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Los Angeles County & Orange County  
2022 Enrollment Kit

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## WHAT'S INSIDE

This kit contains important information for you to review before enrolling, including:

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## NEED HELP?

**Questions? Call us at (888) 534-4263 (TTY: 711)**

We're available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week from October 1 through March 31 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday from April 1 through September 30. Learn more online at [blueshieldca.com/medicare](https://www.blueshieldca.com/medicare)

## WHY BLUE – BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA

Blue Shield of California's mission is to provide affordable access to health care that is worthy of our family and friends - and that includes you.

**Here are two important considerations when choosing your Medicare plan:**



### HOW MUCH DOES MY PLAN COST?

Use the Summary of Benefits – located in this kit – to compare what you will pay with our plan versus other plans.



### ARE MY PRESCRIPTIONS COVERED?

If you currently take medication, you can confirm if it is covered on our drug list. You can visit [blueshieldca.com/medformulary2022](https://blueshieldca.com/medformulary2022) for the drug list.

## MORE REASONS TO CHOOSE BLUE SHIELD

### One of the largest networks in the state.

Our large network means that chances are good you can keep seeing your current doctor and specialists. If you want to switch doctors, you can search [blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor](https://blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor) any time.

### Here when you need us.

From our California-based Customer Care team to our money-saving network mail service pharmacy, we're here for you.

### Here for caregivers, too!

We also provide support for caregivers who help with everyday activities. From community and health resources to plan materials and more, we want to help caregivers to be as informed as possible about choices and benefits. Learn more on our site at [blueshieldca.com/caregiverresource](https://blueshieldca.com/caregiverresource).

# BENEFITS AND SERVICES BEYOND ORIGINAL MEDICARE



## Dental benefits

Blue Shield of California Medicare Advantage Plans offer coverage for many common dental procedures such as checkups, cleaning, gum care, and more. Simply choose a network dentist who will provide and coordinate all your dental care needs.

Your dental coverage features comprehensive benefits with diagnostic, restorative, and preventive services; low copays; and access to a network of general dentists. Additionally, you are covered for emergency dental needs.

Please see the Summary of Benefits included in this kit for more information. Use our Dental Directory online to locate a network provider anytime at [blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor](https://blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor).



## Vision benefits

Vision benefits for this plan include everything Medicare covers, and more.

Please see the Summary of Benefits included in this kit for more information. Use our Vision Directory online to locate a Vision Service Plan (VSP) network provider near you at [blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor](https://blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor).



## Hearing aid benefits

We provide a hearing aid benefit. This benefit includes an annual allowance for two hearing aids, hearing aid fitting and evaluation. Some cost limitations may apply. Please see the Summary of Benefits included in this kit for more information.



## Over-the-counter (OTC) items benefit

Blue Shield of California offers an over-the-counter (OTC) items benefit which covers OTC health and wellness products, including first-aid supplies, pain relievers, cough and cold medicines, and more.

This benefit includes an allowance to use every calendar quarter. You can place two orders per quarter and cannot roll over your unused allowance into the next quarter. Some limitations may apply. Refer to the OTC catalog for more information. You may order from the catalog of eligible items, and OTC Health Solutions will mail the items directly to you at no extra charge.

Refer to the Summary of Benefits included in this kit for more information about the benefit allowance or visit [blueshieldca.com/medicareOTC](https://blueshieldca.com/medicareOTC).



## Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)

To keep you safe and independent, we offer a medical alert monitoring system from LifeStation that provides access to help 24/7 at the push of a button.

LifeStation's state-of-the-art services keep you connected to your caregiver network through easy-to-use technology and robust platforms – including in-home system or mobile device with GPS/WiFi. An experienced care specialist can then contact emergency services, caregivers, or loved ones – quickly getting you the help you need.

LifeStation's services allow you to remain self-sufficient in your own home while keeping you connected to all that life has to offer. For additional benefit details, visit [blueshieldca.com/PERS](https://blueshieldca.com/PERS).



## SilverSneakers fitness program

SilverSneakers can help you live a healthier, more active life through fitness and social connection. Silver Sneakers provides a fitness benefit at many participating locations.<sup>1</sup> You have access to instructors who lead specially designed group exercise classes.<sup>2</sup> At participating locations nationwide, you can take classes<sup>2</sup> plus use exercise equipment and other amenities. Additionally, SilverSneakers FLEX gives you options to get active outside of traditional gyms (like recreation centers, malls, and parks). SilverSneakers also connects you to a support network and virtual resources through SilverSneakers Live, SilverSneakers On-Demand™ SilverSneakers Connect and our mobile app, SilverSneakers GO™. For additional benefit details, visit [SilverSneakers.com](https://SilverSneakers.com).

Always talk with your doctor before starting an exercise program.

<sup>1</sup>Participating locations ("PL") are not owned or operated by Tivity Health, Inc. or its affiliates. Use of PL facilities and amenities is limited to terms and conditions of PL basic membership. Facilities and amenities vary by PL.

<sup>2</sup>Membership includes SilverSneakers instructor-led group fitness classes. Some locations offer members additional classes. Classes vary by location.



## Transportation services

Blue Shield of California provides transportation for plan members to plan-approved health related locations. Transportation is provided on an as-needed basis to facilitate non-emergent access to healthcare, e.g. physician office visits. Arrangements for transportation are handled by the Blue Shield of California Customer Care Department. Arrangements for transportation must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

For additional benefit details or information on how to schedule transportation services, please refer to the *Evidence of Coverage* or visit [blueshieldca.com/medtransport](https://www.blueshieldca.com/medtransport).



## Acupuncture and Chiropractic services

Visit any participating Acupuncturist or Chiropractor in the American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH Plans) network. Benefits include:

- Initial and subsequent examinations
- Office visits for acupuncture and chiropractic adjustments
- ◊Adjunctive therapies

◊When provided in conjunction with the acupuncture treatment or chiropractic adjustment.

- X-rays and laboratory tests (chiropractic only)

Acupuncture and Chiropractic are for non-Medicare covered services.

For additional benefit details or information, please refer to the *Evidence of Coverage* online at [blueshieldca.com/medMAPD2022](https://www.blueshieldca.com/medMAPD2022). You can locate participating providers through the online directory at [blueshieldca.com/alternativemedicine](https://www.blueshieldca.com/alternativemedicine).

## PRE ENROLLMENT CHECK LIST

- Pick your primary care doctor (PCP)** – also known as a primary care physician (PCP) – or confirm that your doctor is in our network.  
Search **blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor** or use our provider directory.
- Check our drug list (formulary)**  
Make sure that all your medications are covered.  
Visit **blueshieldca.com/medformulary2022** to review our drug list or call the number listed below for verification of our drug listing.
- Locate your Medicare ID card**  
When you apply, make sure to have your Medicare ID card available, or some form of proof that you are entitled to Medicare.

## WAYS TO APPLY



### In person

Meet with your local authorized Blue Shield of California sales agent.

Visit **blueshieldca.com/medicare** or call **(888) 534-4263 (TTY: 711)** to set up an appointment.



### By phone

Call us at **(888) 534-4263 (TTY: 711)**

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### Online

Visit **blueshieldca.com/medicare** to conveniently enroll on your own time.



### By mail

Fill out the enclosed application form completely and mail to:

Blue Shield of California  
P.O. Box 948  
Woodland Hills, CA 91365-9856



### By fax

Fax the enclosed application form to: **(877) 251-3660**

# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

<b>1</b>	<b>Confirmation</b> Within 10 days of enrollment, you will receive a confirmation enrollment letter in the mail. It is also confirmation that Medicare has approved your enrollment.
<b>2</b>	<b>Member ID card</b> You will also receive your member ID card. Keep this with you for all your doctor, hospital, and pharmacy visits.
<b>3</b>	<b>Welcome package</b> You will receive a package containing important plan documents. This includes instructions about how to access the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> , drug list, and provider directory.
<b>4</b>	<b>Premium assistance</b> If you qualify for help, you will receive a Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) letter.
<b>NEED HELP?</b>	<b>Have questions? Call (888) 534-4263 (TTY: 711)</b> 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week from October 1 through March 31 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday from April 1 through September 30. Learn more online at <a href="https://blueshieldca.com/medicare">blueshieldca.com/medicare</a> .

## HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

We want to help you stay healthy, so we offer tools and information that can assist you in making healthy lifestyle choices and healthcare decisions, including:



### Senior Wellness Assessment

Regular wellness assessments are a great way to know where you stand and help identify issues that may be important to discuss with your healthcare team.

Once you take it, share your results with your physician so that you can work toward your health and longevity goals.



### Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program services will be covered for eligible Medicare beneficiaries under all Medicare health plans.

The Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program can help you learn how to be more active, eat healthier and lose weight by making small changes to your daily routine. These changes can help you prevent type 2 diabetes.



### Teladoc

Teladoc provides physician consultations 24/7 by phone or video. Teladoc physicians can diagnose and treat many non-emergency medical conditions outside of an emergency room, urgent care clinic, or doctor's office. Teladoc physicians can also prescribe certain medications.

To learn more about this benefit, visit [blueshieldca.com/Teladoc](https://blueshieldca.com/Teladoc).



### NurseHelp 24/7

Connect with a registered nurse who will listen and offer you immediate, reliable information about treating minor illnesses and injuries, or help you choose the most appropriate treatment. Chat online at [blueshieldca.com/nursehelp](https://blueshieldca.com/nursehelp) or call **(877) 304-0504 [TTY: 711]**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

# KEY TERMS TO KNOW

## Coinsurance

An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for services after you pay any deductibles. Coinsurance is usually a percentage (for example, 20%).

## Copayment (copay)

A copayment is usually a set amount, rather than a percentage. For example, you might pay \$10 or \$20 for a prescription drug.

## Cost sharing

An amount you may be required to pay as your share of the cost for a medical service or supply, like a doctor's visit, hospital outpatient visit, or prescription drug. This amount can include copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles.

## Deductible

The amount you must pay for prescriptions before Original Medicare, your Blue Shield plan, or any other insurance begins to pay.

## Exception

A determination that affects coverage of a prescription drug. A drug list exception is a drug plan's decision to cover a drug that is not on its drug list or to waive a coverage rule. A tiering exception is a drug plan's decision to lower the price for a covered non-preferred drug.

## Extra Help

A Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay for prescription drug costs, such as premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.

## Formulary (drug list)

A list of Part D prescription drugs covered by a prescription drug plan or another insurance plan offering prescription drug benefits. Also called a drug list.

## Out-of-pocket costs

Medical or prescription drug costs that you must pay on your own because they are not covered by Medicare or other insurance.

## Premium

The monthly amount you pay for your insurance coverage.

## Step therapy

A utilization tool that requires you to first try another drug to treat your medical condition before we will cover the drug your physician may have initially prescribed.

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Teladoc does not replace the primary care physician. Teladoc does not guarantee that a prescription will be written. Teladoc operates subject to state regulations. Teladoc does not prescribe DEA-controlled substances, non-therapeutic drugs, and certain other drugs that may be harmful because of their potential for abuse. Teladoc physicians reserve the right to deny care for potential misuse of services.

NurseHelp 24/7 is a service mark of Blue Shield of California.

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Blue Shield of California cumple con las leyes estatales y las leyes federales de derechos civiles vigentes, y no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, país de origen, ascendencia, religión, sexo, estado civil, género, identidad de género, orientación sexual, edad ni discapacidad.

Blue Shield of California 遵循適用的州法律和聯邦公民權利法律，並且不以種族、膚色、原國籍、血統、宗教、性別、婚姻狀況、性別認同、性取向、年齡或殘障為由而進行歧視。

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# 2022 Summary of Benefits

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## Blue Shield Advantage Optimum Plan (HMO)

### **Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan**

Los Angeles and Orange Counties

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## Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan

### Los Angeles and Orange Counties

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The benefit information provided does not list every service that we cover or list every limitation or exclusion. To get a complete list of services we cover, please refer to the **Evidence of Coverage (EOC)** at [blueshieldca.com/MAPDdocuments2022](https://blueshieldca.com/MAPDdocuments2022) or by calling Customer Care at **(800) 776-4466** [TTY:711], 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, year round. **Note: The EOC will be available on our website by October 15.**

**Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan** includes Part D coverage, which provides prescription drug coverage, offering you the convenience of having both your medical and prescription drugs covered through one plan.

To join **Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan**, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, and live in our service area. **Our service area includes Los Angeles and Orange Counties.**

If you want to know more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your current **"Medicare & You"** handbook. View it online at <http://www.medicare.gov> or get a copy by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Our plan Provider Directory is located on our website at [blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor](https://blueshieldca.com/find-a-doctor).

Our plan Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at [blueshieldca.com/medpharmacy2022](https://blueshieldca.com/medpharmacy2022).

To get the most complete and current information about which drugs are covered, you can visit our website at [blueshieldca.com/medformulary2022](https://blueshieldca.com/medformulary2022).

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Premiums and benefits	You pay	What you should know
<b>Monthly plan premium</b>	\$0	You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium in addition to the plan premium, if applicable.
<b>Deductible</b>	No deductible	
<b>Annual out-of-pocket maximum amount</b>	\$999	Does not include Part D prescription drugs. This is the most you would pay for the year for in-network covered Medicare Part A and Part B services.
<b>Inpatient hospital care</b>	\$0 copay per admission	Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for a Medicare-covered inpatient hospital stay in a network hospital.
<b>Outpatient hospital services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services in an emergency department or outpatient clinic, such as observation services or outpatient surgery</li> </ul>	\$100 copay for each visit to an outpatient hospital facility \$0 copay for observation services \$85 copay for each visit to an emergency room (this copay is waived if you are admitted to the hospital within one day for the same condition)	Our plan covers medically necessary services you get in the outpatient department of a hospital for diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury.
<b>Outpatient surgery</b>	\$0 copay for each visit to an ambulatory surgical center \$100 copay for each visit to an outpatient hospital facility	
<b>Doctor visits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary care physician</li> <li>Specialists</li> </ul>	\$0 copay per visit \$0 copay per visit	<b>A referral from your doctor may be required for Specialist visits.</b>
<b>Preventive care</b>	\$0 copay	Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.

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<b>Emergency care</b>	<p>\$85 copay per visit</p> <p>No combined annual limit for emergency care and urgently needed services outside the United States and its territories every year. Services outside the United States and its territories do not apply to the plan's maximum out-of-pocket limit</p>	<p>This copay is waived if you are admitted to a hospital within one day for the same condition.</p> <p>Worldwide coverage.</p>
<b>Urgently needed services</b>	<p>\$0 copay for each in-network urgent care visit</p> <p>\$45 copay for each out-of-network urgent care visit</p> <p>\$85 copay for worldwide emergency/urgent coverage</p> <p>No combined annual limit for emergency care and urgently needed services outside the United States and its territories every year. Services outside the United States and its territories do not apply to the plan's maximum out-of-pocket limit</p>	<p>These copays are waived if you are admitted to a hospital within one day for the same condition.</p> <p>Worldwide coverage.</p>
<p><b>Diagnostic services, labs, and imaging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic radiology services (such as MRIs, CT scans, PET scans, etc.)</li> <li>• Lab services</li> <li>• Diagnostic tests and procedures</li> <li>• Outpatient X-rays</li> <li>• Therapeutic radiology services (such as radiation treatment for cancer)</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay for each diagnostic radiology service</p> <p>\$0 copay</p> <p>\$0 copay</p> <p>\$0 copay</p> <p>20% coinsurance for each therapeutic radiology service</p>	<p><b>A referral from your doctor may be required for diagnostic services, labs and imaging services.</b></p> <p>Covered according to Medicare guidelines.</p> <p>While you pay 20% coinsurance for therapeutic radiology services, you will never pay more than your \$999 total out-of-pocket maximum for the year.</p>

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<b>Hearing services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearing exam (Medicare covered)</li> <li>Routine (non-Medicare covered) hearing exam</li> <li>Hearing aids</li> </ul>	<p>\$10 copay per visit</p> <p>\$10 copay</p>	<p><b>A referral from your doctor may be required for hearing services.</b></p> <p>Routine hearing exams are limited to one exam every year.</p> <p>Our plan pays up to \$1,500 for 2 hearing aids, hearing aid fitting and evaluation every year (both ears combined) when obtained from a network provider.</p>
<b>Dental services (non-Medicare covered)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prophylaxis (cleaning)</li> <li>Dental X-rays</li> <li>Fluoride treatment</li> <li>Oral exam</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay</p> <p>\$0 - \$5 copay, depending on the service/type</p> <p>\$5 copay</p> <p>\$0 copay</p>	<p>One visit every 6 months.</p> <p>One series of bitewing X-rays every 6 months.</p> <p>One series of full mouth X-rays every 24 months.</p> <p>Two visits every 12 months for fluoride treatment.</p>
<b>Vision services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye</li> <li>Routine eye exam and refraction</li> <li>Eyeglasses (frames and lenses) or contact lenses</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay for each Medicare-covered visit</p> <p>\$0 copay per visit</p> <p>\$0 copay</p>	<p><b>A referral from your doctor may be required for an exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye.</b></p> <p>One visit every 12 months with network provider.</p> <p>Our plan pays up to \$250 for either eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or for contact lenses every 12 months.</p>

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<b>Mental health services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inpatient mental health care</li> <li>Outpatient group therapy visit</li> <li>Outpatient individual therapy visit</li> </ul>	\$100 copay per day for days 1 - 8 \$0 copay per day for days 9 - 90 \$25 copay per visit \$25 copay per visit	<p><b>A referral from your doctor may be required for mental health services.</b></p> <p>90 days per benefit period; no prior hospitalization required with network provider.</p> <p>A benefit period starts the day you go into a hospital or skilled nursing facility. It ends when you go for 60 days in a row without hospital or skilled nursing care.</p> <p>If you go into the hospital after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins.</p>
<b>Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care</b>	\$0 copay per day for days 1 - 20 \$80 copay per day for days 21 - 100	<p><b>A referral from your doctor may be required for skilled nursing facility care.</b></p> <p>100 days per benefit period; no prior hospitalization required with network provider.</p> <p>A benefit period starts the day you go into a hospital or skilled nursing facility. It ends when you go for 60 days in a row without hospital or skilled nursing care.</p> <p>If you go into the hospital after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins.</p>
<b>Rehabilitation Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupational therapy</li> <li>Physical therapy and speech and language therapy</li> </ul>	\$10 copay per visit \$10 copay per visit	<p><b>A referral from your doctor may be required for rehabilitation services.</b></p>
<b>Ambulance</b>	\$125 copay per trip (each way) \$0 copay if admitted	
<b>Transportation</b>	\$0 copay	Limited to 30 one-way trips to plan-approved health-related locations every year.
<b>Medicare Part B Drugs</b>	20% coinsurance for chemotherapy/radiation drugs and other Part B drugs	Some Part B drugs may require a prior authorization from your provider.

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## Additional benefits included in your plan

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<b>Annual Physical Exam</b>	\$0 copay	One every 12 months.
<b>Opioid Treatment Program Services</b>	\$0 copay	
<b>Additional telehealth services</b>	\$0 copay	Teladoc Physicians can diagnose and treat basic medical conditions and can also prescribe certain medication.
<b>Foot care (podiatry services)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foot exams and treatment</li> <li>• Routine (non-Medicare covered) foot care</li> </ul>	\$0 copay for each Medicare-covered visit \$0 copay per visit	<b>A referral from your doctor may be required for foot care services.</b>
<b>Diabetic Supplies &amp; Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood glucose monitors</li> <li>• Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies</li> </ul>	\$0 copay for FreeStyle® blood glucose monitors and 20% coinsurance for blood glucose monitors from all other manufacturers \$0 copay for all training, services and supplies except blood glucose monitors (see "Blood glucose monitors" above)	<b>A referral from your doctor may be required for diabetic supplies &amp; services.</b> Prior authorization from the plan may be required for blood glucose monitors and test strips. See the plan EOC for more information.
<b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Related Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durable medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen)</li> </ul>	20% coinsurance	<b>A referral from your doctor may be required for durable supplies &amp; services.</b> Prior authorization from the plan may be required for DME. See the plan EOC for more information.
<b>Prosthetics/Medical Supplies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs)</li> <li>• Medical supplies (e.g., splints, casts)</li> </ul>	20% coinsurance \$0 copay	<b>A referral from your doctor may be required for prosthetics/medical supplies.</b>

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<b>Health and Wellness programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic gym access through SilverSneakers Fitness</li> <li>• NurseHelp 24/7SM (telephone and online support)</li> <li>• Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) (24/7 medical alert)</li> </ul>	\$0 copay \$0 copay \$0 copay	
<b>Acupuncture (non-Medicare covered)</b>	\$0 copay per visit	Limited to 24 visits per year.
<b>Over-the-Counter (OTC) Items</b>	You have a \$105 allowance per quarter to spend on covered items.	You can place two orders per quarter and cannot roll over your unused allowance into the next quarter. Some limitations may apply. Refer to the OTC catalog for more information.
<b>Routine chiropractic services (non-Medicare covered)</b>	\$0 copay per visit	Limited to 24 visits per year.

# Prescription drug coverage

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## You pay the following:

Part D prescription drug benefit						
<b>Stage 1: Annual Deductible Stage</b>	This stage does not apply because there is no deductible.					
<b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b>	<b>Preferred retail cost-sharing (in-network)</b>			<b>Standard retail cost-sharing (in-network)<sup>^</sup></b>		
	<b>30-day supply</b>	<b>90-day supply<sup>*NDS</sup></b>	<b>100-day supply<sup>NDS</sup></b>	<b>30-day supply</b>	<b>90-day supply<sup>NDS</sup></b>	<b>100-day supply<sup>NDS</sup></b>
<b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic Drugs</b>	\$0 copay	See 100-day supply	\$0 copay	\$5 copay	See 100-day supply	\$5 copay
<b>Tier 2: Generic Drugs</b>	\$3 copay	\$7.50 copay	Not Covered	\$10 copay	\$25 copay	Not Covered
<b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand Drugs</b>	\$40 copay	\$100 copay	Not Covered	\$47 copay	\$117.50 copay	Not Covered
<b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drugs</b>	\$95 copay	\$237.50 copay	Not Covered	\$100 copay	\$250 copay	Not Covered
<b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier Drugs</b>	33% coinsurance	Not Covered	Not Covered	33% coinsurance	Not Covered	Not Covered

<sup>^</sup>If you reside in a long-term care facility, you pay the same as at an in-network standard retail cost-sharing pharmacy. There are limited situations where you may be able to get drugs from an out-of-network pharmacy at the same cost as an in-network standard retail cost-sharing pharmacy.

For more information on the additional pharmacy-specific cost-sharing and the phases of the benefit, please refer to the plan EOC.

\*90- and 100-day supply cost-sharing also applies to Blue Shield's mail service pharmacy.

**NDS** A long-term (up to a 90- or 100-day) supply is not available for select drugs. The drugs that are not available for a long-term supply are marked with the symbol NDS in our Drug List.

# Prescription drug coverage (cont'd)

Effective January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum  
Plan (HMO)  
Los Angeles and Orange Counties

Part D prescription drug benefit		
<b>Stage 3: Coverage Gap Stage</b>	Coverage for outpatient prescription drugs after the total yearly drug costs paid by both you and Blue Shield reach \$4,430, until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$7,050	Tier 1: Preferred Generic Drugs and Tier 2: Generic Drugs are covered at the copays described above. For all other tiers, you pay 25% of the price for brand-name drugs (plus a portion of the dispensing fee) and 25% of the price for generic drugs until your year-to-date out-of-pocket drug costs total \$7,050, which is the end of the coverage gap stage. Whether a drug is considered generic or brand can be determined using the plan formulary.
<b>Stage 4: Catastrophic Coverage</b>	After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs you bought through your retail pharmacy and through mail service) reach \$7,050, you pay the greater of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% of the cost, or</li> <li>• \$3.95 copay for a generic drug (including brand-name drugs treated as generic) and a \$9.85 copay for all other drugs</li> </ul> (This stage <b>protects</b> you from any additional costs once you have paid your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs.)	

## Mail Service Pharmacy

CVS Caremark is our network mail service pharmacy where you may obtain a 90- or 100-day supply of maintenance drugs at a lower cost. They will be delivered to your home or office with no charge for shipping or delivery. Sign up at [caremark.com](http://caremark.com) or call (866) 346-7200 [TTY: 711].

Tier 5 drugs are limited to a 30-day supply by mail service.

## Network pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing

You may pay less when you visit one of our network pharmacies that offer preferred cost-sharing. Here's just a few:

- CVS/pharmacy<sup>‡</sup> (including CVS pharmacy at Target) (888) 607-4287 [TTY: 711] 
- Safeway and Vons pharmacies<sup>‡</sup> (877) 723-3929 [TTY: 711] 
- Albertsons/Sav-on/Osco pharmacies<sup>‡</sup> (877) 932-7948 [TTY: 711] 
- Costco<sup>‡</sup> (800) 955-2292 [TTY: 711] 
- Ralphs<sup>‡</sup>, Walmart<sup>‡</sup> and many more.

You do not have to be a Costco member to use Costco Pharmacies.

<sup>‡</sup>Accepts e-prescribing

## We're here to help

Contact Blue Shield at **(888) 534-4263** [TTY: 711]

**8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, year round.**

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Blue Shield of California cumple con las leyes estatales y las leyes federales de derechos civiles vigentes, y no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, país de origen, ascendencia, religión, sexo, estado civil, género, identidad de género, orientación sexual, edad ni discapacidad.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 2022 Medicare Star Ratings



## Blue Shield of California – H5928

For 2022, Blue Shield of California - H5928 received the following Star Ratings from Medicare:

**Overall Star Rating:** ★★★★★  
**Health Services Rating:** ★★★★★  
**Drug Services Rating:** ★★★★★



Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.

### Why Star Ratings Are Important

Medicare rates plans on their health and drug services.

This lets you easily compare plans based on quality and performance.

Star Ratings are based on factors that include:

- Feedback from members about the plan's service and care
- The number of members who left or stayed with the plan
- The number of complaints Medicare got about the plan
- Data from doctors and hospitals that work with the plan

More stars mean a better plan – for example, members may get better care and better, faster customer service.

The number of stars show how well a plan performs.

- ★★★★★ EXCELLENT
- ★★★★☆ ABOVE AVERAGE
- ★★★☆☆ AVERAGE
- ★★☆☆☆ BELOW AVERAGE
- ★☆☆☆☆ POOR

### Get More Information on Star Ratings Online

Compare Star Ratings for this and other plans online at [medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

### Questions about this plan?

Contact Blue Shield of California 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pacific time at 888-534-4263 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY). Current members please call 800-776-4466 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY).



# Enrollment information



# Blue Shield of California

## Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans

### PRE-ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a Customer Care representative at **(800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711)**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, year-round

#### Understanding the benefits

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- Review the full list of benefits found in the *Evidence of Coverage (EOC)*, especially for those services that you routinely see a doctor. Visit [blueshieldca.com/medmapd2022](https://blueshieldca.com/medmapd2022) or call Customer Care at **(800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711)**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, year-round, to view a copy of the EOC.
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- Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
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- Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicines is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
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- Review the drug formulary to make sure the medications or acceptable alternatives you need are covered on our drug list. This list explains which drugs are covered, so you can discuss medication options with your doctor. Generally, generic drugs have a lower copayment than brand-name drugs.
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#### Understanding important rules

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- If you're enrolling in a plan with a monthly premium:** In addition to your monthly plan premium, you must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
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- Benefits, premiums, and/or copayments/co-insurance may change on January 1, 2022.
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- If you're enrolling in an HMO plan:** Except in emergency or urgent situations, we do not cover services by out-of-network providers (doctors who are not listed in the provider directory).
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- If you're enrolling in a PPO plan:** Our plan allows you to see providers outside of our network (non-contracted providers). However, while we will pay for covered services provided by a non-contracted provider, the provider must agree to treat you. Except in an **emergency or urgent situations**, non-contracted providers may deny care. In addition, you may pay a higher out-of-pocket cost for services received by non-contracted providers.
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- For HMO D-SNP plans:** This plan is a dual eligible special needs plan (D-SNP). Your ability to enroll will be based on verification that you are entitled to both Medicare and medical assistance from a state plan under Medicaid.
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Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat Blue Shield Medicare members, except in emergency situations. Please call our Customer Care number or see your Evidence of Coverage for more information, including the cost-sharing that applies to out-of-network services.

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ATTENTION: If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-776-4466 [TTY: 711].

ATENCIÓN: Si no habla inglés, tiene a su disposición gratis el servicio de asistencia en idiomas. Llame al 1-800-776-4466 (TTY: [711]).

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電1-800-776-4466 (TTY: 711)。

律和聯邦公民權利法律，並且不以種族、膚色、原國籍、血統、宗教、性別、婚姻狀況、性別認同、性取向、年齡或殘障為由而進行歧視

# Understanding Medicare enrollment periods

These are the different types of enrollment periods throughout the year when you may enroll or make changes to your Medicare plan.

## Annual Election Period (AEP)

**Available October 15 through December 7.**

During this time, you may join, drop, or switch to the Medicare Advantage Plan that is best for you.

Your change in enrollment will become effective January 1, 2022.

## Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

**Available January 1 through March 31.**

During this period, you can switch to another Medicare Advantage Plan (you can choose a plan that covers prescription drugs or one that does not cover prescription drugs) or disenroll from our plan and obtain coverage through Original Medicare. If you choose to switch to Original Medicare during this period, you have until March 31 to join a separate prescription drug plan to add drug coverage.

## Special Election Period (SEP)

**Available all year to qualifying individuals.**

During this time, you may join, drop, or switch your Medicare Advantage Plan if you move out of the plan's service area, lose your employer or union coverage, enroll in a PACE program, or have a chronic condition that allows you to enroll in a Special Needs Plan designed to specifically treat individuals with your condition.

See the last page of the enrollment form for a list of common qualifying events.

## Initial Coverage Election Period (ICEP)

**Available all year to qualifying individuals.**

This election period begins three months before the month of your 65th birthday or the 25th month of disability. It is associated with your entitlement to Medicare Part A, B, and D. This period begins three months before your first entitlement to Medicare Part A, B, and D and ends on the later of:

1. The last day of the month preceding entitlement to Part A, B, and D; or
2. The last day of your Part B initial enrollment period.

## Open Enrollment Period for Institutionalized Individuals (OEPI)

**Available all year to qualifying individuals.**

If you are institutionalized, you may enroll in or disenroll from a Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan for institutionalized individuals.

Call Blue Shield of California for questions about eligibility:

**(888) 534-4263 (TTY: 711)**

8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week from October 1 through March 31 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, from April 1 to September 30

**[blueshieldca.com/medicare](https://blueshieldca.com/medicare)**

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# Disclaimers



# Notices available online

## Nondiscrimination and Language Assistance Services

Blue Shield complies with applicable state and federal civil rights laws. We also offer language assistance services at no additional cost.

View our nondiscrimination notice and language assistance notice: [blueshieldca.com/notices](https://blueshieldca.com/notices). You can also call for language assistance services: **(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**

If you are unable to access the website above and would like to receive a copy of the nondiscrimination notice and language assistance notice, please call Customer Care at **(800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711)**.

## Servicios de asistencia en idiomas y avisos de no discriminación

Blue Shield cumple con las leyes de derechos civiles federales y estatales aplicables. También, ofrecemos servicios de asistencia en idiomas sin costo adicional.

Vea nuestro aviso de no discriminación y nuestro aviso de asistencia en idiomas en [blueshieldca.com/notices](https://blueshieldca.com/notices). Para obtener servicios de asistencia en idiomas, también puede llamar al **(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**.

Si no puede acceder al sitio web que aparece arriba y desea recibir una copia del aviso de no discriminación y del aviso de asistencia en idiomas, llame a Atención al Cliente al **(800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711)**.

## 非歧視通知和語言協助服務

Blue Shield 遵守適用的州及聯邦政府的民權法。同時，我們免費提供語言協助服務。

如需檢視我司的非歧視通知和語言幫助通知，請造訪 [blueshieldca.com/notices](https://blueshieldca.com/notices)。您還可致電尋求語言協助服務：**(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**。

如果您無法造訪上述網站，且希望收到一份非歧視通知和語言幫助通知的副本，請致電客戶服務部，電話：**(800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711)**。









## 2022 Individual Enrollment Request Form

**Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plans: Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO), Blue Shield 65 Plus Plan 2 (HMO), Blue Shield 65 Plus Choice Plan (HMO), Blue Shield Inspire (HMO), Blue Shield Vital (HMO), Blue Shield Balance (HMO), Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO), Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan 1 (HMO), Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan 2 (HMO), Blue Shield TotalDual Plan (HMO D-SNP), Blue Shield Coordinated Choice Plan (HMO), Blue Shield Inspire (HMO D-SNP)**

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### Who can use this form?

People with Medicare who want to join a Medicare Advantage Plan

#### To join a plan, you must:

- Be a United States citizen or be lawfully present in the U.S.
- Live in the plan's service area

**Important:** To join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must also have both:

- Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)
- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

### When do I use this form?

You can join a plan:

- Between October 15–December 7 each year (for coverage starting January 1)
- Within 3 months of first getting Medicare
- In certain situations where you're allowed to join or switch plans

Visit Medicare.gov to learn more about when you can sign up for a plan.

### What do I need to complete this form?

- Your Medicare Number (the number on your red, white, and blue Medicare card)
- Your permanent address and phone number

**Note:** You must complete all items in Section 1. The items in Section 2 are optional – you can't be denied coverage because you don't fill them out.

### Reminders:

- If you want to join a plan during fall open enrollment (October 15–December 7), the plan must get your completed form by December 7.
- Your plan will send you a bill for the plan's premium. You can choose to sign up to have your premium payments deducted from your bank account or your monthly Social Security (or Railroad Retirement Board) benefit.

### What happens next?

Email, Mail, or Fax your completed and signed form to:

**Email:** WHMembership@blueshieldca.com

**Mail:** Blue Shield of California  
PO Box 948  
Woodland Hills, CA 91365-9856

**Fax:** (877) 251-3660

Once they process your request to join, they'll contact you.

### How do I get help with this form?

Call your Authorized Agent or your Blue Shield Representative at **(888) 534-4263**. TTY users can call **711**. Or, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. En español: Llame a su Agente Autorizado o a su Representante de Blue Shield al **(888) 534-4263**. Los usuarios del sistema TTY pueden llamar al 711 o a Medicare gratis al **1-800-633-4227** y oprima el 2 para asistencia en español y un representante estará disponible para asistirle.

## Section 1 – All fields in this section are required (unless marked optional)

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### Select the plan you want to join:

- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Kern County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Riverside County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) San Bernardino County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) San Diego County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Ventura County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus Plan 2 (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus Choice Plan (HMO) San Bernardino/Riverside Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Fresno County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Merced/Santa Clara Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Stanislaus County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) San Joaquin County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan 1 (HMO) San Diego County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan 2 (HMO) San Diego County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Balance (HMO) Los Angeles County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Coordinated Choice Plan (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange/San Bernardino/  
Riverside/San Diego/Fresno/Santa Clara/Merced/San Joaquin/Stanslaus Counties  
(\$33.20 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Alameda/San Mateo Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Fresno/Madera Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Sacramento County (\$40 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) San Joaquin/Stanslaus/Merced Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Santa Clara County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO D-SNP) Merced/Fresno/San Joaquin/Stanslaus Counties  
(\$33.20 per month)
- Blue Shield TotalDual Plan (HMO D-SNP) Los Angeles/Orange/San Bernardino/San Diego  
Counties (\$33.20 per month)
- Blue Shield Vital (HMO) Los Angeles/San Bernardino/Riverside/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)

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Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) in the counties of Alameda, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus; Blue Shield Inspire (HMO D-SNP) in Fresno, San Joaquin, Merced and Stanislaus; and Blue Shield Balance (HMO) in the county of Los Angeles includes one or more Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI). SSBCI are part of special supplemental benefits available in select plans. Not all plan members will qualify. Refer to the Evidence of Coverage for details and eligibility requirements. To be eligible for each SSBCI benefit, you must have at least one of the required qualifying chronic conditions which can vary by plan. Please refer to the "Attestation for Special Supplemental Benefit for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI)" form included in the enrollment kit, online or contact Customer Care (800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711) for a copy.

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**IMPORTANT: Read and sign below:**

- I must keep both Hospital (Part A) and Medical (Part B) to stay in a Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan.
- By joining this Medicare Advantage Plan, I acknowledge that my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan will share my information with Medicare, who may use it to track my enrollment, to make payments, and for other purposes allowed by Federal law that authorize the collection of this information (see Privacy Act Statement below).
- Your response to this form is voluntary. However, failure to respond may affect enrollment in the plan.
- The information on this enrollment form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally provide false information on this form, I will be disenrolled from the plan.
- I understand that people with Medicare are generally not covered under Medicare while out of the country, except for limited coverage near the U.S. border.
- I understand that when my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan coverage begins, I must get all of my medical and prescription drug benefits from that Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan. Benefits and services provided by my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan and contained in my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan *Evidence of Coverage* document (also known as a member contract or subscriber agreement) will be covered. Neither Medicare nor my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan will pay for benefits or services that are not covered.
- I understand that my signature (or the signature of the person legally authorized to act on my behalf) on this application means that I have read and understand the contents of this application. If signed by an authorized representative (as described above), this signature certifies that:
  - 1) This person is authorized under State law to complete this enrollment, and
  - 2) Documentation of this authority is available upon request by Medicare.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Today's Date</b>
	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>

If you're the authorized representative, sign above and fill out these fields

Name

Street Address

City

State

ZIP code

Phone Number

Relationship to Enrollee



## Paying your plan premiums:

You can pay your monthly plan premium (including any late enrollment penalty you currently have or may owe) by mail each month. If your plan has a premium due, you will receive a monthly bill including the amount and the date of when your next payment is due, or you may choose to pay your premium by having it automatically taken out of your Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit each month.

To learn more about your payment options, visit us at [blueshieldca.com/medicarewaystopay](http://blueshieldca.com/medicarewaystopay) or call Customer Care at **(800) 776-4466 TTY: 711**.

Automatic deduction from your monthly Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check.

I get monthly benefits from:  Social Security  RRB

(The Social Security/Railroad Retirement Board deduction may take two or more months to begin. In most cases, if Social Security/the Railroad Retirement Board accepts your request for automatic deduction, the first deduction from your Social Security/Railroad Retirement Board benefit check will include all premiums due from your enrollment effective date up to the point withholding begins. If Social Security/the Railroad Retirement Board does not approve your request for automatic deduction, we will send you a paper bill for your monthly premiums.)

**If you have to pay a Part D-Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (Part D-IRMAA), you must pay this extra amount in addition to your plan premium.** The amount is usually taken out of your Social Security benefit, or you may get a bill from Medicare (or the RRB). **DON'T** pay Blue Shield of California the Part D-IRMAA.

### **Producer information: Producer name and ID or NPN is required.**

Agency name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print appointed agency name)

Agency ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print agency tax ID)

Producer (writing agent) name (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print writing agent name)

Producer ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print agent tax ID number)

Producer (writing agent) NPN or TIN (one required): \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print NPN or TIN number)

Producer phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Producer email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date application received by producer: \_\_\_\_\_

Producer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

With my signature, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the CMS Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines and Enrollment rules and confirm that the enrollee has received a complete enrollment kit. I agree that this enrollment of a Medicare beneficiary, on behalf of Blue Shield of California, has complied with these rules.

Blue Shield of California is an HMO and an HMO D-SNP plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with the California State Medicaid Program. Enrollment in Blue Shield of California depends on contract renewal.

## Privacy Act Statement

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects information from Medicare plans to track beneficiary enrollment in Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans, improve care, and for the payment of Medicare benefits. Sections 1851 and 1860D-1 of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §§ 422.50 and 422.60 authorize the collection of this information. CMS may use, disclose and exchange enrollment data from Medicare beneficiaries as specified in the System of Records Notice (SORN) "Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MARx)", System No. 09-70-0588. Your response to this form is voluntary. However, failure to respond may affect enrollment in the plan.

**Typically, you may enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan only during the annual enrollment period from October 15 through December 7 of each year.** There are exceptions that may allow you to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan outside of this period.

Please read the following statements carefully and check the box if the statement applies to you. By checking any of the following boxes you are certifying that, to the best of your knowledge, you are eligible for an Enrollment Period. If we later determine that this information is incorrect, you may be disenrolled.

- I am new to Medicare.
- I am enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan and want to make a change during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP).
- I recently moved outside of the service area for my current plan, or I recently moved, and this plan is a new option for me. I moved on (insert date).

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- I recently was released from incarceration. I was released on (insert date).

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- I recently returned to the United States after living permanently outside of the U.S. I returned to the U.S. on (insert date).

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- I recently obtained lawful presence status in the United States. I got this status on (insert date).

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## 2022 Individual Enrollment Request Form

**Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plans: Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO), Blue Shield 65 Plus Plan 2 (HMO), Blue Shield 65 Plus Choice Plan (HMO), Blue Shield Inspire (HMO), Blue Shield Vital (HMO), Blue Shield Balance (HMO), Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO), Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan 1 (HMO), Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan 2 (HMO), Blue Shield TotalDual Plan (HMO D-SNP), Blue Shield Coordinated Choice Plan (HMO), Blue Shield Inspire (HMO D-SNP)**

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### Who can use this form?

People with Medicare who want to join a Medicare Advantage Plan

#### To join a plan, you must:

- Be a United States citizen or be lawfully present in the U.S.
- Live in the plan's service area

**Important:** To join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must also have both:

- Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)
- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

### When do I use this form?

You can join a plan:

- Between October 15–December 7 each year (for coverage starting January 1)
- Within 3 months of first getting Medicare
- In certain situations where you're allowed to join or switch plans

Visit Medicare.gov to learn more about when you can sign up for a plan.

### What do I need to complete this form?

- Your Medicare Number (the number on your red, white, and blue Medicare card)
- Your permanent address and phone number

**Note:** You must complete all items in Section 1. The items in Section 2 are optional – you can't be denied coverage because you don't fill them out.

### Reminders:

- If you want to join a plan during fall open enrollment (October 15–December 7), the plan must get your completed form by December 7.
- Your plan will send you a bill for the plan's premium. You can choose to sign up to have your premium payments deducted from your bank account or your monthly Social Security (or Railroad Retirement Board) benefit.

### What happens next?

Email, Mail, or Fax your completed and signed form to:

**Email:** WHMembership@blueshieldca.com

**Mail:** Blue Shield of California  
PO Box 948  
Woodland Hills, CA 91365-9856

**Fax:** (877) 251-3660

Once they process your request to join, they'll contact you.

### How do I get help with this form?

Call your Authorized Agent or your Blue Shield Representative at **(888) 534-4263**. TTY users can call **711**. Or, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. En español: Llame a su Agente Autorizado o a su Representante de Blue Shield al **(888) 534-4263**. Los usuarios del sistema TTY pueden llamar al 711 o a Medicare gratis al **1-800-633-4227** y oprima el 2 para asistencia en español y un representante estará disponible para asistirle.

## Section 1 – All fields in this section are required (unless marked optional)

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### Select the plan you want to join:

- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Kern County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Riverside County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) San Bernardino County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) San Diego County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus (HMO) Ventura County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus Plan 2 (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield 65 Plus Choice Plan (HMO) San Bernardino/Riverside Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Fresno County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Merced/Santa Clara Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield AdvantageOptimum Plan (HMO) Stanislaus County (\$0 per month)
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- Blue Shield Balance (HMO) Los Angeles County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Coordinated Choice Plan (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange/San Bernardino/  
Riverside/San Diego/Fresno/Santa Clara/Merced/San Joaquin/Stanslaus Counties  
(\$33.20 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Alameda/San Mateo Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Fresno/Madera Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Los Angeles/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Sacramento County (\$40 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) San Joaquin/Stanslaus/Merced Counties (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) Santa Clara County (\$0 per month)
- Blue Shield Inspire (HMO D-SNP) Merced/Fresno/San Joaquin/Stanslaus Counties  
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- Blue Shield TotalDual Plan (HMO D-SNP) Los Angeles/Orange/San Bernardino/San Diego  
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- Blue Shield Vital (HMO) Los Angeles/San Bernardino/Riverside/Orange Counties (\$0 per month)

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Blue Shield Inspire (HMO) in the counties of Alameda, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus; Blue Shield Inspire (HMO D-SNP) in Fresno, San Joaquin, Merced and Stanislaus; and Blue Shield Balance (HMO) in the county of Los Angeles includes one or more Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI). SSBCI are part of special supplemental benefits available in select plans. Not all plan members will qualify. Refer to the Evidence of Coverage for details and eligibility requirements. To be eligible for each SSBCI benefit, you must have at least one of the required qualifying chronic conditions which can vary by plan. Please refer to the "Attestation for Special Supplemental Benefit for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI)" form included in the enrollment kit, online or contact Customer Care (800) 776-4466 (TTY: 711) for a copy.

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**IMPORTANT: Read and sign below:**

- I must keep both Hospital (Part A) and Medical (Part B) to stay in a Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan.
- By joining this Medicare Advantage Plan, I acknowledge that my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan will share my information with Medicare, who may use it to track my enrollment, to make payments, and for other purposes allowed by Federal law that authorize the collection of this information (see Privacy Act Statement below).
- Your response to this form is voluntary. However, failure to respond may affect enrollment in the plan.
- The information on this enrollment form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally provide false information on this form, I will be disenrolled from the plan.
- I understand that people with Medicare are generally not covered under Medicare while out of the country, except for limited coverage near the U.S. border.
- I understand that when my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan coverage begins, I must get all of my medical and prescription drug benefits from that Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan. Benefits and services provided by my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan and contained in my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan *Evidence of Coverage* document (also known as a member contract or subscriber agreement) will be covered. Neither Medicare nor my Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan will pay for benefits or services that are not covered.
- I understand that my signature (or the signature of the person legally authorized to act on my behalf) on this application means that I have read and understand the contents of this application. If signed by an authorized representative (as described above), this signature certifies that:
  - 1) This person is authorized under State law to complete this enrollment, and
  - 2) Documentation of this authority is available upon request by Medicare.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Today's Date</b>
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If you're the authorized representative, sign above and fill out these fields

Name

Street Address

City

State

ZIP code

Phone Number

Relationship to Enrollee



## Paying your plan premiums:

You can pay your monthly plan premium (including any late enrollment penalty you currently have or may owe) by mail each month. If your plan has a premium due, you will receive a monthly bill including the amount and the date of when your next payment is due, or you may choose to pay your premium by having it automatically taken out of your Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit each month.

To learn more about your payment options, visit us at [blueshieldca.com/medicarewaystopay](http://blueshieldca.com/medicarewaystopay) or call Customer Care at **(800) 776-4466 TTY: 711**.

Automatic deduction from your monthly Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check.

I get monthly benefits from:  Social Security  RRB

(The Social Security/Railroad Retirement Board deduction may take two or more months to begin. In most cases, if Social Security/the Railroad Retirement Board accepts your request for automatic deduction, the first deduction from your Social Security/Railroad Retirement Board benefit check will include all premiums due from your enrollment effective date up to the point withholding begins. If Social Security/the Railroad Retirement Board does not approve your request for automatic deduction, we will send you a paper bill for your monthly premiums.)

**If you have to pay a Part D-Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (Part D-IRMAA), you must pay this extra amount in addition to your plan premium.** The amount is usually taken out of your Social Security benefit, or you may get a bill from Medicare (or the RRB). **DON'T** pay Blue Shield of California the Part D-IRMAA.

### **Producer information: Producer name and ID or NPN is required.**

Agency name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print appointed agency name)

Agency ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print agency tax ID)

Producer (writing agent) name (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Producer (writing agent) NPN or TIN (one required): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Producer phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Producer email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date application received by producer: \_\_\_\_\_

Producer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

With my signature, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the CMS Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines and Enrollment rules and confirm that the enrollee has received a complete enrollment kit. I agree that this enrollment of a Medicare beneficiary, on behalf of Blue Shield of California, has complied with these rules.

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## Privacy Act Statement

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**Typically, you may enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan only during the annual enrollment period from October 15 through December 7 of each year.** There are exceptions that may allow you to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan outside of this period.

Please read the following statements carefully and check the box if the statement applies to you. By checking any of the following boxes you are certifying that, to the best of your knowledge, you are eligible for an Enrollment Period. If we later determine that this information is incorrect, you may be disenrolled.

- I am new to Medicare.
- I am enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan and want to make a change during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MA OEP).
- I recently moved outside of the service area for my current plan, or I recently moved, and this plan is a new option for me. I moved on (insert date).

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