

Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP) offered by Prominence Health Plan in South Texas

Annual Notice of Changes for 2025

You are currently enrolled as a member of Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP). Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. ***Please see page 5 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 www.prominencemedicare.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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 coverage restrictions and cost sharing.
 - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
 - Check the changes in the 2025 “Drug List” to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
 - Compare the 2024 and 2025 plan information to see if any of these drugs are moving to a different cost-sharing tier or will be subject to different restrictions, such as prior authorization, step therapy, or a quantity limit, for 2025.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies, will be in our network next year.
- Check if you qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” from Medicare.
- 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 the www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. For additional support, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to speak with a trained counselor.
- 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, 2024, you will stay in Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP).
- To **change to a different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2025**. This will end your enrollment with Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP).
- Look in section 3, page 11 to learn more about your choices.
- If you recently moved into or currently live in 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. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-855-969-5882 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711). Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week from October 1 through March 31, and Monday through Friday from April 1 through September 30. This call is free.
- If you have questions about this document, you may also visit our website at <https://prominencemedicare.com/news-and-events/member-events/> and search for a Member Event near your location.
- This document is available in other formats such as large print, braille, and audio.
- **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 Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP)

- Prominence Health Plan is an HMO and HMO Special Needs Plan (SNP) with a Medicare contract. The plan also has a written agreement with the Texas Medicaid program to coordinate your Medicaid benefits. See Evidence of Coverage for all eligibility qualifications.
 - When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Prominence Health Plan. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP).
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Summary of Important Costs for 2025

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.** If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medicaid, you pay \$0 for your deductible, doctor office visits, and inpatient hospital stays.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: \$0 copay Specialist visits: \$0 copay	Primary care visits: \$0 copay Specialist visits: \$0 copay
Inpatient hospital stays	You pay a \$0 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay	You pay a \$0 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay
Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.5 for details.)	Deductible: \$0 Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: For all covered drugs: You pay \$0 Catastrophic Coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit. You pay nothing. 	Deductible: \$0 Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: For all covered drugs: You pay \$0 Catastrophic Coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p>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.)</p>	<p>\$8,850 You are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p>	<p>\$9,350 You are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out of pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p>

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium unless it is paid for you by Medicaid.)	\$0	\$0
		There is no change for the upcoming benefit year.

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	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount Because our members also get assistance from Medicaid, very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum. You are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services. Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$8,850	\$9,350
		You are not responsible for paying any out of pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered only if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies.

Updated directories are located on our website at www.prominencemedicare.com. You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2025 Provider Directory www.prominencemedicare.com to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are no changes to our network of pharmacies for next year.

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers), and pharmacies that are a 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 Costs for Medical Services

Please note that the *Annual Notice of Changes* tells you about changes to your Medicare benefits and costs.

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

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Chiropractic Services - Routine Care	You pay nothing for this benefit. Limited to 12 visits per year.	You pay a \$20 copay per visit for Chiropractic Services - Routine Care. Limited to 12 visits per year.
Dental Services	This dental plan will pay up to \$4,000 maximum plan coverage limit per calendar year.	This dental plan will pay up to \$4,000 maximum plan coverage limit per calendar year.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p>Preventive Dental Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exams (up to 2 visits every year): \$0 copay • Dental X-Rays (up to 1 visit every year): \$0 copay • Cleaning (up to 2 visits every year): \$0 copay • Fluoride Treatment (up to 2 visits every year): \$0 copay <p>Comprehensive Dental Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Services: \$0 copay • Endodontics: \$0 copay • Periodontics: \$0 copay • Prosthodontics: \$0 copay • Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: \$0 copay <p>Must use Delta Dental network of providers.</p>	<p>Preventive Dental Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exams (up to 2 visits every year): \$0 copay • Dental X-Rays (up to 1 visits every year): \$0 copay • Cleaning (up to 2 visits every year): \$0 copay • Fluoride Treatment (up to 2 visits every year): \$0 copay <p>Comprehensive Dental Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Services: \$0 copay • Endodontics: \$0 copay • Periodontics: \$0 copay • Prosthodontics: \$0 copay • Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: \$0 copay <p>Must use FCL Dental network of providers. Visit ProminenceMedicare.com/dental or call Member Services to find a dentist.</p>
Extra Benefit (OTC) Card	\$280 per quarter for over the counter (OTC) drugs and supplies.	\$180 per month for over the counter (OTC) drugs and supplies, healthy food and utilities (power and water).
In-Home Safety Assessment	This service is not covered.	You pay nothing for this benefit.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Transportation	Unlimited one-way trips to plan-approved health-related location.	48 one-way trips to plan-approved health-related location.
Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) - Food and Produce Allowance	Members that are diagnosed with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and participate in a care management program receive \$250 per month.	Healthy food will be included in the Extra Benefit (OTC) card.
Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) – Healthy food/Utilities allowance	Members with low income may qualify for \$125 per month.	Healthy food and utilities will be included in the Extra Benefit (OTC) card.

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 and can be found on our website at www.prominencemedicare.com.

We made changes to our Drug List, which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs or moving them to a different cost-sharing tier. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the plan year. We update our online Drug List at least monthly to provide the most up-to-date list of drugs. If we make a change that will affect your access to a drug you are taking, we will send you a notice about the change.

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.

We currently can immediately remove a brand name drug on our Drug List if we replace it with a new generic drug version on the same or a lower cost-sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions as the brand name drug it replaces. Also, when adding a new generic, we may also decide to keep the brand name drug on our Drug List, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions or both.

Starting in 2025, we can immediately replace original biological products with certain biosimilars. This means, for instance, if you are taking an original biological product that is being replaced by a biosimilar, you may not get notice of the change 30 days before we make it or get a month's supply of your original biological product at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the original biological product at the time we make the change, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after we make the change.

Some of these drug types may be new to you. For definitions of drug types, please see Chapter 12 of your *Evidence of Coverage*. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also provides consumer information on drugs. See FDA website:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients>. You may also contact Member Services or ask your health care provider, prescriber, or pharmacist for more information.

Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits and Costs

Beginning in 2025, there are three **drug payment stages**: the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. The Coverage Gap Stage and the Coverage Gap Discount Program will no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program will also be replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Initial Coverage Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</p> <p>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 at a network pharmacy that offers preferred cost sharing, 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>Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.</p>	<p>For all covered drugs: You pay \$0</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030 you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>For all covered drugs: You pay \$0</p> <hr/> <p>Once you have paid \$2,000 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>

Changes to your VBID Part D Benefit

For 2025, this plan is participating in the Value Based Insurance Design (VBID) model, which is designed to continue to reduce your cost sharing for Part D drugs. If you have any questions about how this change may impact your cost for prescription drugs, please call Member Services at 855-969-5882.

Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage

The Catastrophic Coverage Stage is the third and final stage. Beginning in 2025, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

If you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.

For specific information about your costs in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, look at Chapter 6, Section 6, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in *Prominence Dual*

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 Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP).

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 plans for 2025 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.

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 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

As a reminder, Prominence Health Plan offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP).
- 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.

If you switch to Original Medicare and do **not** enroll in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan unless you have opted out of automatic enrollment.

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, 2025.

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.

Because you have Texas STAR+PLUS program coverage, you can end your membership in our plan any month of the year. You also have options to enroll in another Medicare plan any month including:

- Original Medicare *with* a separate Medicare prescription drug plan,
- Original Medicare without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan (If you choose this option, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan, unless you have opted out of automatic enrollment.), or
- If eligible, an integrated D-SNP that provides your Medicare and most or all of your Medicaid benefits and services in one plan.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2025, and don’t like your plan choice, you can also 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, 2025.

If you recently moved into or currently live in 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. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

SECTION 4 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare and Medicaid

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Texas, the SHIP is called Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP) 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 Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program at 1-800-252-9240. You can learn more about Health Information, Counseling, and Advocacy Program (HICAP) by visiting their website (<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicare>). For questions about your Texas Medicaid benefits, contact Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 1-800-252-8263 (TTY 711), available 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. You may also contact the Texas Health and Human Services Office of Ombudsman, 1-877-787-8999 (TTY 711), available Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm. Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your Texas Medicaid coverage.

SECTION 5 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** Because you have Medicaid, you are already enrolled in “Extra Help,” also called the Low-Income Subsidy. “Extra Help” pays some of your prescription drug premiums, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Because you qualify, you do not have a late enrollment penalty. If you have questions about “Extra Help,” 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.
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** Texas has a program called Texas State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program.
- **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. To be eligible for the ADAP

operating in your State, 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 Texas State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program or if you are currently enrolled how to continue receiving assistance, call 1-800-255-1090 or 1-737-255-4300. Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.

SECTION 6 Questions?

Section 6.1 – Getting Help from *Prominence Health Plan*

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-855-969-5882. (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week from October 1 through March 31, and Monday through Friday from April 1 through September 30. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2025 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 2025. For details, look in the *2025 Evidence of Coverage* for Prominence Dual (HMO D-SNP). 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 www.prominencemedicare.com. 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 www.prominencemedicare.com. 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 2025*

Read the *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. Every fall, this document 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.

Section 6.3 – Getting Help from Medicaid

To get information from Medicaid you can call the Texas STAR+PLUS program or the Texas Health and Human Services Commission at 1-800-252-8263. TTY users should call 711.