

Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP) offered by Clear Spring Health (Clear Spring Health of Illinois, INC.)

Annual Notice of Changes for 2025

You are currently enrolled as a member of Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP). 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 www.clearspringhealthcare.com. 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 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 Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP).

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in .
- Please contact our Member Services number at 877-364-4566 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, and April 1 - September 30th, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday. This call is free.
- This information is available in Spanish.
- This information is available in braille, audio, and large print.
- **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 Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP)

- Clear Spring Health has a contract with Medicare to offer HMO, PPO, and PDP plans. Enrollment in these plans is dependent on annual contract renewal with the federal government.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our," it means Clear Spring Health (Clear Spring Health of Illinois, INC.). When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP).

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Summary of Important Costs for 2025

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section .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 .2 for details.)	\$6,700	\$6,751
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$0 to \$25 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$0 copay for Endocrinologist Specialist. \$25 copay for all other Specialists per visit.	Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$0 to \$25 copay per visit Specialist visits: \$0 copay for Endocrinologist Specialist. \$25 copay for all other Specialists per visit.
Inpatient hospital stays	\$290 copay per day for days 1-5; \$0 copay per day for days 6-90	\$290 copay per day for days 1-5; \$0 copay per day for days 6-90
Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section .5 for details.)	Deductible: \$250 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines.	Deductible: \$250 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: • Drug Tier 1: \$0 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$5 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 2: \$0 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$20 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 3: \$42 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$47 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 4: \$95 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$100 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 5: 29% of the total cost at a preferred network pharmacy or 29% of the total cost at a network pharmacy Catastrophic Coverage: • During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs	Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: • Drug Tier 1: \$0 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$5 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 2: \$0 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$20 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 3: \$42 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$47 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 4: \$95 copay at a preferred network pharmacy or \$100 copay at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 5: 29% of the total cost at a preferred network pharmacy or 29% of the total cost at a network pharmacy Catastrophic Coverage: • During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.

SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 2.1 – 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.)	\$0	\$0
Monthly Part B premium reduction	\$0	\$5.00

- 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.

Section 2.2 – 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 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.	\$6,700	\$6,751 Once you have paid \$6,751 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 2.3 – 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. Our network includes pharmacies with preferred cost sharing, which may offer you lower cost sharing than the standard cost sharing offered by other network pharmacies for some drugs.

Updated directories are located on our website at www.clearspringhealthcare.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 pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2025 Pharmacy Directory www.clearspringhealthcare.com 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 2.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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)
Acupuncture	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$30 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$25 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.
Dental Services	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$0 copay for X-rays (2 X-rays; full mouth xrays-every 36 months. bitewings-every 12 months per provider or location. panoramic - every 36 months.).	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$0 copay for X-rays (2 X-rays every year).

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	Other diagnostic services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for other diagnostic services (2 visits every year for other diagnostic dental services).
	Other preventive dental services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for other preventive dental services (2 visits every year for other preventive dental services).
	You pay \$0 copay for each diagnostic services visit (unlimited visits every year).	
	You pay \$0 copay for each restorative services visit (unlimited visits every year).	You pay \$0 copay for each restorative services visit (2 visits every year).
	You pay \$0 copay for each endodontics services visit (unlimited visits every year).	You pay \$0 copay for each endodontics services visit (2 visits every year).
	You pay \$0 copay for each periodontics services visit (unlimited visits every year).	You pay \$0 copay for each periodontics services visit (2 visits every year).
	You pay \$0 copay for each extraction services visit (unlimited visits every year).	
	You pay \$0 copay for each prosthodontics and other oral/maxillofacial surgery services visit (unlimited visits every year).	
	Removable prosthodontics services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each removable prosthodontics services visit (2 visits every year).
	Maxillofacial prosthetics services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each maxillofacial prosthetics services visit (2 visits every year).

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	Implant services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each implant services visit (2 visits every year).
	Fixed prosthodontics services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each fixed prosthodontics services visit (2 visits every year).
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each oral and maxillofacial surgery services visit (2 visits every year).
	Orthodontics services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each orthodontics services visit (2 visits every year).
	Adjunctive general services are <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$0 copay for each adjunctive general services visit (2 visits every year).
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$40 copay for each Medicare-covered occupational therapy visit.	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$35 copay for each Medicare-covered occupational therapy visit.
Over-the-Counter Items	Naloxone is <u>not</u> covered. \$75 maximum plan coverage amount every month for OTC items. Unused amount does not rollover to next month.	Naloxone is covered. \$60 maximum plan coverage amount every month for OTC items. Unused amount does not rollover to next month.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically III	Healthy Food & Produce Benefit: \$112 per month Utility Benefit (General Supports for Living): \$75 per month. Unused amount does not rollover to next month.	Healthy Food & Produce Benefit: \$100 per month Utility Benefit (General Supports for Living): \$50 per month. Unused amount does not rollover to next month.
Transportation Services (routine)	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$0 copay for routine transportation services (24 round trips every year to plan-approved health-related locations) using taxi, rideshare services, van and medical transport.	<u>In-Network</u> You pay \$0 copay for routine transportation services (12 one-way trips every year to plan-approved health-related locations) using taxi, rideshare services, van and medical transport.
Urgently Needed Care Services	<u>In- and Out-of-Network</u> You pay \$50 copay for each visit for Medicare-covered urgently needed care services. Urgently needed care services cost sharing is not waived if you are admitted to the hospital for the same condition.	<u>In- and Out-of-Network</u> You pay \$45 copay for each visit for Medicare-covered urgently needed care services. Urgently needed care services cost sharing is waived if you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours for the same condition.
Vision Care	\$100 maximum plan coverage amount every year for all non-Medicare-covered eyewear.	\$250 maximum plan coverage amount every year for all non-Medicare-covered eyewear.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Worldwide Emergency / Urgently Needed Care Services	You pay \$120 copay for each emergency care visit outside of the United States and its territories. You pay \$120 copay for each urgently needed care visit outside of the United States and its territories. Worldwide ER services cost sharing is waived if you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours for the same condition. Worldwide urgently needed care services cost sharing is waived if you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours for the same condition. \$50,000 maximum plan benefit coverage amount every year for the worldwide benefit.	Worldwide emergency care services are <u>not</u> covered. Worldwide urgently needed care services are <u>not</u> covered.

Section 2.5 – 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, 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-](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients)

[biosimilars#For%20Patients](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

Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription 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 December 1st, please call Member Services and ask for the LIS Rider.

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 During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 3 Preferred Brand, Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug, Tier 5 Specialty Tier drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible. The deductible doesn't apply to covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines, including shingles, tetanus and travel vaccines.	The deductible is \$250. During this stage, you pay \$0-\$20 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 Preferred Generic, Tier 2 Generic and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3 Preferred Brand, Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug, Tier 5 Specialty Tier until you have reached the yearly deductible.	The deductible is \$250. During this stage, you pay \$0-\$20 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 Preferred Generic, Tier 2 Generic and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3 Preferred Brand, Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug, Tier 5 Specialty Tier until you have reached the yearly deductible.

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage 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.	Your cost for a one-month supply is: Tier 1 Preferred Generic: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$5 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 copay per prescription.	Your cost for a one-month supply is: Tier 1 Preferred Generic: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$5 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 copay per prescription.

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you. 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 at any in-network pharmacy.	Tier 2 Generic: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 copay per prescription.	Tier 2 Generic: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$20 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$0 copay per prescription.
	Tier 3 Preferred Brand: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$42 copay per prescription.	Tier 3 Preferred Brand: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$47 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$42 copay per prescription.
	Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$95 copay per prescription.	Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay \$100 copay per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay \$95 copay per prescription.
	Tier 5 Specialty Tier: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 29% of the total cost per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 29% of the total cost per prescription.	Tier 5 Specialty Tier: <i>Standard cost sharing:</i> You pay 29% of the total cost per prescription. <i>Preferred cost sharing:</i> You pay 29% of the total cost per prescription.
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	Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once you have paid \$2,000 out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

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.

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

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP)

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 Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP).

Section 3.2 – 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. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section .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 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section), or call Medicare (see Section .2).

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To **change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP).

- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-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.

SECTION 4 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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2025, 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, 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 5 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 Illinois, the SHIP is called Senior Health Insurance Program.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Senior Health Insurance Program 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 Senior Health

Insurance Program at 1-800-252-8966. You can learn more about Senior Health Insurance Program by visiting their website (<https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/ship/Pages/default.aspx>).

SECTION 6 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, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a 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.
- **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 Illinois Department of Public Health. 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 1-800-825-3518. Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.
- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option to help you manage your out-of-pocket drug costs, starting in 2025. This new payment option works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across **monthly payments that vary throughout the year** (January – December). **This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn’t save you money or lower your drug costs.**

“Extra Help” from Medicare and help from your SPAP and ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in this payment option, regardless of income level, and all Medicare drug plans and Medicare health plans with drug coverage must offer this payment option. To learn more about this payment option, please contact OptumRx at 1-800-461-1308. Hours are from 7:00am-10:00pm CST, Sunday – Saturday, from October 1, 2024 through December 14, 2024 or visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-SNP)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 877-364-4566. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, and April 1 - September 30th, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday. 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 Clear Spring Health Essential (HMO C-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.clearspringhealthcare.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.clearspringhealthcare.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 7.2 – 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*

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