Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS) offered by WELLCARE OF IOWA, INC.

Annual Notice of Change for 2027

You're enrolled as a member of Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS).

This material describes changes to our plan's costs and benefits next year.

- **You have from October 15 - December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.** If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2026, you'll stay in Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS).
- To change to a **different plan**, visit Medicare.gov or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2027* handbook.
- Note this is only a summary of changes. More information about costs, benefits, and rules is in the *Evidence of Coverage*. Get a copy at go.wellcare.com/IA or call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) to get a copy by mail.

More Resources

- Call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) for more information. Hours are: Between October 1 and March 31, representatives are available Monday–Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Between April 1 and September 30, representatives are available Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This call is free.
- We can send materials to you in a language other than English or in an alternate format (such as braille, audio, or large print). Please call Member Services if you need plan information in another format.

About Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS)

- Wellcare is the Medicare brand for Centene Corporation, an HMO, PPO, PDP plan with a Medicare contract and is an approved Part D Sponsor. Our D-SNP plans have a contract with the state Medicaid program. Enrollment in our plans depends on contract renewal.
- When this material says "we," "us," or "our," it means WELLCARE OF IOWA, INC. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS).
- **If you do nothing by December 7, 2026, you'll automatically be enrolled in** Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS). Starting January 1, 2027, you'll get your medical and drug coverage through Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS). Go to Section 3 for more information about how to change plans and deadlines for making a change.

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Summary of Important Costs for 2027

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium can be higher than this amount. Go to Section 1.1 for details.	$0	**$0**
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you'll pay out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services. (Go to Section 1.2 for details.)	$4,400	**$4,400**
Primary care office visits	$0 copay per visit	**$0 copay per visit**
Specialist office visits	$25 copay per visit	**$15 copay per visit**
Inpatient hospital stays Includes various inpatient hospital stays such as acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care. An inpatient hospital stay starts the day you're formally admitted with a doctor's order and ends the day before you're discharged.	For covered admissions, per admission: $350 copay per day, for days 1 to 6 and a $0 copay per day, for days 7 to 90 for each covered hospital stay $0 copay per day, for days 91 to 120 for additional covered days	**For covered admissions, per admission:** **$350 copay per day, for days 1 to 6 and a $0 copay per day, for days 7 to 90 for each covered hospital stay** **$0 copay per day, for days 91 to 120 for additional covered days**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Part D drug coverage (Go to Section 1.7 for details, including Yearly Deductible, Initial Coverage, and Catastrophic Coverage Stages.)	Part D drug coverage deductible $615 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: Drug Tier 1: Standard cost sharing: $5 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply. Preferred cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply. Drug Tier 2: Standard cost sharing: $10 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply. Preferred cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply. Drug Tier 3: Standard cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.	**Part D drug coverage deductible** **$700 except for covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines** **Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:** **Drug Tier 1:** **Standard cost sharing: $10 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Preferred cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Drug Tier 2:** **Standard cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
	You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Preferred cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply. You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Drug Tier 4: Standard cost sharing: 36% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply. You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Preferred cost sharing: 35% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply. You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Drug Tier 5: Standard cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.	**Preferred cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **Drug Tier 3:** **Standard cost sharing: 36% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **Preferred cost sharing: 35% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **Drug Tier 4:**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
	Preferred cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply. Drug Tier 6: Standard cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply. Preferred cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply.	**Standard cost sharing: 15% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Preferred cost sharing: 15% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Drug Tier 5:** **Standard cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Preferred cost sharing: 25% of the total cost for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Drug Tier 6:** **Standard cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply.** **Preferred cost sharing: $0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
	Catastrophic Coverage Stage: During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.	**Catastrophic Coverage Stage:** **During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs and for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.**

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 Changes to the Monthly Plan Premium

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Monthly plan premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	$0	**$0**

Factors that could change your Part D Premium Amount

- Late Enrollment Penalty - Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you're required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without Part D or other drug coverage that's at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- Higher Income Surcharge - If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for Medicare drug coverage.

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've paid this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) **count** toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs **don't count** toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	$4,400	**$4,400** **Once you've paid $4,400 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.**

Section 1.3 Changes to the Provider Network

Our network of providers has changed for next year. Review the 2027 *Provider & Pharmacy Directory* go.wellcare.com/2027providerdirectories to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network. Here's how to get an updated *Provider & Pharmacy Directory*:

- Visit our website at go.wellcare.com/2027providerdirectories.
- Call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) to get current provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider & Pharmacy Directory*.

We can make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) for help. You may have a special enrollment period if your provider leaves the plan network. For more information on your rights when a network provider leaves our plan, go to Chapter 3, Section 2.3 of your Evidence of Coverage.

Section 1.4 Changes to the Pharmacy Network

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs can 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.

Our network of pharmacies has changed for next year. Review the 2027 *Provider & Pharmacy Directory* go.wellcare.com/2027providerdirectories to see which pharmacies are in our network. Here's how to get an updated *Provider & Pharmacy Directory*:

- Visit our website at go.wellcare.com/2027providerdirectories.
- Call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) to get current pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider & Pharmacy Directory*.

We can make changes to the pharmacies that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our pharmacies affects you, call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) for help.

Section 1.5 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Medical Services

	2026 (this year)	**2027 (next year)**
Prior Authorizations	The following in-network benefits have a change in prior authorization requirements.	
	• Additional Telehealth Benefits do not require prior authorization.	• **Additional Telehealth Benefits may require prior authorization.**
Referrals	The following in-network benefits have a change in referral requirements.	
	• Certain Medicare-covered services* do not require a referral. • Additional Days for Inpatient Hospital-Acute does not require referral.	• **Certain Medicare-covered services* may require a referral.** • **Additional Days for Inpatient Hospital-Acute may require referral.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Acupuncture for chronic low back pain	You pay a $0 copay for Medicare-covered acupuncture received in a PCP office. You pay a $25 copay for Medicare-covered acupuncture received in a specialist office. You pay a $15 copay for Medicare-covered acupuncture received in a chiropractor office.	**You pay a $0 copay for Medicare-covered acupuncture received in a PCP office.** **You pay a $15 copay for Medicare-covered acupuncture received in a specialist office.** **You pay a $15 copay for Medicare-covered acupuncture received in a chiropractor office.**
Ambulance services - Air transportation	You pay a $300 copay per one-way trip for Medicare-covered air ambulance services. Cost-sharing is not waived if you are admitted to a hospital.	**You pay a $295 copay per one-way trip for Medicare-covered air ambulance services.** **Cost-sharing is not waived if you are admitted to a hospital.**
Ambulance services - Ground transportation	You pay a $300 copay per one-way trip for Medicare-covered ground ambulance services. Cost-sharing is not waived if you are admitted to a hospital.	**You pay a $295 copay per one-way trip for Medicare-covered ground ambulance services.** **Cost-sharing is not waived if you are admitted to a hospital.**
Cardiac rehabilitation services - Intensive	You pay a $50 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $55 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Dental services - Medicare-covered	You pay a $25 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**
Routine dental services - Diagnostic and preventive dental services - Other diagnostic dental services	Limited to 1 other diagnostic service(s) every date of service to 3 plan years depending on type of service.	**Limited to 1 other diagnostic service(s) per visit.**
Routine dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Periodontics	1 scaling and root planing per quadrant every 24 months. 1 removal of non-resorbable barrier per quadrant or site per consecutive 36 months. 8 antimicrobial site applications every 24 months billed at least 28 days after scaling and root planing. Other periodontic services every 6 to 36 months.	**1 scaling and root planing per quadrant every 2 plan years. 2 periodontal maintenance visits per year. Other periodontal services every 2 plan years to once per lifetime.**
Routine dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Prosthodontics (fixed)	Limited to 1 prosthodontic (fixed) service(s) every date of service to 7 plan years per tooth depending on type of service.	**Limited to 1 prosthodontic (fixed) services(s) every 2 to 7 years per tooth depending on type of service.**
Routine dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Prosthodontics (removable)	Limited to 1 prosthodontic, removable service(s) every date of service to 5 years depending on type of service.	**Limited to 1 prosthodontic, removable service(s) every year to 5 years depending on type of service.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Routine dental services - Diagnostic and preventive dental services - Other preventive dental services	Limited to 1 other preventive dental service(s) every date of service to 3 plan years depending on type of service.	**Limited to 1 other preventive dental services(s) per tooth per 6 months.**
Continuous glucose monitors (CGM)	You pay 20% of the total cost for each Medicare-covered item.	**You pay a $0 copay for each Medicare-covered item.**
Fitness benefit	You pay a $0 copay for the fitness benefit. The fitness benefit offers access to participating fitness centers, provides digital resources through virtual classes, on-demand videos and a mobile app. For members who do not live near a participating fitness center or prefer to exercise at home, can choose from available at home kits to be shipped to them at no cost. A wearable fitness tracker is included as one of those choices.	**Fitness benefit is not covered.**
Hearing services - Medicare-covered hearing exam	You pay a $25 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**
Hearing services - Routine hearing exam	You pay a $0 copay.	**Hearing services - Routine hearing exams are not covered.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Hearing services - Routine hearing exam	Limited to 1 visit(s) every year.	**Hearing services – Routine hearing exams are <u>not</u> covered.**
Hearing services - Hearing Aid Fitting/Evaluation	You pay a $0 copay.	**Hearing services - Hearing aid fitting/evaluations are <u>not</u> covered.**
Hearing services - Hearing Aid Fitting/Evaluation	Limited to 1 visit(s) every year.	**Hearing services - Hearing aid fitting/evaluations are <u>not</u> covered.**
Hearing services - Hearing aids	Up to a $1,000 allowance per ear every year for hearing aids.	**Hearing services - Hearing aids are <u>not</u> covered.**
Hearing services - Hearing aids	You pay a $0 copay.	**Hearing services - Hearing aids are <u>not</u> covered.**
Hearing services - Hearing aids	Limited to 2 hearing aid(s) every year, including a 1-year of supply of batteries.	**Hearing services - Hearing aids are <u>not</u> covered.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Home infusion therapy	You pay a $0 copay for each professional service from a Primary Care Provider, including nursing services training and education, remote monitoring and monitoring services. You pay a $25 copay for each professional service from a specialist, including nursing services training and education, remote monitoring and monitoring services.	**You pay a $0 copay for each professional service from a Primary Care Provider, including nursing services training and education, remote monitoring and monitoring services.** **You pay a $15 copay for each professional service from a specialist, including nursing services training and education, remote monitoring and monitoring services.**
Meals - Post-acute (limitations and exclusions apply)	You pay a $0 copay for post-acute meals. There is a maximum of 3 meals per day for 14 days for a total of 42 meals. Service must be requested within 45 days of discharge from your inpatient stay.	**Meals - post-acute is <u>not</u> covered.**
Opioid treatment program services	You pay a $25 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Diagnostic Procedures and tests, Lab Services - Multiple same day services	If you receive multiple services from the same service category on the same day at the same facility, you will be responsible to pay the maximum copay amount for that service category at that location. However, if the benefit for one service is a copay and the benefit for another service is a coinsurance, you may be asked to pay both the copay and the coinsurance.	**If you receive multiple services from the same service category on the same day at the same facility, you will be responsible for paying the cost-share for each service received.**
Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies - Diagnostic radiological services	You pay a $0 copay for a diagnostic mammogram. You pay a $275 copay for all other Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology services received in an outpatient setting. You pay a $100 copay for all other Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology services received in all other locations.	**You pay a $0 copay for a diagnostic mammogram.** **You pay a $425 copay for all other Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology services received in an outpatient setting.** **You pay a $200 copay for all other Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology services received in all other locations.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Diagnostic Radiology, Therapeutic Radiology, X-rays - Multiple same day services	If you receive multiple services from the same service category on the same day at the same facility, you will be responsible to pay the maximum copay amount for that service category at that location. However, if the benefit for one service is a copay and the benefit for another service is a coinsurance, you may be asked to pay both the copay and the coinsurance.	**If you receive multiple services from the same service category on the same day at the same facility, you will be responsible for paying the cost-share for each service received.**
Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies - Outpatient x-ray services	You pay a $35 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $0 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**
Outpatient rehabilitation services - Occupational therapy	You pay a $20 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**
Outpatient rehabilitation services - Physical therapy and speech-language pathology	You pay a $20 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Outpatient surgery - Outpatient hospital services	You pay a $0 copay for Medicare-covered skin biopsies. You pay a $300 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient surgical services. You pay a $275 copay for Medicare-covered non-surgical services, including outpatient palliative care.	**You pay a $0 copay for Medicare-covered skin biopsies.** **You pay a $500 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient surgical services.** **You pay a $425 copay for Medicare-covered non-surgical services, including outpatient palliative care.**
Outpatient hospital observation	You pay a $130 copay for outpatient observation services when you enter observation status through an emergency room. You pay a $300 copay for outpatient observation services when you enter observation status through an outpatient facility.	**You pay a $130 copay for outpatient observation services when you enter observation status through an emergency room.** **You pay a $500 copay for outpatient observation services when you enter observation status through an outpatient facility.**
Partial hospitalization services	You pay a $140 copay per day for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $155 copay per day for each Medicare-covered service.**
Intensive Outpatient Program Services	You pay a $140 copay per day for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $160 copay per day for each Medicare-covered service.**
Doctor office visits - Specialist	You pay a $25 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Office visits - Other healthcare professionals	You pay a $0 copay for each Medicare-covered service at a Primary Care Provider. You pay a $25 copay for each Medicare-covered service at all other locations.	**You pay a $0 copay for each Medicare-covered service at a Primary Care Provider.** **You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service at all other locations.**
Podiatry services - Medicare-covered	You pay a $25 copay for each Medicare-covered service.	**You pay a $15 copay for each Medicare-covered service.**
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care	For Medicare-covered admission per benefit period: You pay a $0 copay per day, for days 1 to 20, $218 copay per day, for days 21 to 50, and a $0 copay per day, for days 51 to 100 for Medicare-covered skilled nursing facility care. Beyond day 100: You are responsible for all costs.	**For Medicare-covered admission, per admission:** **You pay a $0 copay per day, for days 1 to 20, $100 copay per day, for days 21 to 50, and a $0 copay per day, for days 51 to 100 for Medicare-covered skilled nursing facility care.** **Beyond day 100: You are responsible for all costs.**
Vision care - Medicare-covered eye exam	You pay a $0 copay for each Medicare-covered diabetic eye exam. You pay a $25 copay for all other Medicare-covered eye exams.	**You pay a $0 copay for each Medicare-covered diabetic eye exam.** **You pay a $15 copay for all other Medicare-covered eye exams.**
Vision care - Routine eyewear	Up to a $300 combined credit every year for all routine eyewear.	**Up to a $100 combined credit every year for all routine eyewear.**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Wellcare Spendables®	You pay a $0 copay. You receive a $35 monthly allowance. Your allowance will be available at the beginning of each month. Any unused amount will roll over into the next month and will expire at the end of the plan year. Your allowance can be used toward: • Dental, vision, and hearing • Over-the-counter items (OTC) Please see your Evidence of Coverage for more information.	**Wellcare Spendables® is <u>not</u> offered.**

***These Medicare-covered services do not need a referral in 2026, but may need a referral in 2027:** Inpatient Hospital-Acute; Inpatient Hospital Psychiatric; Skilled Nursing Facility; Cardiac Rehabilitation Services; Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Services; Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services; SET for PAD Services; Partial Hospitalization; Intensive Outpatient Program Services; Home Health Services; Chiropractic Services; Occupational Therapy Services; Physician Specialist Services; Individual Sessions for Mental Health Specialty Services; Group Sessions for Mental Health Specialty Services; Podiatry Services; Other Health Care Professional; Individual Sessions for Psychiatric Services; Group Sessions for Psychiatric Services; Physical Therapy and Speech Language Pathology Therapy Services; Additional Telehealth Services; Opioid Treatment Services; Diagnostic Procedures/Tests; Lab Services; Diagnostic Radiological Services; Therapeutic Radiological Services; Outpatient X-Ray Services; Outpatient Hospital Services; Outpatient Hospital Observation Services; Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services; Individual Sessions for Outpatient Substance Abuse; Group Sessions for Outpatient Substance Abuse; Outpatient Blood Services; Dialysis Services; Kidney Disease Education Services; Glaucoma Screening; Diabetes Self-Management Training; Digital Rectal Exams; EKG following Welcome Visit.

Section 1.6 Changes to Part D 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 calendar 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're taking, we'll send you a notice about the change.

If you're affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, review Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage* and talk to your prescriber to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception, and/or working to find a new drug. Call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) for more information.

Section 1.7 Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits & Costs

Do you get Extra Help to pay for your drug coverage costs?

If you're in a program that helps pay for your drugs (Extra Help), **the information about costs for Part D drugs may not apply to you.** We sent you a separate material, called the *Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs*, which tells you about your drug costs. If you get Extra Help and you don't get this material by *September 30th*, 2026, call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *LIS Rider*.

Drug Payment Stages

There are **3 drug payment stages:** the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

- ***Stage 1: Yearly Deductible***

  You start in this payment stage each calendar year. During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 2 (Preferred Brand), Tier 3 (Non-Preferred Drug), Tier 4 (Injectable Drugs), and Tier 5 (Specialty Tier) drugs until you've reached the yearly deductible.

- ***Stage 2: Initial Coverage***

  Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. In this stage, our plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share of the cost. You generally stay in this stage until your year-to-date Out-of-Pocket costs reach $2,400.

- ***Stage 3: Catastrophic Coverage***

  This is the third and final drug payment stage. In this stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs. You generally stay in this stage for the rest of the calendar year.

Drug Costs in Stage 1: Yearly Deductible

The table shows your cost per prescription during this stage.

	2026 (this year)	**2027 (next year)**
Yearly Deductible	$615 During this stage, you pay $5 *standard cost sharing* or $0 *preferred cost sharing* for drugs on Tier 1: Preferred Generic, $10 *standard cost sharing* or $0 *preferred cost sharing* for drugs on Tier 2: Generic, and $0 *cost sharing* for drugs on Tier 6: Select Care Drugs and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3: Preferred Brand, Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug, and Tier 5: Specialty Tier until you've reached the yearly deductible.	**$700** **During this stage, you pay $10 *standard cost sharing* or $0 *preferred cost sharing* for drugs on Tier 1: Generic and $0 *cost sharing* for drugs on Tier 6: Select Care Drugs and the full cost of drugs on Tier 2: Preferred Brand, Tier 3: Non-Preferred Drug, Tier 4: Injectable Drugs, and Tier 5: Specialty Tier until you've reached the yearly deductible.**

Drug Costs in Stage 2: Initial Coverage

For drugs on Tier 2 (Preferred Brand), your cost sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage is changing from a copayment to coinsurance. Go to the following table for the changes from 2026 to 2027.

The table shows your cost per prescription for a one-month (30-day) supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard and preferred cost sharing.

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. Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you. For more information about the costs of vaccines, or information about the costs for a long-term supply; at a network pharmacy that offers preferred cost sharing; or for mail-order prescriptions, go to Chapter 6 of your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Once you've paid $2,400 out of pocket for covered Part D drugs, you'll move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

	2026 (this year)	**2027 (next year)**
2026: Drug Tier 1 - Preferred Generic: **2027: Drug Tier 1 - Generic:**	*Standard cost sharing:* You pay a $5 copay A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered. *Preferred cost sharing:* You pay a $0 copay A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.	***Standard cost sharing:*** **You pay a $10 copay** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.** ***Preferred cost sharing:*** **You pay a $0 copay** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.**

	2026 **(this year)**	**2027** **(next year)**
2026: Drug Tier 2 - Generic: **2027: Drug Tier 2 - Preferred Brand:**	*Standard cost sharing:* You pay a $10 copay Insulin products are not covered on this tier. A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered. *Preferred cost sharing:* You pay a $0 copay Insulin products are not covered on this tier. A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.	***Standard cost sharing:*** **You pay 25% of the total cost** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.** ***Preferred cost sharing:*** **You pay 25% of the total cost** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.**

	2026 (this year)	**2027 (next year)**
2026: Drug Tier 3 - Preferred Brand: **2027: Drug Tier 3 - Non-Preferred Drug:**	*Standard cost sharing:* You pay 25% of the total cost You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered. *Preferred cost sharing:* You pay 25% of the total cost You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.	***Standard cost sharing:* You pay 36% of the total cost** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.** ***Preferred cost sharing:* You pay 35% of the total cost** **You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.**

	2026 **(this year)**	**2027** **(next year)**
2026: Drug Tier 4 - Non-Preferred Drug: **2027: Drug Tier 4 - Injectable Drugs:**	*Standard cost sharing:* You pay 36% of the total cost You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered. *Preferred cost sharing:* You pay 35% of the total cost You pay no more than $35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.	***Standard cost sharing:*** **You pay 15% of the total cost** **Insulin products are not covered on this tier.** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.** ***Preferred cost sharing:*** **You pay 15% of the total cost** **Insulin products are not covered on this tier.** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.**
Drug Tier 5 - Specialty Tier:	*Standard cost sharing:* You pay 25% of the total cost A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered. *Preferred cost sharing:* You pay 25% of the total cost A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.	***Standard cost sharing:*** **You pay 25% of the total cost** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.** ***Preferred cost sharing:*** **You pay 25% of the total cost** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.**

	2026 (this year)	**2027 (next year)**
Drug Tier 6 - Select Care Drugs:	*Standard cost sharing:* You pay a $0 copay A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered. *Preferred cost sharing:* You pay a $0 copay A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.	***Standard cost sharing:*** **You pay a $0 copay** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.** ***Preferred cost sharing:*** **You pay a $0 copay** **A one-month (30-day) mail-order prescription is not covered.**

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

The information in the Administrative Changes grid below reflects year-over-year changes to your plan that do not directly impact benefits or cost-shares.

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Covered supplemental benefits you receive from our network providers	Services are provided through our current network of vendors.	**Our vendor network may change in 2027. Review the 2027 *Provider & Pharmacy Directory* to see if your providers are in our network.**

SECTION 3 How to Change Plans

To stay in Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS), you don't need to do anything. Unless you sign up for a different type of Medicare health plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you'll automatically be enrolled in our Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS).
If you want to change plans for 2027, follow these steps:

- **To change to a different Medicare health plan,** enroll in the new plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS). Remember, not all Medicare health plans cover prescription drugs. Also, be aware that for many plans, you can't join a Medicare health plan and simultaneously purchase a prescription drug plan.
- **To change to Original Medicare with Medicare separate drug coverage,** you can enroll in a Part D plan, and you'll automatically be disenrolled from Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS).
- **To change to Original Medicare without a drug plan,** you can send us a written request to disenroll or visit our website to disenroll online at go.wellcare.com/IA. Call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) for more information on how to do this. Or call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. If you don't enroll in a Medicare drug plan, you may pay a Part D late enrollment penalty (go to Section 1.1).
- **To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans,** visit Medicare.gov, check the *Medicare & You 2027* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (go to Section 5), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Section 3.1 Deadlines for Changing Plans

People with Medicare can make changes to their coverage from **October 15 – December 7** each year.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2027, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without separate Medicare drug coverage) between January 1 – March 31, 2027.

Section 3.2 Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, people may have other chances to change their coverage during the year. Examples include people who:

- Have Medicaid
- Get Extra Help paying for their drugs
- Have or are leaving employer coverage
- Move out of our plan's service area

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 (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or

without separate Medicare drug coverage) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for 2 full months after the month you move out.

SECTION 4 Get Help Paying for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Different kinds of help are available:

- **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 drug plan premiums, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Also, people who qualify won't have a late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday – Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.
  - Your State Medicaid Office.
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible people living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your state, you 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 drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing help through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program, or, if you're currently enrolled, how to continue getting help, call the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), at 1-800-972-2017 (TTY 711) from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. local time, Monday - Friday. 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 payment option that works with your current drug coverage to help you manage your out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by our plan by spreading them across the calendar year (January – December). Anyone with a Medicare drug plan or Medicare health plan with drug coverage (like a Medicare Advantage plan with drug coverage) can use this payment option. If you're participating in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan and stay in the same Part D plan, your participation will be automatically renewed for 2027 you do not need to submit a new election request to continue participating in 2027. **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. To learn more about this payment option, call us at 1-833-750-9969 (TTY users call 1-800-716-3231) or visit Medicare.gov.

SECTION 5 Questions?

Get Help from Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS)

- **Call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522. (TTY users call 711.)**

  We're available for phone calls. Between October 1 and March 31, representatives are available Monday–Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Between April 1 and September 30, representatives are available Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Calls to these numbers are free.

- **Read your 2027 *Evidence of Coverage***

  This *Annual Notice of Change* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2027. For details, go to the 2027 *Evidence of Coverage* for Wellcare Simple (HMO-POS). The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of our plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. Get the *Evidence of Coverage* on our website at go.wellcare.com/IA or call Member Services at 1-800-977-7522 (TTY users call 711) to ask us to mail you a copy.

- **Visit** go.wellcare.com/IA

  Our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider & Pharmacy Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs* (formulary/Drug List).

Get Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Iowa, the SHIP is called Iowa Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

Call Iowa Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) to get free personalized health insurance counseling. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. Call Iowa Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) at

1-800-351-4664. Learn more about Iowa Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) by visiting https://shiip.iowa.gov/.

Get Help 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 can call 1-877-486-2048.

- **Chat live with Medicare.gov**

  You can chat live at Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone.

- **Write to Medicare**

  You can write to Medicare at PO Box 1270, Lawrence, KS 66044

- **Visit Medicare.gov**

  The official Medicare website has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area.

- **Read *Medicare & You 2027***

  The *Medicare & You 2027* handbook is mailed to people with Medicare every fall. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. Get a copy at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.