



ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO) offered by ConnectiCare, Inc.

Annual Notice of Changes for 2023

You are currently enrolled as a member of ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO). Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. ***Please see page 4 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.***

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at connecticare.com/medicare. You can also review the separately mailed *Evidence of Coverage* to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

What to do now

1. ASK: Which changes apply to you

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
 - Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital)
 - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including authorization requirements and costs
 - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing
- Check the changes in the 2023 Drug List to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2023* handbook.

- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

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

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2022, you will stay in ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO).
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2023**. This will end your enrollment with ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO).
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish.
- Please contact our Member Services number at **1-800-224-2273** for additional information. (TTY users should call **711**.) Hours are 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week.
- We can also provide information in a way that works for you (information in alternate formats). Please call Member Services at the number listed above if you need plan information in another format or language.
- **Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC)** and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families for more information.

About ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO)

- ConnectiCare, Inc. is an HMO/HMO-POS plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in ConnectiCare depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our," it means ConnectiCare, Inc. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO).

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Summary of Important Costs for 2023

The table below compares the 2022 costs and 2023 costs for ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	\$7,550	\$7,550
Doctor office visits	<u>Primary care visits:</u> \$15 copay per visit <u>Specialist visits:</u> \$50 copay per visit	<u>Primary care visits:</u> \$0 copay per visit <u>Specialist visits:</u> \$45 copay per visit
Inpatient hospital stays	Days 1-4: \$490 copay per day. \$0 copay per day for each additional day; for each inpatient stay. Unlimited days. Prior authorization is required.	Days 1-4: \$490 copay per day. \$0 copay per day for each additional day; for each inpatient stay. Unlimited days. Prior authorization is required.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.5 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$275</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <p>Drug Tier 1: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$9 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$2 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 2: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 3: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$42 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 4: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$95 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 5: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 28% of the total cost. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 28% of the total cost.</p>	<p>Deductible: \$150</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <p>Drug Tier 1: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$9 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$2 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 2: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 3: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$42 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 4: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$95 per prescription.</p> <p>Drug Tier 5: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 30% of the total cost. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 30% of the total cost.</p> <p>Drug Tier 6: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>You pay \$35 for a 30-day supply of covered Insulin.</p> <p>You pay \$0 for eligible vaccines.</p>

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefit and Cost for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0
Optional Supplemental Dental	\$39 or \$49	\$16 or \$30

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as “creditable coverage”) for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving “Extra Help” with your prescription drug costs. Please see Section 6 regarding “Extra Help” from Medicare.

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

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

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$7,550	\$7,550 Once you have paid \$7,550 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are located on our website at connecticare.com/medicare. You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a *directory*.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2023 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2023 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

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

Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Cost for Medical Services

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

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Ambulance Services	You pay \$415 for one way ground ambulance services. Copay not waived if admitted	You pay \$275 for one way ground ambulance services. Copay not waived if admitted
Cardiac Rehabilitation Services	You pay a \$50 copay for Medicare-covered cardiac rehabilitation services. You pay a \$100 copay for Medicare-covered intensive cardiac rehabilitation services.	You pay a \$40 copay for Medicare-covered cardiac rehabilitation services. You pay a \$60 copay for Medicare-covered intensive cardiac rehabilitation services.
Emergency Care/Post Stabilization Services	You pay a \$90 copay for Medicare-covered emergency care/post stabilization services. Copay waived if admitted within 1 day	You pay a \$95 copay for Medicare-covered emergency care/post stabilization services. Copay waived if admitted within 1 day

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Hearing Services	<p>You pay a \$50 copay for one covered routine hearing exam per year.</p> <p>You pay a \$50 copay for a Medicare-covered diagnostic hearing exam.</p> <p>You pay a \$50 copay for hearing aid fitting and evaluation. Up to two hearing aids per year (both ears combined).</p>	<p>You pay a \$45 copay for one covered routine hearing exam per year.</p> <p>You pay a \$45 copay for a Medicare-covered diagnostic hearing exam.</p> <p>You pay a \$45 copay for hearing aid fitting and evaluation. Up to two hearing aids per year (both ears combined).</p>
Health and Wellness Education	Access to eMindful is not covered	<p>Access to eMindful, an online portal with live and on-demand expert led program solutions to improve focus, manage stress and anxiety, and enhance overall well-being. Please login to my.wellsparkhealth.com for more information.</p> <p>This program is available at no additional cost.</p>
Lab Services	<p>You pay a \$15 copay for lab services in any location.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for lab services provided at a physician's office or independent facility.</p> <p>You pay a \$15 copay for lab services provided at all other locations.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Outpatient Blood Services	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for outpatient blood services.</p> <p>The deductible is not waived for the first 3 pints of blood in a calendar year.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for outpatient blood services.</p> <p>The deductible is waived for the first 3 pints of blood in a calendar year.</p>
Other Health Care Services	You pay a \$50 copay for other health care services.	You pay a \$45 copay for other health care services.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p>Optional Supplemental Dental Services</p> <p>Available for an additional monthly premium. Some limitations apply, please refer to Chapter 4 of your Evidence of Coverage for additional details.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for preventive and diagnostic dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oral examinations ● Bitewing x-rays ● Prophylaxis/Cleanings ● Fluoride treatment ● Complete Series (one series or panorex) 	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for preventive and diagnostic dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oral examinations ● Bitewing x-rays ● Prophylaxis/Cleanings ● Fluoride treatment ● Complete Series (one series or panorex)
	<p>You pay 20% of the total cost for comprehensive dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restorations ● Diagnostics ● Non-routine 	<p>You pay 20% of the total cost for comprehensive dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restorations ● Diagnostics ● Non-routine
	<p>You pay 50% of the total cost for major dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Endodontics ● Periodontics ● Extractions ● Prosthodontics ● Oral Surgery ● Partial Dentures, Full Dentures 	<p>You pay 50% of the total cost for major dental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Endodontics ● Periodontics ● Extractions ● Prosthodontics ● Oral Surgery ● Partial Dentures, Full Dentures
	<p>\$39 OR \$49 monthly premium \$100 deductible \$2,000 OR \$3,000 annual benefit limit</p>	<p>\$16 monthly premium \$100 deductible \$3,000 annual benefit limit</p> <p>Preventive services will not accumulate towards the annual benefit maximum</p>
	<p>OR</p>	<p>OR</p>
	<p>You pay 50% of the total cost for all preventative and comprehensive dental services \$39 monthly premium \$3,500 annual benefit limit</p> <p>Based on option purchased</p>	<p>You pay 50% of the total cost for all preventative and comprehensive dental services \$30 monthly premium \$3,500 annual benefit limit</p> <p>Based on option purchased</p>

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Over the Counter (OTC) Items	<p>Our plan will cover \$15 every three months for Medicare-approved mail order only items.</p> <p>This amount does not roll-over and will expire on the last day of each three month period.</p>	<p>Our plan will cover \$45 every three months for Medicare-approved mail order only items.</p> <p>This amount does not roll-over and will expire on the last day of each three month period.</p>
Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits	<p>You pay a \$15 copay for each primary care office visit.</p> <p>You pay a \$50 copay for each specialist office visit.</p> <p>You have the option of getting these services through an in-person visit or by telehealth with a network provider who offers the service by telehealth.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay for each primary care office visit.</p> <p>You pay a \$45 copay for each specialist office visit.</p> <p>You have the option of getting these services through an in-person visit or by telehealth with a network provider who offers the service by telehealth.</p>
Podiatry Services	<p>You pay a \$50 copay for Medicare-covered podiatry services.</p> <p>Routine podiatry services are not covered.</p>	<p>You pay a \$45 copay for Medicare-covered podiatry services.</p> <p>Routine podiatry services are not covered.</p>
Pulmonary Rehab Services	<p>You pay a \$30 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehab services.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$20 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehab services.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Supervised Exercise Therapy Services:	<p>You pay a \$30 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy services.</p>	<p>You pay a \$25 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy services.</p>
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care	<p>You pay a \$0 copay each day for Medicare-covered services for days 1-20, \$184 copay each day for Medicare-covered services for days 21-100; per benefit period.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay each day for Medicare-covered services for days 1-20, \$196 copay each day for Medicare-covered services for days 21-100; per benefit period.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Worldwide Emergency Services	You pay a \$90 copay for Worldwide Emergency Services. \$50,000 annual limit combined with Worldwide Urgent Care and Worldwide Ground Ambulance.	You pay a \$95 copay for Worldwide Emergency Services. \$50,000 annual limit combined with Worldwide Urgent Care and Worldwide Ground Ambulance.
Worldwide Urgent Care	You pay a \$90 copay for Worldwide Urgent Care. \$50,000 annual limit combined with Wnnual limit combined with Worldwide Emergency Care and Worldwide Ground Ambulance.	You pay a \$95 copay for Worldwide Urgent Care. \$50,000 annual limit combined with Wnnual limit combined with Worldwide Emergency Care and Worldwide Ground Ambulance.

Section 1.5 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or “Drug List.” A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically.

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

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

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

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.** We sent you a separate insert, called the “Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs” (also called the “Low Income Subsidy Rider” or the “LIS Rider”), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive “Extra Help” and you haven’t received this insert by September 30, 2022, please call Member Services and ask for the “LIS Rider.”

There are four “drug payment stages.”

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

Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines - Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you, even if you haven't paid your deductible. Call Member Services for more information.

Important Message About What You Pay for Insulin - You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on, even if you haven't paid your deductible.

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug), and Tier 5 (Specialty Tier) drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is \$275.</p> <p>During this stage you pay \$9 standard cost sharing and \$2 preferred cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 (Preferred Generic);</p> <p>\$20 standard cost sharing and \$10 preferred cost sharing for drugs on Tier 2 (Generic);</p> <p>and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3 (Preferred Brand), Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug), and Tier 5 (Specialty Tier) until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is \$150.</p> <p>During this stage you pay \$9 standard cost sharing and \$2 preferred cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 (Preferred Generic);</p> <p>\$20 standard cost sharing and \$10 preferred cost sharing for drugs on Tier 2 (Generic);</p> <p>\$47 standard cost sharing and \$42 preferred cost sharing for drugs on Tier 3 (Preferred Brand)</p> <p>\$0 standard cost sharing and \$0 preferred cost sharing for drugs on Tier 6 (Select Care Drugs);</p> <p>There is no deductible for covered Insulins or eligible vaccines. You pay \$35 for a 30-day supply of covered insulin. You pay \$0 for eligible vaccines.</p> <p>and the full cost of drugs Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug), and Tier 5 (Specialty Tier) until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</p> <p>Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and you pay your share of the cost.</p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy.</p> <p>For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</p> <p>We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the Drug List.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy:</p> <p>Tier 1 (Preferred Generic): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$9 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$2 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2 (Generic): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 3 (Preferred Brand): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$42 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$95 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 5 (Specialty Tier): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 28% of the total cost. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 28% of the total cost.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy:</p> <p>Tier 1 (Preferred Generic): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$9 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$2 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2 (Generic): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 3 (Preferred Brand): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$42 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$95 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 5 (Specialty Tier): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 30% of the total cost. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 30% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 6 (Select Care Drugs): <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>You pay \$35 for a 30-day supply of covered Insulin.</p>

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (continued)	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430 , you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	You pay \$0 for eligible vaccines. Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660 , you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

SECTION 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO)

To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything. If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in our ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO).

Section 2.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2023 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- *OR--* You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 1.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder (www.medicare.gov/plan-compare), read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2). As a reminder, ConnectiCare, Inc. offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
 - – *or* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 3 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

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

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2023, and don’t like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) between January 1 and March 31, 2023.

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

SECTION 4 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Connecticut, the SHIP is called **CHOICES** (Connecticut’s program for **H**ealth insurance assistance, **O**utreach, **I**nformation and referral, **C**ounseling, **E**ligibility Screening).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. CHOICES counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call CHOICES at 1-800-994-9422. You can learn more about CHOICES by visiting their website (www.ct.gov/agingservices).

SECTION 5 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs.

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
 - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
 - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
 - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Connecticut AIDS Drug Assistance Program (CADAP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call CADAP at 1-800-424-3310.

SECTION 6 Questions?

Section 6.1 – Getting Help from ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO)

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-224-2273 (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2023 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year’s benefits and costs)

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2023. For details, look in the 2023 *Evidence of Coverage* for ConnectiCare Passage Plan 1 (HMO). The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at connecticare.com/medicare. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at connecticare.com/medicare. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (Provider Directory) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

Section 6.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

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

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

Visit the Medicare Website

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

Read *Medicare & You 2023*

Read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook. Every fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.