

# Samaritan Dual Advantage (HMO) (D-SNP) offered by Samaritan Health Plans

# **Annual Notice of Changes for 2024**

You are currently enrolled as a member of Samaritan Dual Advantage. 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 **samhealthplans.org/Advantage**. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### What to do now

1.	AS	K: 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 2024 "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.	CO	MPARE: Learn about other plan choices.
		Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at <b>medicare.gov/plan-compare</b> website or review the list in the back of your <i>Medicare</i> & You 2024 handbook.
		Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.
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- 3. **CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan.
  - If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2023, you will stay in our plan.
  - To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1**, **2024**. This will end your enrollment with our plan.
  - Look in section 3.2, page 12 to learn more about your choices.
  - 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**

- Please contact our Customer Service number at 800-832-4580 for additional information.
   (TTY users should call 800-735-2900). Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, October 1 through March 31, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, from April 1 through September 30. This call is free.
- This document is available in alternate formats (e.g. braille, large print, 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 irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families for more information.

#### **About Samaritan Dual Advantage**

- Samaritan Advantage Health Plans is an HMO with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Samaritan Advantage Health Plans depends on contract renewal. The plan also has a written agreement with the Oregon Medicaid program to coordinate your Medicaid benefits.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our," it means Samaritan Health Plans. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Samaritan Dual Advantage.

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## **Summary of Important Costs for 2024**

The table below compares the 2023 costs and 2024 costs for our plan in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.** If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid), you pay \$0 for your deductible, doctor office visits, and inpatient hospital stays.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<ul> <li>Monthly plan premium</li> <li>Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount.</li> <li>See Section 2.1 for details.</li> </ul>	\$41	\$40.60
Deductible	\$226	\$240 - except for insulin furnished through an item of durable medical equipment.
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: 0% or 20% per visit  Specialist visits: 0% or 20% per visit	Primary care visits: 0% or 20% per visit Specialist visits: 0% or 20% per visit
Inpatient hospital stays	\$0 or \$1,600 deductible for each benefit period.  Days 1-60: \$0 per day  Days 61-90: \$400 per day  Days 91 and beyond: \$800 copay per each "lifetime day" after day 90 for each benefit period.	\$0 or \$1,632 deductible for each benefit period.  Days 1-60: \$0 per day  Days 61-90: \$408 per day  Days 91 and beyond: \$0 copay per day. There is no limit to the number of days covered by the plan for each defined period.

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 2.5 for details.)	Deductible: \$505  Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:  Generic/Preferred/ Multi-Source Drugs:  \$0 / \$1.45 / \$4.15 / 15% per prescription  All other drugs: \$0 / \$4.30 / \$10.35 / 15% per prescription  Catastrophic Coverage:  During this payment stage, the plan pays most of the cost for your covered drugs.	Deductible: \$545 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines.  Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:  Generic/Preferred/ Multi-Source Drugs:  \$0 / \$1.55 / \$4.50 per prescription  All other drugs: \$0 / \$4.60 / \$11.20 per prescription  Catastrophic Coverage:  During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing.
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 2.2 for details.)	\$8,300  If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid), you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for	\$8,300  If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid), you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for

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## **SECTION 1** We Are Changing the Plan's Name

On January 1, 2024, our plan name will change from Samaritan Advantage Special Needs Plan to Samaritan Dual Advantage.

You will receive a new ID card with the new plan name before January 1, 2024.

#### **SECTION 2** Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

#### **Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium**

Cost	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium unless it is paid for you by the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid).)	\$41	\$40.60

## **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	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount Because our members also get assistance from the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid), very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum.  If you are eligible for the Oregon	\$8,300	\$8,300  Once you have paid \$8,300 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.
Health Plan (Medicaid) assistance with Part A and Part B copays and deductibles, 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 and deductibles) 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.		

#### Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are located on our website at **samhealthplans.org/Advantage**. You may also call Customer Service 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 2024** *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 2024** *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 a part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Customer Service so we may assist.

## **Section 2.4 – 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	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Inpatient hospital care	You pay \$0 or \$1,600 deductible for each benefit period.	You pay a \$0 copay or \$1,632 deductible for each benefit period.
	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-60.	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-60.
	You pay a \$400 copay per day for days 61-90.	You pay a \$408 copay per day for days 61-90.
	You pay a \$800 copay per each "lifetime day" after day 90 for	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 91 and beyond.
	each benefit period.	There is no limit to the number of days covered by the plan for each defined benefit period.
Over-the-counter (OTC) benefit	You have a \$195 allowance every quarter for over-the-counter items. Any unused amount does not carry over to the next quarter.	You have a \$175 allowance every quarter for over-the-counter items. Any unused amount does not carry over to the next quarter.
Personal emergency response system	A personal emergency response system is <b>not</b> a covered benefit.	You pay a \$0 copay for a personal emergency response system.
Speech language therapy services	Speech language therapy services require prior authorization.	Speech language therapy services do <b>not</b> require authorization.
Urgently needed services	You pay a 0% or 20% coinsurance of the cost up to \$60 for each Medicare-covered urgent care visit.	You pay a 0% or 20% coinsurance of the cost up to \$55 for each Medicare-covered urgent care visit.

### **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, 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 Customer Service for more information.

#### **Changes to Prescription Drug Costs**

If you receive "Extra Help" to pay your Medicare prescription drugs, you may qualify for a reduction or elimination of your cost sharing for Part D drugs. Some of the information described in this section may not apply to you. **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<sup>th</sup>, please call Customer Service 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.)

## **Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Part D 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 \$505 (Look at the separate insert, the LIS Rider, for your deductible amount.)	The deductible is \$545 (Look at the separate insert, the LIS Rider, for your deductible amount.)

#### **Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage**

Stage	2023 (this year)	2024 (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	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:
	Copayment/coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Copayment/coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:
of the cost.	Generic/Preferred/     As Arica Company	Generic/Preferred/     Additional Preferred/     Generic Prefer
Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.	Multi-Source Drugs: \$0 / \$1.45 / \$4.15 / 15% per prescription	Multi-Source Drugs: \$0 / \$1.55 / \$4.50 per prescription
The costs in this row are for a one-month (34-day) supply when you fill your prescription	<ul> <li>All other drugs:</li> <li>\$0 / \$4.30 / \$10.35 / 15%</li> <li>per prescription</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All other drugs:</li> <li>\$0 / \$4.60 / \$11.20</li> <li>per prescription</li> </ul>
at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost sharing. For information about the costs for a long-term supply; or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your Evidence of Coverage.	Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,660, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once your total drug costs have reached \$5,030, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

#### **Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages**

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.** 

Beginning in 2024, if you reach the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you pay nothing for covered Part D drugs.

For specific information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

## **SECTION 3** Deciding Which Plan to Choose

#### Section 3.1 – If You Want to Stay in Samaritan Dual Advantage

**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 plan.

#### **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 2024 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 (**medicare.gov/plan-compare**), read the *Medicare* & You 2024 handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

As a reminder, Samaritan Health Plans offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare prescription drug 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 our plan.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from our plan.
- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:
  - o Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer Service if you need more information on how to do so.
  - o or Contact **Medicare**, at **800–MEDICARE** (**800–633–4227**), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call **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 4** 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, 2024.

#### 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 the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid), you may be able to end your membership in our plan or switch to a different plan one time during each of the following Special **Enrollment Periods**:

- January to March
- April to June
- July to September

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2024, 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, 2024.

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 5 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 Oregon, the SHIP is called Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA).

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. SHIBA 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 SHIBA **at 800-722-4134**. You can learn more about SHIBA by visiting their website (**shiba.oregon.gov**).

For questions about your Oregon Health Plan benefits, contact the Oregon Health Authority at **800–273–0557** Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. TTY users should call **711**. Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your Oregon Health Plan coverage.

### **SECTION 6** Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs.

- "Extra Help" from Medicare. Because you have the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid), you are already enrolled in "Extra Help," also called the Low-Income Subsidy. "Extra Help" pays some of your prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles and coinsurance. Because you qualify, you do not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. If you have questions about "Extra Help", call:
  - 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048,
     24 hours a day/7 days a week;
  - o The Social Security Office at **800-772-1213** between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, **800-325-0778**; or
  - o 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 CAREAssist. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call **971-673-0144**.

### **SECTION 7** Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Samaritan Dual Advantage

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Service at **800-832-4580**. (TTY only, call **800-735-2900**.) We are available for phone calls 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, October 1 through March 31, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 1 through September 30. Calls to these numbers are free.

# Read your 2024 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 2024. For details, look in the 2024 Evidence of Coverage for our plan. 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 samhealthplans.org/Advantage. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

#### **Visit Our Website**

You can also visit our website at **samhealthplans.org/Advantage**. 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 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

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

#### **Visit the Medicare Website**

Visit the Medicare website **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 **medicare.gov/plan-compare**.

#### Read Medicare & You 2024

Read the *Medicare* & You 2024 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 medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf or by calling 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

#### Section 7.3 – Getting Help from the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid)

To get information from the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) you can call the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) at **800-273-0557**. TTY users should call **711**.



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