) tells you how to reach this organization. Or find the name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state in Chapter 2.

Act quickly:

- To make your appeal, you must contact the Quality Improvement Organization *before* you leave the hospital and **no later than midnight the day of your discharge.**
    - **If you meet this deadline**, you can stay in the hospital *after* your discharge date *without paying for it* while you wait to get the decision from the Quality Improvement Organization.
    - **If you don't meet this deadline, contact us.** If you decide to stay in the hospital after your planned discharge date, *you may have to pay all the costs* for hospital care you get after your planned discharge date.

Once you ask for an immediate review of your hospital discharge the Quality Improvement Organization will contact us. By noon of the day after we're contacted, we'll give you a **Detailed Notice of Discharge**. This notice gives your planned discharge date and explains in detail the reasons why your doctor, the hospital, and we think it is right (medically appropriate) for you to be discharged on that date.

You can get a sample of the **Detailed Notice of Discharge** by calling Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) or 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.) Or you can get a sample notice online at CMS.gov/medicare/forms-notices/beneficiary-notices-initiative/ffs-ma-im.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization conducts an independent review of your case.

- Health professionals at the Quality Improvement Organization (the reviewers) will ask you (or your representative) why you believe coverage for the services should continue. You don't have to prepare anything in writing, but you can if you want to.
- The reviewers will also look at your medical information, talk with your doctor, and review information that we and the hospital gave them.
- By noon of the day after the reviewers told us of your appeal, you'll get a written notice from us that gives your planned discharge date. This notice also explains in detail the reasons why your doctor, the hospital, and we think it is right (medically appropriate) for you to be discharged on that date.

Step 3: Within one full day after it has all the needed information, the Quality Improvement Organization will give you its answer to your appeal.

What happens if the answer is yes?

- If the independent review organization says yes, **we must keep providing your covered inpatient hospital services for as long as these services are medically necessary.**
- You'll have to keep paying your share of the costs (such as deductibles or copayments, if these apply). In addition, there may be limitations on your covered hospital services.

What happens if the answer is no?

- If the independent review organization says no, they're saying that your planned discharge date is medically appropriate. If this happens, **our coverage for your inpatient hospital services will end** at noon on the day **after** the Quality Improvement Organization gives you its answer to your appeal.
- If the independent review organization says no to your appeal and you decide to stay in the hospital, **you may have to pay the full cost** of hospital care you get after noon on the day after the Quality Improvement Organization gives you its answer to your appeal.

Step 4: If the answer to your Level 1 appeal is no, you decide if you want to make another appeal.

- If the Quality Improvement Organization said *no* to your appeal, *and* you stay in the hospital after your planned discharge date, you can make another appeal. Making another appeal means you're going to **Level 2** of the appeals process.

Section 8.3 How to make a Level 2 appeal to change your hospital discharge date

During a Level 2 appeal, you ask the Quality Improvement Organization to take another look at its decision on your first appeal. If the Quality Improvement Organization turns down your Level 2 appeal, you may have to pay the full cost for your stay after your planned discharge date.

Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization again and ask for another review.

- You must ask for this review **within 60 calendar days** after the day the Quality Improvement Organization said no to your Level 1 appeal. You can ask for this review only if you stay in the hospital after the date your coverage for the care ended.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization does a second review of your situation.

- Reviewers at the Quality Improvement Organization will take another careful look at all the information related to your appeal.

Step 3: Within 14 calendar days of receipt of your request for a Level 2 appeal, the reviewers will decide on your appeal and tell you their decision.

If the independent review organization says yes:

- **We must reimburse you** for our share of the costs of hospital care you got since noon on the day after the date your first appeal was turned down by the Quality Improvement Organization. **We must continue providing coverage for your inpatient hospital care for as long as it is medically necessary**.
- You must continue to pay your share of the costs and coverage limitations may apply.

If the independent review organization says no:

- It means they agree with the decision they made on your Level 1 appeal.
- The notice you get will tell you in writing what you can do if you want to continue with the review process.

Step 4: If the answer is no, you'll need to decide whether you want to take your appeal further by going to Level 3.

- There are 3 additional levels in the appeals process after Level 2 (for a total of 5 levels of appeal). If you want to go to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. **Section 10** talks more about Levels 3, 4, and 5 of the appeals process.

SECTION 9 How to ask us to keep covering certain medical services if you think your coverage is ending too soon

When you're getting covered **home health services, skilled nursing care, or rehabilitation care (Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility)**, you have the right to keep getting your services for that type of care for as long as the care is needed to diagnose and treat your illness or injury.

When we decide it is time to stop covering any of the 3 types of care for you, we're required to tell you in advance. When your coverage for that care ends, *we'll stop paying our share of the cost for your care.*

If you think we're ending the coverage of your care too soon, **you can appeal our decision**. This section tells you how to ask for an appeal.

Section 9.1 We'll tell you in advance when your coverage will be ending

Legal Term:

Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage. It tells you how you can ask for a **fast-track appeal**. Asking for a fast-track appeal is a formal, legal way to ask for a change to our coverage decision about when to stop your care.

1. **You get a notice in writing** at least 2 calendar days before our plan is going to stop covering your care. The notice tells you:
   - The date when we'll stop covering the care for you.
   - How to ask for a fast-track appeal to ask us to keep covering your care for a longer period of time.
2. **You, or someone who is acting on your behalf, will be asked to sign the written notice to show that you got it.** Signing the notice shows *only* that you got the information about when your coverage will stop. **Signing it *doesn't* mean you agree** with our plan's decision to stop care.

Section 9.2 How to make a Level 1 appeal to have our plan cover your care for a longer time

If you want to ask us to cover your care for a longer period of time, you'll need to use the appeals process to make this request. Before you start, understand what you need to do and what the deadlines are.

- **Follow the process**
- **Meet the deadlines**
- **Ask for help if you need it**. If you have questions or need help, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711). Or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for personalized help. The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly: 787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300. SHIP contact information is available in Chapter 2, Section 3.

During a Level 1 appeal, the Quality Improvement Organization reviews your appeal. It decides if the end date for your care is medically appropriate. The **Quality Improvement Organization** is a group of doctors and other health care experts who are paid by the federal government to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. This includes reviewing plan decisions about when it's time to stop covering certain kinds of medical care. These experts aren't part of our plan.

Step 1: Make your Level 1 appeal: contact the Quality Improvement Organization and ask for a *fast-track appeal*. You must act quickly.

How can you contact this organization?

- The written notice you got (*Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage*) tells you how to reach this organization. Or find the name, address, and phone number of the Quality Improvement Organization for your state in Chapter 2.

Act quickly:

- You must contact the Quality Improvement Organization to start your appeal **by noon of the day before the effective date** on the Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage.
- If you miss the deadline, and you want to file an appeal, you still have appeal rights. Contact your Quality Improvement Organization.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization conducts an independent review of your case.

Legal Term:

Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage. Notice that gives details on reasons for ending coverage.

What happens during this review?

- Health professionals at the Quality Improvement Organization (the reviewers) will ask you, or your representative, why you believe coverage for the services should continue. You don't have to prepare anything in writing, but you can if you want to.
- The independent review organization will also look at your medical information, talk with your doctor, and review information our plan gives them.
- By the end of the day the reviewers told us of your appeal, you'll get the *Detailed Explanation of Non-Coverage* from us that explains in detail our reasons for ending our coverage for your services.

Step 3: Within one full day after they have all the information they need; the reviewers will tell you their decision.

What happens if the reviewers say yes?

- If the reviewers say yes to your appeal, then **we must keep providing your covered service for as long as it's medically necessary.**
- You'll have to keep paying your share of the costs (such as deductibles or copayments if these apply). There may be limitations on your covered services.

What happens if the reviewers say no?

- If the reviewers say no, then **your coverage will end on the date we told you.**
- If you decide to keep getting the home health care, or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services **after** this date when your coverage ends, **you'll have to pay the full cost** of this care yourself.

Step 4: If the answer to your Level 1 appeal is no, you decide if you want to make another appeal.

- If reviewers say no to your Level 1 appeal - and you choose to continue getting care after your coverage for the care has ended, then you can make a Level 2 appeal.

Section 9.3 How to make a Level 2 appeal to have our plan cover your care for a longer time

During a Level 2 appeal, you ask the Quality Improvement Organization to take another look at the decision on your first appeal. If the Quality Improvement Organization turns down your Level 2 appeal, you may have to pay the full cost for your home health care, or skilled nursing facility care, or Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) services *after* the date when we said your coverage would end.

Step 1: Contact the Quality Improvement Organization again and ask for another review.

- You must ask for this review **within 60 calendar days** after the day when the Quality Improvement Organization said *no* to your Level 1 appeal. You can ask for this review only if you continued getting care after the date your coverage for the care ended.

Step 2: The Quality Improvement Organization does a second review of your situation.

- Reviewers at the Quality Improvement Organization will take another careful look at all the information related to your appeal.

Step 3: Within 14 calendar days of receipt of your appeal request, reviewers will decide on your appeal and tell you their decision.

What happens if the independent review organization says yes?

- **We must reimburse you** for our share of the costs of care you got since the date when we said your coverage would end. **We must continue providing coverage** for the care for as long as it's medically necessary.
- You must continue to pay your share of the costs and there may be coverage limitations that apply.

What happens if the independent review organization says no?

- It means they agree with the decision made to your Level 1 appeal.
- The notice you get will tell you in writing what you can do if you want to continue with the review process. It will give you details about how to go to the next level of appeal, which is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator.

Step 4: If the answer is no, you'll need to decide whether you want to take your appeal further.

- There are 3 additional levels of appeal after Level 2, for a total of 5 levels of appeal. If you want to go to a Level 3 appeal, the details on how to do this are in the written notice you get after your Level 2 appeal decision.
- The Level 3 appeal is handled by an Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator. Section 10 of this chapter tells more about the process for Level 3, 4, and 5 appeals.

SECTION 10 Taking your appeal to Levels 3, 4 and 5

Section 10.1 Appeal Levels 3, 4 and 5 for Medical Service Requests

This section may be right for you if you made a Level 1 appeal and a Level 2 appeal, and both of your appeals were turned down.

If the dollar value of the item or medical service you appealed meets certain minimum levels, you may be able to go on to additional levels of appeal. If the dollar value is less than the minimum level, you can't appeal any further. The written response you get to your Level 2 appeal will explain how to make a Level 3 appeal.

For most situations that involve appeals, the last 3 levels of appeal work in much the same way as the first 2 levels. Here's who handles the review of your appeal at each of these levels.

Level 3 appeal

An **Administrative Law Judge** or an attorney adjudicator who works for the federal government will review your appeal and give you an answer.

- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says yes to your appeal, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.** Unlike a decision at a Level 2 appeal, we have the right to appeal a Level 3 decision that's favorable to you. If we decide to appeal, it will go to a Level 4 appeal.
    - If we decide *not* to appeal, we must authorize or provide you with the medical care within 60 calendar days after we get the Administrative Law Judge's or attorney adjudicator's decision.

  - If we decide to appeal the decision, we'll send you a copy of the Level 4 appeal request with any accompanying documents. We may wait for the Level 4 appeal decision before authorizing or providing the medical care in dispute.

- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says no to your appeal, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept the decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you don't want to accept the decision, you can continue to the next level of the review process. The notice you get will tell you what to do for a Level 4 appeal.

Level 4 appeal

The **Medicare Appeals Council** (Council) will review your appeal and give you an answer. The Council is part of the federal government.

- **If the answer is yes, or if the Council denies our request to review a favorable Level 3 appeal decision, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.** Unlike a decision at Level 2, we have the right to appeal a Level 4 decision that is favorable to you. We'll decide whether to appeal this decision to Level 5.
  - If we decide *not* to appeal the decision, we must authorize or provide you with the medical care within 60 calendar days after getting the Council's decision.
  - If we decide to appeal the decision, we'll let you know in writing.
- **If the answer is no or if the Council denies the review request, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept this decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you don't want to accept the decision, you may be able to continue to the next level of the review process. If the Council says no to your appeal, the notice you get will tell you whether the rules allow you to go to a Level 5 appeal and how to continue with a Level 5 appeal.

Level 5 appeal

A judge at the **Federal District Court** will review your appeal.

- A judge will review all the information and decide *yes* or *no* to your request. This is a final answer. There are no more appeal levels after the Federal District Court.

Section 10.2 Additional Medicaid appeals

You also have other appeal rights if your appeal is about services or items that Medicaid usually covers. The letter you get from the Fair Hearing office will tell you what to do if you want to continue the appeals process.

Section 10.3 Appeal Levels 3, 4 and 5 for Part D Drug Requests

This section may be right for you if you made a Level 1 appeal and a Level 2 appeal, and both of your appeals were turned down.

If the value of the drug you appealed meets a certain dollar amount, you may be able to go to additional levels of appeal. If the dollar amount is less, you can't appeal any further. The written response you get to your Level 2 appeal will explain who to contact and what to do to ask for a Level 3 appeal.

For most situations that involve appeals, the last 3 levels of appeal work in much the same way as the first 2 levels. Here's who handles the review of your appeal at each of these levels.

Level 3 appeal

An Administrative Law Judge or an attorney adjudicator who works for the federal government will review your appeal and give you an answer.

- **If the answer is yes, the appeals process is over.** We must **authorize or provide the drug coverage** that was approved by the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator **within 72 hours (24 hours for expedited appeals) or make payment no later than 30 calendar days** after we get the decision.

- **If the Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator says no to your appeal, the appeals process may or may not be over.**

  - If you decide to accept this decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you don't want to accept the decision, you can continue to the next level of the review process. The notice you get will tell you what to do for a Level 4 appeal.

Level 4 appeal

The **Medicare Appeals Council** (Council) will review your appeal and give you an answer. The Council is part of the federal government.

- **If the answer is yes, the appeals process is over.** We must **authorize or provide the drug coverage** that was approved by the Council **within 72 hours (24**

hours for expedited appeals) or make payment no later than 30 calendar days after we get the decision.

- **If the answer is no or if the Council denies the review request, the appeals process *may* or *may not* be over.**
  - If you decide to accept the decision that turns down your appeal, the appeals process is over.
  - If you don't want to accept the decision, you may be able to continue to the next level of the review process. If the Council says no to your appeal, the notice you get will tell you whether the rules allow you to go to a Level 5 appeal and how to continue with a Level 5 appeal.

Level 5 appeal

A judge at the **Federal District Court** will review your appeal.

- A judge will review all the information and decide *yes* or *no* to your request. This is a final answer. There are no more appeal levels after the Federal District Court.

Making complaints

SECTION 11 How to make a complaint about quality of care, waiting times, customer service, or other concerns

Section 11.1 What kinds of problems are handled by the complaint process

The complaint process is *only* used for certain types of problems. This includes problems about quality of care, waiting times, and customer service. Here are examples of the kinds of problems handled by the complaint process.

Complaint	Example
Quality of your medical care	• Are you unhappy with the quality of the care you got (including care in the hospital)?
Respecting your privacy	• Did someone not respect your right to privacy or share confidential information?
Disrespect, poor customer service, or other negative behaviors	• Has someone been rude or disrespectful to you? • Are you unhappy with our Member Services? • Do you feel you're being encouraged to leave our plan?
Waiting times	• Are you having trouble getting an appointment, or waiting too long to get it?

Complaint	Example
	• Have you been kept waiting too long by doctors, pharmacists, or other health professionals? Or by our Member Services or other staff at our plan? o Examples include waiting too long on the phone, in the waiting or exam room, or getting a prescription.
Cleanliness	• Are you unhappy with the cleanliness or condition of a clinic, hospital, or doctor's office?
Information you get from us	• Did we fail to give you a required notice? • Is our written information hard to understand?
Timeliness (These types of complaints are about the *timeliness* of our actions related to coverage decisions and appeals)	If you asked for a coverage decision or made an appeal, and you think we aren't responding quickly enough, you can make a complaint about our slowness. Here are examples: • You asked us for a *fast coverage decision* or a *fast appeal*, and we said no; you can make a complaint. • You believe we aren't meeting the deadlines for coverage decisions or appeals; you can make a complaint. • You believe we aren't meeting deadlines for covering or reimbursing you for certain medical items or services or drugs that were approved; you can make a complaint. • You believe we failed to meet required deadlines for forwarding your case to the independent review organization; you can make a complaint.

Section 11.2 How to make a complaint

Legal Terms:

A **complaint** is also called a **grievance**.

Making a complaint is called **filing a grievance**.

Using the process for complaints is called **using the process for filing a grievance**.

A **fast complaint** is called an **expedited grievance**.

Step 1: Contact us promptly – either by phone or in writing.

- **Calling Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users all 711) is usually the first step.** If there's anything else you need to do, Member Services will let you know.

- **If you don't want to call (or you called and weren't satisfied), you can put your complaint in writing and send it to us.** If you put your complaint in writing, we'll respond to your complaint in writing.
- **If you want to write to us rather than file an oral grievance, you may send your letter by mail, fax, or in person.** For details of how to reach us, please go to Chapter 2, Section 1, *How to contact us when you are making a complaint about your medical care or Part D prescription drugs*. If your complaint involves a refusal to grant a request for an expedited organization determination or coverage determination or an expedited reconsideration or redetermination, we must respond to your grievance within 24 hours.
- **Whether you call or write, you should call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) right away.** You can make the complaint at any time after you had the problem you want to complain about.

Step 2: We look into your complaint and give you our answer.

- **If possible, we'll answer you right away.** If you call us with a complaint, we may be able to give you an answer on the same phone call.
- **Most complaints are answered within 30 calendar days.** If we need more information and the delay is in your best interest or if you ask for more time, we can take up to 14 more calendar days (44 calendar days total) to answer your complaint. If we decide to take extra days, we'll tell you in writing.
- **If you're making a complaint because we denied your request for a fast coverage decision or a fast appeal, we'll automatically give you a fast complaint.** If you have a fast complaint, it means we'll give you **an answer within 24 hours**.
- **If we don't agree** with some or all of your complaint or don't take responsibility for the problem you're complaining about, we'll include our reasons in our response to you.

Section 11.3 You can also make complaints about quality of care to the Quality Improvement Organization

When your complaint is about *quality of care*, you also have 2 extra options:

- **You can make your complaint directly to the Quality Improvement Organization.** The Quality Improvement Organization is a group of practicing doctors and other health care experts paid by the federal government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients. Chapter 2 has contact information.

Or

- **You can make your complaint to both the Quality Improvement Organization and us at the same time**.

Section 11.4 You can also tell Medicare and Medicaid about your complaint

You can submit a complaint about *PMC Premier Platino* directly to Medicare. To submit a complaint to Medicare, go to Medicare.gov/my/medicare-complaint. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY/TDD users call 1-877-486-2048.

As a plan member, some of your plan services may also be covered by Medicaid. Therefore, you have the right to file a complaint with the plan to express dissatisfaction about any matter other than an Adverse Benefit Determination. You or your Authorized Representative may file a Complaint either orally or in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of the event that initiated the complaint. The plan shall resolve each Complaint within seventy-two (72) hours of the time the initial Complaint is received, whether orally or in writing. If the Complaint is not resolved within this timeframe, the Complaint shall be treated as a Grievance.

The Notice of Disposition shall include the results and date of the resolution of the Complaint and shall include notice of the right to file a Grievance or Appeal and information necessary to request a Fair Hearing, if appropriate.

CHAPTER 10: Ending membership in our plan

SECTION 1 Ending your membership in our plan

Ending your membership in *PMC Premier Platino* may be **voluntary** (your own choice) or **involuntary** (not your own choice):

- You might leave our plan because you decide you *want* to leave. Sections 2 and 3 give information on ending your membership voluntarily.
- There are also limited situations where we're required to end your membership. Section 5 tells you about situations when we must end your membership.

If you're leaving our plan, our plan must continue to provide your medical care and prescription drugs, and you'll continue to pay your cost share until your membership ends.

SECTION 2 When can you end your membership in our plan?

Section 2.1 You may be able to end your membership because you have Medicare and Medicaid

Most people with Medicare can end their membership only during certain times of the year. Because you have Medicaid, you can end your membership in our plan by choosing one of the following Medicare options in any month of the year:

- Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare prescription drug plan
- If eligible, an integrated D-SNP that provides your Medicare and most or all of your Medicaid benefits and services in one plan

Note: If you disenroll from Medicare drug coverage, no longer receive Extra Help, and go without creditable drug coverage for a continuous period of 63 days or more, you may have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you join a Medicare drug plan later. If you receive Extra Help, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan, unless you have opted out of automatic enrollment.

- Call your State Medicaid Office at 787-641-4224 to learn about your Medicaid plan options.
- Other Medicare health plan options are available during the **Open Enrollment Period**. Section 2.2 tells you more about the Open Enrollment Period.

- **Your membership will usually end on the first day of the month after we get your request to change your plan.** Your enrollment in your new plan will also begin on this day.

Section 2.2 You can end your membership during the Open Enrollment Period

You can end your membership during the **Open Enrollment Period** each year. During this time, review your health and drug coverage and decide about coverage for the upcoming year.

- The **Open Enrollment Period** is from **October 15 to December 7**.
- **Choose to keep your current coverage or make changes to your coverage for the upcoming year.** If you decide to change to a new plan, you can choose any of the following types of coverage:
    - Another Medicare health plan, with or without drug coverage.
    - Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare drug plan
    - Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare drug plan.
    - If eligible, an integrated D-SNP that provides your Medicare and most or all of your Medicaid benefits and services in one plan.

You get Extra Help from Medicare to pay for your prescription drugs: If you switch to Original Medicare and don't enroll in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan, unless you've opted out of automatic enrollment.

Note: If you disenroll from Medicare drug coverage, no longer receive Extra Help, and go without creditable drug coverage for 63 days or more in a row, you may have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you join a Medicare drug plan later.

- **Your membership will end in our plan** when your new plan's coverage begins on January 1.

Section 2.3 You can end your membership during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

You can make *one* change to your health coverage during the **Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** each year.

- **The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** is from January 1 to March 31 and also for new Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in an MA plan, from the month of entitlement to Part A and Part B until the last day of the 3rd month of entitlement.
- **During the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period** you can:
    - Switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan with or without drug coverage.

  - Disenroll from our plan and get coverage through Original Medicare. If you switch to Original Medicare during this period, you can also join a separate Medicare drug plan at the same time.
- **Your membership will end** on the first day of the month after you enroll in a different Medicare Advantage plan, or we get your request to switch to Original Medicare. If you also choose to enroll in a Medicare drug plan, your membership in the drug plan will start the first day of the month after the drug plan gets your enrollment request.

Section 2.4 In certain situations, you can end your membership during a Special Enrollment Period

In certain situations, you may be eligible to end your membership at other times of the year. This is known as a **Special Enrollment Period**.

You may be eligible to end your membership during a Special Enrollment Period if any of the following situations apply to you. These are just examples. For the full list you can contact our plan, call Medicare, or visit Medicare.gov.

- Usually, when you move
- If you have Medicaid
- If you're eligible for Extra Help paying for your Medicare drug coverage
- If we violate our contract with you
- If you're getting care in an institution, such as a nursing home or long-term care (LTC) hospital
- **Note:** If you're in a drug management program, you may only be eligible for certain Special Enrollment Periods. Chapter 5, Section 10 tells you more about drug management programs.
- **Note:** Section 2.1 tells you more about the special enrollment period for people with Medicaid.

Enrollment time periods vary depending on your situation.

To find out if you're eligible for a Special Enrollment Period, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. If you're eligible to end your membership because of a special situation, you can choose to change both your Medicare health coverage and drug coverage. You can choose:

- Another Medicare health plan with or without drug coverage,
- Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare drug plan,
- Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare drug plan.

- If eligible, an integrated D-SNP that provides your Medicare and most or all of your Medicaid benefits and services in one plan.

Note: If you disenroll from Medicare drug coverage, no longer receive Extra Help, and go without creditable drug coverage for 63 days or more in a row, you may have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you get Extra Help from Medicare to pay for your drug coverage drugs: If you switch to Original Medicare and don't enroll in a separate Medicare drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan, unless you opt out of automatic enrollment.

Your membership will usually end on the first day of the month after your request to change your plan.

Note: Sections 2.1 and 2.2 tell you more about the special enrollment period for people with Medicaid and Extra Help.

Section 2.5 Get more information about when you can end your membership

If you have questions about ending your membership you can:

- **Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711)**
- Find the information in the ***Medicare & You 2027*** handbook
- Call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048)

SECTION 3 How to end your membership in our plan

The table below explains how you can end your membership in our plan.

To switch from our plan to:	Here's what to do:
Another Medicare health plan	• Enroll in the new Medicare health plan. • You'll automatically be disenrolled from *PMC Premier Platino* when your new plan's coverage starts.
Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare drug plan	• Enroll in the new Medicare drug plan. • You'll automatically be disenrolled *PMC Premier Platino* when your new drug plan's coverage starts.
Original Medicare *without* a separate Medicare drug plan	• **Send us a written request to disenroll.** Call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470

(Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) if you need more information on how to do this.

- You can also call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.
- You'll be disenrolled from *PMC Premier Platino* when your coverage in Original Medicare starts.

Note: If you disenroll from Medicare drug coverage, no longer receive Extra Help, and go without creditable drug coverage for 63 days or more in a row, you may have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty if you join a Medicare drug plan later.

For questions about Puerto Rico Medicaid Program benefits, call Puerto Rico Medicaid Program at 787-641-4224 (TTY users should call 787-625-6955), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your Puerto Rico Medicaid Program coverage.

SECTION 4 Until your membership ends, you must keep getting your medical items, services and drugs through our plan

Until your membership ends, and your new Medicare and Medicaid coverage starts, you must continue to get your medical items, services and prescription drugs through our plan.

- **Continue to use our network providers to get medical care.**
- **Continue to use our network pharmacies or mail order to get your prescriptions filled.**
- **If you're hospitalized on the day your membership ends, your hospital stay will be covered by our plan until you're discharged** (even if you're discharged after your new health coverage starts).

SECTION 5 *PMC Premier Platino* must end your plan membership in certain situations

***PMC Premier Platino* must end your membership in our plan if any of the following happen:**

- If you no longer have Medicare Part A and Part B
- If you're no longer eligible for Medicaid. As stated in Chapter 1, Section 2.1, our plan is for people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. If you no longer meet the specific special needs status required for this plan, we will provide you with a notice and a period in which you must requalify for our plan. After the period ends, you will be

disenrolled from the plan. Please contact us at the numbers provided on the back cover of this document.

- If you don't pay your medical spenddown, if applicable
- If you move out of our service area
- If you're away from our service area for more than 6 months.
    - If you move or take a long trip, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711) to find out if the place you're moving or traveling to is in our plan's area.
- If you become incarcerated (go to prison)
- If you're no longer a United States citizen or national, or an eligible noncitizen
- If you lie or withhold information about other insurance, you have that provides drug coverage
- If you intentionally give us incorrect information when you're enrolling in our plan and that information affects your eligibility for our plan. (We can't make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
- If you continuously behave in a way that's disruptive and makes it difficult for us to provide medical care for you and other members of our plan. (We can't make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
- If you let someone else use your membership card to get medical care. (We can't make you leave our plan for this reason unless we get permission from Medicare first.)
    - If we end your membership because of this reason, Medicare may have your case investigated by the Inspector General.

If you have questions or want more information on when we can end your membership, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (Toll Free) (TTY users call 711).

Section 5.1 We can't ask you to leave our plan for any health-related reason

PMC Premier Platino isn't allowed to ask you to leave our plan for any health-related reason.

What should you do if this happens?

If you feel you're being asked to leave our plan because of a health-related reason, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

Section 5.2 You have the right to make a complaint if we end your membership in our plan

If we end your membership in our plan, we must tell you our reasons in writing for ending your membership. We must also explain how you can file a grievance or make a complaint about our decision to end your membership.

CHAPTER 11: Legal notices

SECTION 1 Notice about governing law

The principal law that applies to this *Evidence of Coverage* document is Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the regulations created under the Social Security Act by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, other federal laws may apply and, under certain circumstances, the laws of the state you live in. This may affect your rights and responsibilities even if the laws aren't included or explained in this document.

SECTION 2 Notice about nondiscrimination

We don't discriminate based on race, ethnicity, national origin, color, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, health status, claims experience, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability, or geographic location within the service area. All organizations that provide Medicare Advantage plans, like our plan, must obey federal laws against discrimination, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, all other laws that apply to organizations that get federal funding, and any other laws and rules that apply for any other reason.

If you want more information or have concerns about discrimination or unfair treatment, call the Department of Health and Human Services' **Office for Civil Rights** at 1-800-368-1019 (TTY 1-800-537-7697) or your local Office for Civil Rights. You can also review information from the Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights at HHS.gov/ocr/index.html.

If you have a disability and need help with access to care, call Member Services at 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (toll free) (TTY users call 711). If you have a complaint, such as a problem with wheelchair access, Member Services can help.

Discrimination is Against the Law

MMM Healthcare, LLC. complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. MMM Healthcare, LLC., does not exclude people or treat them less favorably because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

MMM Healthcare, LLC.:

- Provides people with disabilities reasonable modifications and free appropriate auxiliary aids and services to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language assistance services to people whose primary language is not English, which may include:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, or language assistance services, contact the Member Services Department.

If you believe that MMM Healthcare, LLC., has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: Appeals and Grievances Department, PO Box 71114, San Juan PR 00936-8014, 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 toll free), 711 TTY (hearing impaired), 787-622-0485 (fax), clientes@mmmhc.com (email). You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Member Services Department is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201

1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

SECTION 3 Notice about Medicare Secondary Payer subrogation rights

We have the right and responsibility to collect for covered Medicare services for which Medicare isn't the primary payer. According to CMS regulations at 42 CFR sections 422.108 and 423.462, *PMC Premier Platino*, as a Medicare Advantage Organization, will exercise the same

rights of recovery that the Secretary exercises under CMS regulations in subparts B through D of part 411 of 42 CFR and the rules established in this section supersede any state laws.

CHAPTER 12: Definitions

Ambulatory Surgical Center – An Ambulatory Surgical Center is an entity that operates exclusively for the purpose of furnishing outpatient surgical services to patients not requiring hospitalization and whose expected stay in the center doesn't exceed 24 hours.

Appeal – An appeal is something you do if you disagree with our decision to deny a request for coverage of health care services or prescription drugs or payment for services or drugs you already got. You may also make an appeal if you disagree with our decision to stop services that you're getting.

Balance Billing – When a provider (such as a doctor or hospital) bills a patient more than our plan's allowed cost-sharing amount. As a member of *PMC Premier Platino*, you only have to pay our plan's cost-sharing amounts when you get services covered by our plan. We don't allow providers to **balance bill** or otherwise charge you more than the amount of cost sharing our plan says you must pay.

Benefit Period –The way that both our plan and Original Medicare measures your use of hospital and skilled nursing facility (SNF) services. A benefit period begins the day you go into a hospital or skilled nursing facility. The benefit period ends when you haven't received any inpatient hospital care (or skilled care in a SNF) for 60 days in a row. If you go into a hospital or a skilled nursing facility after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. There's no limit to the number of benefit periods. This hospital benefit period is not the same as the one under Original Medicare. Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for a hospital stay and up to 100 days in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

Biological Product – A prescription drug that's made from natural and living sources like animal cells, plant cells, bacteria, or yeast. Biological products are more complex than other drugs and can't be copied exactly, so alternative forms are called biosimilars. (go to "**Original Biological Product**" and "**Biosimilar**").

Biosimilar – A biological product that's very similar, but not identical, to the original biological product. Biosimilars are as safe and effective as the original biological product. Some biosimilars may be substituted for the original biological product at the pharmacy without needing a new prescription (go to "**Interchangeable Biosimilar**").

Brand Name Drug – A prescription drug that's manufactured and sold by the pharmaceutical company that originally researched and developed the drug. Brand name drugs have the same active-ingredient formula as the generic version of the drug. However, generic drugs are manufactured and sold by other drug manufacturers and are generally not available until after the patent on the brand name drug has expired.

Care Plan – A plan for what services you'll get and how you'll get them. Your plan may include medical services, behavioral health services, and Member Usual Practitioner (like, but not limited to nutritionist, social worker, case manager, etc.), or other services.

Care Team – A care team may include doctors, nurses, counselors, or other health professionals who are there to help you get the care you need. Your care team also helps you make a care plan.

Catastrophic Coverage Stage – The stage in the Part D Drug Benefit that begins when you (or other qualified parties on your behalf) have spent $2,400 for Part D covered drugs during the covered year. During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – The federal agency that administers Medicare.

Chronic-Care Special Needs Plan (C-SNP) – C-SNPs are SNPs that restrict enrollment to MA eligible people who have specific severe and chronic diseases.

Coinsurance – An amount you may be required to pay, expressed as a percentage (for example 20%) as your share of the cost for services or prescription drugs.

Complaint — The formal name for making a complaint is **filing a grievance**. The complaint process is used *only* for certain types of problems. This includes problems about quality of care, waiting times, and the customer service you get. It also includes complaints if our plan doesn't follow the time periods in the appeal process.

Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) – A facility that mainly provides rehabilitation services after an illness or injury, including physical therapy, social or psychological services, respiratory therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services, and home environment evaluation services.

Copayment (or copay) – An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for a medical service or supply, like a doctor's visit, hospital outpatient visit, or a prescription drug. A copayment is a set amount (for example $10), rather than a percentage.

Cost Sharing – Cost sharing refers to amounts that a member has to pay when services or drugs are gotten. Cost sharing includes any combination of the following 3 types of payments: (1) any deductible amount a plan may impose before services or drugs are covered; (2) any fixed copayment amount that a plan requires when a specific service or drug is received; or (3) any coinsurance amount, a percentage of the total amount paid for a service or drug that a plan requires when a specific service or drug is received.

Coverage Determination – A decision about whether a drug prescribed for you is covered by our plan and the amount, if any, you're required to pay for the prescription. In general, if you bring your prescription to a pharmacy and the pharmacy tells you the prescription isn't covered

under our plan, that isn't a coverage determination. You need to call or write to our plan to ask for a formal decision about the coverage. Coverage determinations are called **coverage decisions** in this document.

Covered Drugs – The term we use to mean all the drugs covered by our plan.

Covered Services – The term we use to mean all the health care services and supplies that are covered by our plan.

Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage – Prescription drug coverage (for example, from an employer or union) that's expected to pay, on average, at least as much as Medicare's standard prescription drug coverage. People who have this kind of coverage when they become eligible for Medicare can generally keep that coverage without paying a penalty if they decide to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage later.

Custodial Care – Custodial care is personal care provided in a nursing home, hospice, or other facility setting when you don't need skilled medical care or skilled nursing care. Custodial care, provided by people who don't have professional skills or training, includes help with activities of daily living like bathing, dressing, eating, getting in or out of a bed or chair, moving around, and using the bathroom. It may also include the kind of health-related care that most people do themselves, like using eye drops. Medicare doesn't pay for custodial care.

Daily cost-sharing rate – A daily cost-sharing rate may apply when your doctor prescribes less than a full month's supply of certain drugs for you and you're required to pay a copayment. A daily cost-sharing rate is the copayment divided by the number of days in a month's supply. Here is an example: If your copayment for a one-month supply of a drug is $30, and a one-month's supply in our plan is 30 days, then your daily cost-sharing rate is $1 per day.

Deductible – The amount you must pay for health care or prescriptions before our plan pays.

Disenroll or **Disenrollment** – The process of ending your membership in our plan.

Dispensing Fee – A fee charged each time a covered drug is dispensed to pay for the cost of filling a prescription, such as the pharmacist's time to prepare and package the prescription.

Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) – D-SNPs enroll people who are entitled to both Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) and medical assistance from a state plan under Medicaid (Title XIX). States cover some or all Medicare costs, depending on the state and the person's eligibility.

Dually Eligible Individual – A person who is eligible for Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) – Certain medical equipment that's ordered by your doctor for medical reasons. Examples include walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress

systems, diabetic supplies, IV infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, or hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home.

Emergency – A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life (and if you're a pregnant woman, loss of an unborn child), loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb, or loss of or serious impairment to a bodily function. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that's quickly getting worse.

Emergency Care – Covered services that are: 1) provided by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services; and 2) needed to treat, evaluate, or stabilize an emergency medical condition.

Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and Disclosure Information – This document, along with your enrollment form and any other attachments, riders, or other optional coverage selected, which explains your coverage, what we must do, your rights, and what you have to do as a member of our plan.

Exception – A type of coverage decision that, if approved, allows you to get a drug that isn't on our formulary (a formulary exception), or get a non-preferred drug at a lower cost-sharing level (a tiering exception). You may also ask for an exception if our plan requires you to try another drug before getting the drug you're asking for, if our plan requires a prior authorization for a drug and you want us to waive the criteria restriction, or if our plan limits the quantity or dosage of the drug you're asking for (a formulary exception).

Extra Help – A Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare prescription drug program costs, such as premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

Generic Drug – A prescription drug that's approved by the FDA as having the same active ingredient(s) as the brand name drug. Generally, a generic drug works the same as a brand name drug and usually costs less.

Health Risk Assessment – A review of your medical history and current condition. It's used to learn about your health and how it might change in the future.

Home Health Aide – A person who provides services that don't need the skills of a licensed nurse or therapist, such as help with personal care (e.g., bathing, using the toilet, dressing, or carrying out the prescribed exercises).

Hospice – A benefit that provides special treatment for a member who has been medically certified as terminally ill, meaning having a life expectancy of 6 months or less. Our plan must provide you with a list of hospices in your geographic area. If you elect hospice and continue to pay premiums, you're still a member of our plan. You can still get all medically necessary services as well as the supplemental benefits we offer.

Hospital Inpatient Stay – A hospital stay when you have been formally admitted to the hospital for skilled medical services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an outpatient.

Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) –If your modified adjusted gross income as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years ago is above a certain amount, you'll pay the standard premium amount and an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, also known as IRMAA. IRMAA is an extra charge added to your premium. Less than 5% of people with Medicare are affected, so most people will not pay a higher premium.

Initial Coverage Stage – This is the stage after you pay your deductible (if you have one) and before your out-of-pocket costs for the year have reached the out-of-pocket threshold amount.

Initial Enrollment Period – When you're first eligible for Medicare, the period of time when you can sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B. If you're eligible for Medicare when you turn 65, your Initial Enrollment Period is the 7-month period that begins 3 months before the month you turn 65, includes the month you turn 65, and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65.

Integrated D-SNP – A D-SNP that covers Medicare and most or all Medicaid services under a single health plan for certain groups of people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. These people are also known as full-benefit dually eligible people.

Integrated Grievance – A type of complaint you make about our plan, providers, or pharmacies, including a complaint concerning the quality of your care. This doesn't involve coverage or payment disputes.

Integrated Organization Determination – A decision our plan makes about whether items or services are covered or how much you have to pay for covered items or services. Organization determinations are called coverage decisions in this document.

Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP) – I-SNPs restrict enrollment to MA eligible people who live in the community but need the level of care a facility offers, or who live (or are expected to live) for at least 90 days straight in certain long-term facilities. I-SNPs include the following types of plans: Institutional-equivalent SNPs (IE-SNPs) Hybrid Institutional SNPs (HI-SNPs), and Facility-based Institutional SNPs (FI-SNPs).

Institutional-Equivalent Special Needs Plan (IE-SNP) – An IE-SNP restricts enrollment to MA eligible people who live in the community but need the level of care a facility offers.

Interchangeable Biosimilar – A biosimilar that may be used as a substitute for an original biosimilar product at the pharmacy without needing a new prescription because it meets additional requirements about the potential for automatic substitution. Automatic substitution at the pharmacy is subject to state law.

List of Covered Drugs (formulary or Drug List) – A list of prescription drugs covered by our plan.

Low Income Subsidy (LIS) – Go to Extra Help.

Manufacturer Discount Program – A program under which drug manufacturers pay a portion of our plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics. Discounts are based on agreements between the federal government and drug manufacturers.

Maximum Fair Price – The price Medicare negotiated for a selected drug.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount – The most that you pay out-of-pocket during the calendar year for covered services. Amounts you pay for Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, and prescription drugs don't count toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount. (**Note:** Because our members also get help from Medicaid, very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum.)

Medicaid (or Medical Assistance) – A joint federal and state program that helps with medical costs for some people with low incomes and limited resources. State Medicaid programs vary, but most health care costs are covered if you qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Medically Accepted Indication – A use of a drug that's either approved by the FDA or supported by certain references, such as the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information and the Micromedex DRUGDEX Information system.

Medically Necessary – Services, supplies, or drugs that are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.

Medicare – The federal health insurance program for people 65 years of age or older, some people under age 65 with certain disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (generally those with permanent kidney failure who need dialysis or a kidney transplant).

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period – The time period from January 1 to March 31 when members in a Medicare Advantage plan can cancel its plan enrollment and switch to another Medicare Advantage plan or get coverage through Original Medicare. If you choose to switch to Original Medicare during this period, you can also join a separate Medicare prescription drug plan at that time. The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period is also available for a 3-month period after a person is first eligible for Medicare.

Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan – Sometimes called Medicare Part C. A plan offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide you with all your Medicare Part A and Part B benefits. A Medicare Advantage Plan can be i) an HMO, ii) a PPO, iii) a Private Fee-for-Service (PFFS) plan, or iv) a Medicare Medical Savings Account (MSA) plan. Besides choosing

from these types of plans, a Medicare Advantage HMO or PPO plan can also be a Special Needs Plan (SNP). In most cases, Medicare Advantage Plans also offer Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage). These plans are called **Medicare Advantage Plans with Prescription Drug coverage**.

Medicare-Covered Services – Services covered by Medicare Part A and Part B. All Medicare health plans must cover all the services that are covered by Medicare Part A and B. The term Medicare-Covered Services doesn't include the extra benefits, such as vision, dental, or hearing, that a Medicare Advantage plan may offer.

Medicare Health Plan – A Medicare health plan is offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare to provide Part A and Part B benefits to people with Medicare who enroll in our plan. This term includes all Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Cost Plans, Special Needs Plans, Demonstration/Pilot Programs, and Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

Medicare Drug coverage (Medicare Part D) – Insurance to help pay for outpatient prescription drugs, vaccines, biologicals, and some supplies not covered by Medicare Part A or Part B.

Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program – A Medicare Part D program for complex health needs provided to people who meet certain requirements or are in a Drug Management Program. MTM services usually include a discussion with a pharmacist or health care provider to review medications.

Medigap (Medicare Supplement Insurance) Policy – Medicare supplement insurance sold by private insurance companies to fill *gaps* in Original Medicare. Medigap policies only work with Original Medicare. (A Medicare Advantage plan isn't a Medigap policy.)

Member (member of our plan, or plan member) – A person with Medicare who is eligible to get covered services, who has enrolled in our plan, and whose enrollment has been confirmed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Member Services – A department within our plan responsible for answering your questions about your membership, benefits, grievances, and appeals.

Network Pharmacy –A pharmacy that contracts with our plan where members of our plan can get their prescription drug benefits. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered only if they're filled at one of our network pharmacies.

Network Provider – Provider is the general term for doctors, other health care professionals, hospitals, and other health care facilities that are licensed or certified by Medicare and by the state to provide health care services. **Network providers** have an agreement with our plan to accept our payment as payment in full, and in some cases to coordinate as well as

provide covered services to members of our plan. Network providers are also called **plan providers**.

Open Enrollment Period – The time period of October 15 until December 7 of each year when members can change their health or drug plans or switch to Original Medicare.

Original Biological Product – A biological product that has been approved by the FDA and serves as the comparison for manufacturers making a biosimilar version. It is also called a reference product.

Original Medicare (**Traditional Medicare or Fee-for-Service Medicare**) – Original Medicare is offered by the government, and not a private health plan like Medicare Advantage plans and prescription drug plans. Under Original Medicare, Medicare services are covered by paying doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers payment amounts established by Congress. You can see any doctor, hospital, or other health care provider that accepts Medicare. You must pay the deductible. Medicare pays its share of the Medicare-approved amount, and you pay your share. Original Medicare has 2 parts: Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) and is available everywhere in the United States.

Out-of-Network Pharmacy – A pharmacy that doesn't have a contract with our plan to coordinate or provide covered drugs to members of our plan. Most drugs you get from out-of-network pharmacies aren't covered by our plan unless certain conditions apply.

Out-of-Network Provider or Out-of-Network Facility – A provider or facility that doesn't have a contract with our plan to coordinate or provide covered services to members of our plan. Out-of-network providers are providers that aren't employed, owned, or operated by our plan.

Out-of-Pocket Costs – Go to the definition for cost sharing above. A member's cost-sharing requirement to pay for a portion of services or drugs received is also referred to as the member's out-of-pocket cost requirement.

Out-of-Pocket Threshold – The maximum amount you pay out of pocket for Part D drugs.

Part C – Go to Medicare Advantage (MA) plan.

Part D – The voluntary Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program.

Part D Drugs – Drugs that can be covered under Part D. We may or may not offer all Part D drugs. Certain categories of drugs have been excluded from Part D coverage by Congress. Certain categories of Part D drugs must be covered by every plan.

Part D Late Enrollment Penalty – An amount added to your monthly plan premium for Medicare drug coverage if you go without creditable coverage (coverage that's expected to pay, on average, at least as much as standard Medicare drug coverage) for a continuous period of 63

days or more after you're first eligible to join a Part D plan. If you lose Extra Help, you may be subject to the late enrollment penalty if you go 63 days or more in a row without Part D or other creditable drug coverage.

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan – A Preferred Provider Organization plan is a Medicare Advantage Plan that has a network of contracted providers that have agreed to treat plan members for a specified payment amount. A PPO plan must cover all plan benefits whether they're received from network or out-of-network providers. Member cost sharing will generally be higher when plan benefits are received from out-of-network providers. PPO plans have an annual limit on your out-of-pocket costs for services received from network (preferred) providers and a higher limit on your total combined out-of-pocket costs for services from both network (preferred) and out-of-network (non-preferred) providers.

Premium – The periodic payment to Medicare, an insurance company, or a health care plan for health or prescription drug coverage.

Preventive services – Health care services that help you stay healthy, detect health problems early, determine the most effective treatments, and prevent certain diseases. Preventive services include exams, shots, lab tests, and screenings. They also include programs for health monitoring, and counseling and education to help you take care of your own health.

Primary Care Provider (PCP) –The doctor or other provider you see first for most health problems. In many Medicare health plans, you must see your primary care provider before you see any other health care provider.

Prior Authorization –Approval in advance to get services or certain drugs based on specific criteria. Covered services that need prior authorization are marked in the Medical Benefits Chart in Chapter 4. Covered drugs that need prior authorization are marked in the formulary and our criteria are posted on our website.

Prosthetics and Orthotics –Medical devices including, but not limited to, arm, back, and neck braces; artificial limbs; artificial eyes; and devices needed to replace an internal body part or function, including ostomy supplies and enteral and parenteral nutrition therapy.

Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) – A group of practicing doctors and other health care experts paid by the federal government to check and improve the care given to Medicare patients.

Quantity Limits – A management tool that's designed to limit the use of a drug for quality, safety, or utilization reasons. Limits may be on the amount of the drug that we cover per prescription or for a defined period of time.

"Real-Time Benefit Tool" – A portal or computer application in which enrollees can look up complete, accurate, timely, clinically appropriate, enrollee-specific formulary and benefit information. This includes cost-sharing amounts, alternative formulary medications that may be

used for the same health condition as a given drug, and coverage restrictions (Prior Authorization, Step Therapy, Quantity Limits) that apply to alternative medications.

Referral – A written order from your primary care doctor for you to visit a specialist or get certain medical services. Without a referral, our plan may not pay for services from a specialist.

Rehabilitation Services – These services include inpatient rehabilitation care, physical therapy (outpatient), speech and language therapy, and occupational therapy.

Selected Drug – A drug covered under Part D for which Medicare negotiated a Maximum Fair Price.

Service Area – A geographic area where you must live to join a particular health plan. For plans that limit which doctors and hospitals you may use, it's also generally the area where you can get routine (non-emergency) services. Our plan must disenroll you if you permanently move out of our plan's service area.

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care – Skilled nursing care and rehabilitation services provided on a continuous, daily basis, in a skilled nursing facility. Examples of care include physical therapy or intravenous injections that can only be given by a registered nurse or doctor.

Special Needs Plan – A special type of Medicare Advantage plan that provides more focused health care for specific groups of people, such as those who have both Medicare and Medicaid, who live in a nursing home, or who have certain chronic medical conditions.

Step Therapy – A utilization tool that requires you to first try another drug to treat your medical condition before we'll cover the drug your physician may have initially prescribed.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – A monthly benefit paid by Social Security to people with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind, or age 65 and older. SSI benefits aren't the same as Social Security benefits.

Urgently Needed Services – A plan-covered service requiring immediate medical attention that's not an emergency is an urgently needed service if either you're temporarily outside our plan's service area, or it's unreasonable given your time, place, and circumstances to get this service from network providers. Examples of urgently needed services are unforeseen medical illnesses and injuries, or unexpected flare-ups of existing conditions. Medically necessary routine provider visits (like annual checkups) aren't considered urgently needed even if you're outside our plan's service area or our plan network is temporarily unavailable.

***PMC Premier Platino* Member Services**

Method	Member Services – Contact Information
Call	787-620-2397 1-866-333-5470 (toll free) Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Member Services 787-620-2397, 1-866-333-5470 (toll free) (TTY users call 711) also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
TTY	711 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking. Calls to this number are free. Monday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Write	MMM Healthcare, LLC. Member Services Department PO Box 71114 San Juan, PR 00936-8014 Email Address: clientes@mmmhc.com
Website	www.mmmpr.com

Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly (Puerto Rico's SHIP)

The Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly is a state program that gets money from the federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

Method	Contact Information
Call	787-721-6121 or 1-877-725-4300 1-800-981-0056 (Mayagüez Region) 1-800-981-7735 (Ponce Region) Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
TTY	787-919-7291 This number requires special telephone equipment and is only for people who have difficulties with hearing or speaking.
Write	**Office of the Ombudsman for the Elderly** **State Health Insurance Assistance Program**

	PO Box 191179 San Juan, PR 00919-1179
Website	www.oppea.pr.gov

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