

Annual Notices - County of San Luis Obispo



2020 Annual Notices

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Medicare Part D Notice

Important Notice from County of San Luis Obispo About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with County of San Luis Obispo and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. County of San Luis Obispo has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Anthem is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your County of San Luis Obispo coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan. **Important Note for Retiree Plans: Certain retiree plans will terminate RX coverage when an individual enrolls in Medicare Part D and individuals might not be able to re-enroll in that coverage. If completing this Notice for a retiree plan, review the plan provisions before completing this form and modify this section as needed.**

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under Anthem is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your County of San Luis Obispo prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with County of San Luis Obispo and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information.

NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through County of San Luis Obispo changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit medicare.gov
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: 01/01/2020
Name of Entity/Sender: Ashleigh Szkubiel
Contact-Position/Office: Benefits Manager
Address: 1055 Monterey ST, San Luis Obispo CA 93408
Phone Number: 805-781-5963

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your Plan's Member Services for more information.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your Plan's Member Services.

HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you decline enrollment in County of San Luis Obispo health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in County of San Luis Obispo health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 31 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 31 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in County of San Luis Obispo health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

Availability of Privacy Practices Notice

We maintain the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for County of San Luis Obispo describing how health information about you may be used and disclosed. You may obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting the insurance carrier directly.

Michelle's Law

The Anthem plans may extend medical coverage for dependent children if they lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school. Coverage may continue for up to a year, unless your child's eligibility would end earlier for another reason.

Extended coverage is available if a child's leave of absence from school — or change in school enrollment status (for example, switching from full-time to part-time status) — starts while the child has a serious illness or injury, is medically necessary and otherwise causes eligibility for student coverage under the plan to end. Written certification from the child's physician stating that the child suffers from a serious illness or injury and the leave of absence is medically necessary may be required.

If your child will lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school and you want his or her coverage to be extended, notify County of San Luis Obispo as soon as the need for the leave is recognized. In addition, contact your child's health plan to see if any state laws requiring extended coverage may apply to his or her benefits.

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2019. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	
Website: http://myalhipp.com/	Phone: 1-855-692-5447
ALASKA – Medicaid	
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program	
Website: http://myakhipp.com/	
Phone: 1-866-251-4861	
Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com	
Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	
Website: http://myarhipp.com/	Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	
Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/	
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711	
CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus	
CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711	
FLORIDA – Medicaid	
Website: http://flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/	Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	
Website: Medicaid https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp	
Phone: 678-564-1162 ext. 2131	
INDIANA – Medicaid	
Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64	
Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
All other Medicaid	
Website: http://www.indianamedicaid.com	Phone 1-800-403-0864
IOWA – Medicaid	
Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki	Phone: 1-800-257-8563

KANSAS – Medicaid	Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/	Phone: 1-785-296-3512
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	Website: https://chfs.ky.gov	Phone: 1-800-635-2570
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	Website: http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331	Phone: 1-888-695-2447
MAINE – Medicaid	Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html	Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/	Phone: 1-800-862-4840
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp	Phone: 1-800-657-3739
MISSOURI – Medicaid	Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm	Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP	Phone: 1-800-694-3084
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov	Phone: (855) 632-7633 Lincoln: (402) 473-7000 Omaha: (402) 595-1178
NEVADA – Medicaid	Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm	Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/	Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
NEW YORK – Medicaid	Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/	Phone: 1-800-541-2831
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	Website: https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/	Phone: 919-855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/	Phone: 1-844-854-4825
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org	Phone: 1-888-365-3742
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html	Phone: 1-800-699-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	Website: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm	Phone: 1-800-692-7462
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/	Phone: 855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rite Share Line)
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov	Phone: 1-888-549-0820

SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	
Website: http://dss.sd.gov	Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/	Phone: 1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/	
CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip	
Phone: 1-877-543-7669	
VERMONT– Medicaid	
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/	Phone: 1-800-250-8427
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm	Phone: 1-800-432-5924
CHIP Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm	Phone: 1-855-242-8282
WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid	
Website: http://mywvhipp.com/	Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	
Website: http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program	
Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473	
WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf	
Phone: 1-800-362-3002	
WYOMING – Medicaid	
Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/	
Phone: 307-777-7531	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2019, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements Notice

County of San Luis Obispo complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. County of San Luis Obispo does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

County of San Luis Obispo:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities 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 services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Tina Williams.

If you believe that County of San Luis Obispo 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:

- Ashleigh Szkubiel, Benefits Manager 1055 Monterey ST, San Luis Obispo CA 93408
- Phone: 805-781-5963
- Email: asz kubiel@co.slo.ca.us

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Ashleigh Szkubiel 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, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file>.

