

Notice for Commercial Plan Members who are or will be eligible for Medicare in 2017 and 2018. This does not apply to plans that do not have prescription drug coverage through Health New England.

Important Notice from Health New England 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 Health New England 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. Health New England has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Health New England 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 15 to December 7.

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 are enrolled in one of the Health New England Medicare Advantage Plans and you choose to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Health New England Medicare Advantage coverage will be affected. CMS regulations state that a Medicare Beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan may not enroll in a different Prescription Drug Plan (a plan that covers prescriptions only). Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. If you enroll in a new Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents still will not be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits through a Health New England Medicare Advantage Plan.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Health New England coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back until the next Medicare open enrollment period.

If you are enrolled in any of Health New England's other products, you may enroll in Medicare Part D if you so choose. This decision will not affect your Health New England coverage. Your prescription drug coverage and your medical coverage through Health New England are tied together. If you have prescription drugs coverage through Health New England, you cannot cancel it without cancelling all of your medical coverage. If you cancel your Health New England Coverage, you should be sure that your medical coverage needs will be met.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Health New England coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back.

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 Health New England 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 Health New England Member Services at the number listed at the end of this notice 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 Health New England changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

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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 www.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 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). 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 www.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:	October 1, 2017
Name of Entity/Sender:	Health New England
Contact – Position/Office:	Health New England Member Services
Address:	One Monarch Place, Suite 1500, Springfield, MA 01144-1500
Phone Number:	(413) 787-4004 or (800) 310-2835



Notice Informing Individuals of Nondiscrimination and Accessibility

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

Health New England:

- 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 Elin Gaynor, Associate General Counsel.

If you believe that Health New England 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: Elin Gaynor, Associate General Counsel, One Monarch Place, Suite 1500, Springfield, MA 01104-1500, Phone: (888) 270-0189, TTY: 711, Fax: (413) 233-2685 or ComplaintsAppeals@hne.com. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Elin Gaynor, Associate General Counsel 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, (800) 368-1019, (800) 537-7697 (TDD).

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

Language	Multi-Language Services
English	You have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost. To request an interpreter, call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, press 0. (TTY: 711)
Spanish	Tiene derecho a recibir ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo. Para solicitar un intérprete, llame al número de teléfono gratuito para miembros que se encuentra en su tarjeta de identificación del plan de salud y presione 0. (TTY: 711)
Portuguese	Você tem o direito de obter ajuda e informação em seu idioma e sem custos. Para solicitar um intérprete, ligue para o número de telefone gratuito que consta no cartão de ID do seu plano de saúde, pressione 0. (TTY: 711)
Chinese	您有權免費以您使用的語言獲得幫助和訊息。如需口譯員，請撥打您的保健計劃 ID 卡上列出的免費會員電話號碼，按 0。(TTY: 711)
French Creole	Ou gen dwa pou jwenn èd ak enfòmasyon nan lang natifnatal ou gratis. Pou mande yon entèprèt, rele nimewo gratis manm lan ki endike sou kat ID plan sante ou, peze 0. (TTY: 711)
Vietnamese	Quý vị có quyền được giúp đỡ và cấp thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị miễn phí. Để yêu cầu được thông dịch viên giúp đỡ, vui lòng gọi số điện thoại miễn phí dành cho hội viên được nêu trên thẻ ID chương trình bảo hiểm y tế của quý vị, bấm số 0. (TTY: 711).
Russian	Вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и информации на вашем языке. Чтобы подать запрос переводчика позвоните по бесплатному номеру телефона, указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной карты и нажмите 0. Линия (телетайп: 711)
Arabic	يحق لك الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك مجاناً. لطلب مترجم، اتصل برقم هاتف العضو المجاني على بطاقة تعريف خطتك الصحية، ثم اضغط على 0. (TTY:711)
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	អ្នកមានសិទ្ធិទទួលបានជំនួយ និងព័ត៌មាន ជាភាសារបស់អ្នក ដោយមិនអ្វីឡើយ ដល់មជ្ឈមណ្ឌលសេវាសុខភាពសម្រាប់សមាជិក ឬលម្អិតកម្មវិធីសុខភាព ID កំណត់របស់អ្នក រួមមាន 10 09 (TTY: 711)
French	Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement de l'aide et des renseignements dans votre langue. Pour demander à parler à un interprète, appelez le numéro de téléphone sans frais figurant sur votre carte d'affilié du régime de soins de santé et appuyez sur la touche 0. (ATS: 711).
Italian	Hai il diritto di ottenere aiuto e informazioni nella tua lingua gratuitamente. Per richiedere un interprete, chiama il numero telefonico verde indicato sulla tua tessera identificativa del piano sanitario e premi lo 0. Dispositivi per non udenti (TTY: 711).
Korean	귀하는 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 비용 부담없이 얻을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 통역사를 요청하기 위해서는 귀하의 플랜 ID 카드에 기재된 무료 회원 전화번호로 전화하여 0 번을 누르십시오. TTY 711
Greek	Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε βοήθεια και πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας χωρίς χρέωση. Για να ζητήσετε διερμηνέα, καλέστε το δωρεάν αριθμό τηλεφώνου που βρίσκεται στην κάρτα μέλους ασφάλισης, πατήστε 0. (TTY: 711).
Polish	Masz prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we własnym języku. Po usługi tłumacza zadzwoń pod bezpłatny numer umieszczony na karcie identyfikacyjnej planu medycznego i wciśnij 0. (TTY: 711).
Hindi	आप के पास अपनी भाषा में सहायता एवं जानकारी निःशुल्क प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। दुर्भाग्य के लिए अनुरोध करने के लिए, अपने हेल्थ प्लान ID कार्ड पर सूचीबद्ध टोल-फ्री नंबर पर फोन करें, 0 दबाएं। TTY 711

Gujarati	તમારી ભાષામાં વિના મૂલ્યે મદદ અને માહિતી મેળવવાનો તમને અધિકાર છે. દુભાષિયાની વિનંતી કરવા માટે તમારા હેલ્થ પ્લાન ID કાર્ડ પર જણાવેલા ટોલ-ફ્રી નંબર પર કોલ કરો અને 0 દબાવો. (TTY: 711).
Lao	ທ່ານມີສິດທີ່ຈະໄດ້ຮັບການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແລະຂໍ້ມູນຂ່າວສານທີ່ເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານບໍ່ມີຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ. ເພື່ອຊຸມຮ້ອງນາຍພາສາ, ໂທລະສັບສາທາລະນະໂທລະສັບສາລັບສະມາຊິກທີ່ໄດ້ລະບຸໄວ້ໃນບັດສະມາຊິກຂອງທ່ານ, ກົດເລກ 0. (TTY: 711).
Albanian	Ju keni të drejtë të merrni ndihmë dhe informacion falas në gjuhën tuaj. Për të kërkuar një përkthyes, telefononi në numrin që gjendet në kartën e planit tuaj shëndetësor, shtypni 0. (TTY: 711).
Tagalog	May karapatan kang makatanggap ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika nang walang bayad. Upang humiling ng tagasalin, tawagan ang toll-free na numero ng telepono na nakalagay sa iyong ID card ng planong pangkalusugan, pindutin ang 0. (TTY: 711).

We're here to help you. We can give you information in other formats and different languages. All translation services are free to Members. If you have questions regarding this document please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, (TTY:711), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Be Healthy members, this information is about your HNE Be Healthy benefits. If you have questions, need this document translated, need someone to read this or other printed information to you, or want to learn more about any of our benefits or services, call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, (TTY:711), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For questions about your Behavioral Health call MBHP at: (800) 495-0086 (TTY: (617) 790-4130) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Or visit www.masspartnership.com

Medicare Advantage members, Health New England Medicare Advantage is an HMO with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Health New England Medicare Advantage depends on contract renewal. If you have any questions regarding this document please contact the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan ID card, (TTY:711)