The Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan offered by Senior Care Plus

Annual Notice of Changes for 2019

You are currently enrolled as a member of the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes*.

• You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.

What to do now

1.	ASK: Which changes apply to you
	Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
	• It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
	• Do the changes affect the services you use?
	• Look in Section 1.5 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
	Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
	• Will your drugs be covered?
	• Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost-sharing?
	• Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
	• Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
	• Review the 2019 Drug List and look in Section 1.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
	• Your drug prices may have risen or you may have had alternate medications suggested to you. For information about drug prices visit https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Information-on-Prescription-Drugs/index.html . These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price information. These are general or total prices and increases probably don't match changes in what you will pay.
	Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
	• Are your doctors in our network?

- What about the hospitals or other providers you use? • Look in Sections 1.3 and 1.4 for information about our *Provider and Pharmacy* Directory. ☐ Think about your overall health care costs. • How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly? • How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles? • How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options? ☐ Think about whether you are happy with our plan. **2. COMPARE:** Learn about other plan choices ☐ Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. • Use the personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at https://www.medicare.gov website. Click "Find health & drug plans." • Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook. • Look in Section 3.2 to learn more about your choices. Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.
- 3. CHOOSE: Decide whether you want to change your plan
 - If you want to **keep** the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan. you don't need to do anything. You will stay in the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan.
 - To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.
- 4. ENROLL: To change plans, join a plan between October 15 and December 7, 2018
 - If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2018, you will stay in the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan.
 - If you **join another plan by December 7, 2018**, your new coverage will start on January 1, 2019.

Additional Resources

- ATTENTION: If you speak Spanish, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-888-775-7003 (TTY users should call the State Relay Service at 711)
- Please contact Customer Service at 775-982-3112 or toll-free at 888-775-7003 for additional information. (TTY users should call the State Relay Service at 711). Hours are

- Monday through Sunday, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will be closed on all federal holidays except New Year's Day.
- Customer Service also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
- Esta información está disponible gratuitamente en español.
- Por favor contáctese con nuestro servicio al cliente al 775-982-3112 o llame gratuitamente al 888-775-7003 para obtener información adicional. (Los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al servicio de retransmisión del estado al 711). Los horarios son lunes a domingo, de 7:00 a 20:00. Estaremos cerrados en todos los días festivos federales, excepto el día de año nuevo.
- Servicios al cliente también tiene servicios gratuitos de traducción para los que no hablan inglés.
- This information is available in different formats, including Spanish and other languages, as well as large print and Braille. Please call Customer Service at the number listed above if you need plan information in another format or language.
- Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC) and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families for more information.

About the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan

- Senior Care Plus is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Senior Care Plus depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means Senior Care Plus. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan.

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Summary of Important Costs for 2019

The table below compares the 2018 costs and 2019 costs for the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes. It is important to read the rest of this** *Annual Notice of Changes* and review the *Evidence of Coverage*, provided electronically on our website at www.SeniorCarePlus.com, to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
* Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$188	\$180
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	\$3,000 per year	\$3,000 per year
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: \$0 per visit to "designated" select contracted in-network PCPs \$10 per visit with all other in-network PCPs	Primary care visits: \$10 per visit

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SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$188	\$180

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as "creditable coverage") for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving "Extra Help" with your prescription drug costs.

Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

To protect you, Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay "out-of-pocket" during the year. This limit is called the "maximum out-of-pocket amount." Once you reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount	\$3,000 per year	No change for 2019.
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		Once you have paid \$3,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for you covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at www.SeniorCarePlus.com. You may also call Customer Service for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*. Please review the 2019 *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan, but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, Medicare requires that we furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work
 with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not
 interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider and managing your care.

Section 1.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* is located on our website at www.SeniorCarePlus.com. You may also call Customer Service for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2019** *Provider and Pharmacy Directory* to see which pharmacies are in our network.

Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your 2019 Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits:	Primary care visits:
	\$0 per visit to "designated" select contracted in-network PCPs	\$10 per visit
	\$10 per visit with all other innetwork PCPs	
Emergency Room	You pay a \$75 copay per visit.	You pay a \$90 copay per visit.
Medicare Part B Prescription Drugs	No Step Therapy requirements	The drug that is prescribed for you under this Part B Prescription Drug Benefit may have a requirement for "step therapy." This requirement encourages you and your provider to try less costly but just as effective drugs before the plan covers another drug. For example, if Drug A and Drug B treat the same medical condition, the plan may require you to try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, the plan will then cover Drug B. This requirement to try a different drug first is called "step therapy."

Section 1.6 - Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or "Drug List." A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically. Instructions on how to access and/or obtain a copy of our Formulary are in this envelope. If you don't see your drug on this list, it might still be covered. **You can get the complete Drug List** by calling Customer Service (see the back cover) or visiting our website www.SeniorCarePlus.com.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception to cover the drug. We encourage current members to ask for an exception before next year.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)) or call Customer Service.
- Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug that we cover. You can call Customer Service to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules.

Also, starting in 2019, before we make other changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice if you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice 30, rather than 60, days before we make the change. Or we will give you a 30-day, rather than a 60-day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy.

Starting in 2019, before we make changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice when you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice of those changes 30, rather than 60, days before they take place. Or we will give you a 30-day, rather than a 60-day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. We will provide this

notice before, for instance, replacing a brand name drug on the Drug List with a generic drug or making changes based on FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines recognized by Medicare.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about the changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs ("Extra Help"), the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you. We have sent you a separate insert, called the "Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs" (also called the "Low Income Subsidy Rider" or the "LIS Rider"), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive "Extra Help" and didn't receive this insert by September 30, 2018, please call Customer Service and ask for the "LIS Rider." Phone numbers for Customer Service are in Section 7.1 of this booklet.

There are four "drug payment stages." How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

Changes to Your Cost-sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs in your Evidence of Coverage.

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and you pay your share of the	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:	Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:
cost.	Preferred Generic:	Preferred Generic:
The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-day) supply when	You pay \$3 per prescription.	You pay \$3 per prescription.
you fill your prescription at a	Non-Preferred Generic:	Non-Preferred Generic:
network pharmacy that provides standard cost-sharing. For information about the costs for a	You pay \$12 per prescription.	You pay \$12 per prescription.
long-term supply or for mail-	Preferred Brand:	Preferred Brand:
order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your Evidence of Coverage.	You pay \$47 per prescription.	You pay \$47 per prescription.
We changed the tier for some of	Non-Preferred Brand:	Non-Preferred Brand:
the drugs on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a	You pay \$100 per prescription.	You pay \$100 per prescription.
different tier, look them up on the Drug List.	Specialty:	Specialty:
Diug List.	You pay 33% per prescription.	You pay 33% per prescription.
	Select Care:	Select Care:
	You pay \$0 per prescription	You pay \$0 per prescription
	Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,750, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,820, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage**. For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

As of October 15, 2018, the Evidence of Coverage will be posted electronically on our website, www.SeniorCarePlus.com. You may also call Customer Service to have a copy mailed to you. Phone numbers are listed on the back of this document.

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan

To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything. If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2019.

Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2019 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- *OR*-- You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2019*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to https://www.medicare.gov and click "Find health & drug plans." Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.

As a reminder, Senior Care Plus offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare prescription drug plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To change **to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan

- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer Service if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 7.1 of this booklet).
 - \circ or Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 4 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7.** The change will take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid, those who get "Extra Help" paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2019, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) between January 1 and March 31, 2019. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In Nevada, the SHIP is called Nevada SHIP (through the Nevada Division for Aging Services and Access to Healthcare Network).

Nevada SHIP is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Nevada SHIP counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call Nevada SHIP at 877-385-2345 or 800-307-4444. You can learn more about Nevada SHIP by visiting their website (http://adsd.nv.gov/Programs/Seniors/SHIP/SHIP_Prog/).

SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

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

- "Extra Help" from Medicare. People with limited incomes may qualify for "Extra Help" to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don't even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
 - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
 - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
 - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program. Nevada has a program called Nevada Senior Rx and Nevada Disability Rx that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 5 of this booklet).
- Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B (RWPB) Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call Access to Healthcare Network (AHN) at 1-775-284-8989 or toll free at 1-877-385-2345.

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Service at 775-982-3112 or toll-free at 888-775-7003. (TTY only, call the State Relay Service at 711). We are available for phone calls Monday through Sunday, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. We will be closed on all federal holidays except New Year's Day.

Read your 2019 *Evidence of Coverage* (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2019. For details, look in the 2019 *Evidence of Coverage* for the Value Rx Select (HMO) Plan. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your

rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is provided electronically.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at <u>www.SeniorCarePlus.com</u>. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Visit the Medicare Website

You can visit the Medicare website (https://www.medicare.gov). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans. You can find information about plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to https://www.medicare.gov and click on "Find health & drug plans").

Read Medicare & You 2019

You can read the *Medicare & You 2019* Handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website (https://www.medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.