

# Summary of Benefits

## for Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

**Available in:** Nassau County

**Plan year:** January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

In this section, you'll learn about some of the benefits and services we cover and other important details to help you choose the right Medicare Advantage plan for you. While the Summary of Benefits do not list every service, limit or exclusion, the *Evidence of Coverage* does. Just give us a call and request a copy.

### **Have questions? Here's how to reach us and our hours of operation:**

- If you **are not** a member of this plan, please call us toll-free **1-800-809-7328** (TTY: **711**), and follow the instructions to be connected to a representative.
- If you **are** a member of this plan, please call us toll-free at **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**). 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through February 14, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from February 15 through September 30.
- You can learn more about us on our website at **<https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare>**.

# What you should know about our plan

Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO) is a Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plan. It includes hospital, medical and prescription drug benefits in one plan. To join this plan, you must:

- Be entitled to Medicare Part A,
- Enrolled in Medicare Part B, and
- Live in our service area (see below).

**Our service area includes:** Nassau

With this plan, you must use doctors and facilities in our plan. If you use a doctor or facility not in our plan, we may not cover the services.

You can find a doctor in our plan online.

Go to <https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare> and choose *Find a Doctor* (be sure to check that the doctor displays as “In-Network” for these plans). Or you can call us and ask for a copy of the *Provider Directory*.



## What do we cover?

- Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers – Part A (hospital services) and Part B (medical services), plus more. For some of these benefits, you may pay more in our plan than you would in Original Medicare. For others, you may pay less (see benefits section for more details).
- Medicare Part D drugs and Part B drugs (such as chemotherapy and some drugs administered by your provider).
- To see if your prescription drugs are covered, you can view our *Formulary* (list of covered Part D prescription drugs) and any restrictions on our website at <https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare>. Or you can call us and ask for a copy of the *Formulary*.

## What are my drug costs?

Our plan groups each drug into “tiers.” The amount you pay depends on the drug’s tier and what stage of the benefit you have reached (refer to **The four stages of coverage**).

### How to find out what your covered drugs will cost:

- Step 1:** Find your drug on the *Formulary*.
- Step 2:** Identify the drug tier.
- Step 3:** Go to the *Summary of 2018 prescription drug coverage* section in this guide to match the tier.



# Can I use any pharmacy to fill my covered prescriptions?



To get the best savings on your covered Part D drugs, you must generally use a pharmacy in our plan. You may get your covered drugs from pharmacies not in our plan only when you are unable to get your prescription drugs from a pharmacy that is in our plan.

## Save even more money at pharmacies with preferred cost sharing

To help you save even more money on your covered drugs, we worked with certain pharmacies (*preferred pharmacies*) to further reduce prices. At preferred pharmacies, your copays and share of the cost may be lower than pharmacies with standard cost sharing. You can use a preferred pharmacy or a pharmacy with standard cost sharing; the choice is yours.

To find a pharmacy in our plan, see our online *Pharmacy Directory* on our website at <https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare> (under *Useful Tools*, select *Find a Pharmacy*). Next to the pharmacy name, you will see a preferred cost-sharing indicator (a ♦ symbol). Or you can give us a call and we'll send you a copy.

# How can I learn more about Medicare?



If you're still a little unclear about what Medicare is and how it works, refer to your current *Medicare & You* handbook. If you do not have a copy, you can view it online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call Medicare for a copy at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

If you want to compare our plan with other Medicare health plans, call and ask the other plans for a copy of their Summary of Benefits booklets.

Now that you are familiar with how Medicare works and some of the benefits included in our plan, it's time to consider the type of plan you may need. On the following pages, you can review more about our plan benefits to help you choose the right plan for you.





# Summary of 2018 medical benefits



## **Medicare coverage that goes beyond original Medicare**

Our plans provide even more benefits than you get with Original Medicare. Make sure to check out the extra health benefits available to you in the *More Benefits* section toward the back of this guide.

## **Be in the know**

Before you continue, here are some important things to know as you review our plan options:

- Services with a <sup>1</sup> may require prior authorization (pre-approval).

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### How much is my premium (monthly payment)?

\$46.00 per month

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

### How much is my deductible?

This plan does not have a medical deductible.

\$350.00 per year for Part D prescription drugs

Drugs listed on Tier 1: Preferred Generic and Tier 6: Select Care Drugs are excluded from the Part D deductible

### Is there a limit on how much I will pay for my covered medical services? (does not include Part D drugs)

\$6,500 per year from doctors and facilities in our plan.

Like all Medicare health plans, our plan protects you by having yearly limits on your out-of-pocket costs for medical and hospital care.

Your limit for services you get from doctors or facilities in our plan, goes toward the yearly limit. If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you will not have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for the rest of the year. This applies to covered, Part A and Part B services (in our plan).

You will still need to pay your monthly payment (if you have one) and cost-sharing for your Part D prescription drugs.

## Inpatient Hospital<sup>1</sup>

### Facilities in our plan:

- Days 1 - 5: \$360 per day, per admission / Days 6 - 90: \$0 per day, per admission



## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Inpatient Hospital<sup>1</sup> - continued

Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.

Per-day cost sharing applies to each new inpatient admission to facilities in our plan. (Note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost sharing per day applies).

### Outpatient Hospital<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$0.00 copay - 25% coinsurance

What you will pay depends on the service and where you are treated. Please refer to the *Evidence of Coverage* for additional information.

### Doctor's Office Visits<sup>1</sup>

**Primary care physician (PCP) visit:**

**PCPs in our plan:** \$15.00 copay

**Specialist visit:**

**Doctors in our plan:** \$50.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

### Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams

**Preventive care screenings:**

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

**Annual physical exam:**

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams - continued

#### Covered Preventive care screenings:

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
- Alcohol misuse counseling
- Annual “wellness” visit
- Bone mass measurement
- Breast cancer screening (mammogram)
- Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy)
- Cardiovascular screening
- Cervical and vaginal cancer screening
- Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy)
- Depression screening
- Diabetes prevention program
- Diabetes screenings and monitoring
- HIV screening
- Lung cancer screenings
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Obesity screenings and counseling
- Prostate cancer screenings (PSA)
- Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling
- Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease)
- Vaccines, including flu shots, hepatitis B shots, pneumococcal shots
- “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time)

Any extra preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered. When you use doctors in this plan, 100% of the cost of preventive care screenings and annual physical exams are covered.

#### Emergency Care

\$80.00 copay

Outside the U.S., this plan may cover emergency care, urgent care and ground transportation up to a \$25,000 limit. If the cost of the service is more than \$25,000, you will have to pay the difference.

#### Urgently Needed Services

\$40.00 copay

## **Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)**

### **Diagnostic Radiology Services (such as MRIs, CT scans)<sup>1</sup>**

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$95.00 - \$175.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

### **Diagnostic Tests and Procedures<sup>1</sup>**

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$0.00 - \$80.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

### **Lab Services<sup>1</sup>**

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

### **Outpatient X-rays<sup>1</sup>**

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$95.00 - \$175.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

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### **Therapeutic Radiology Services** (such as radiation treatment for cancer)<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** 20% coinsurance

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

What you pay for these services may vary based on where you are treated.

### **Hearing Services**<sup>1</sup>

#### **Medicare-covered hearing services**

(Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues):

**Doctors in our plan:** \$50.00 copay

#### **Routine hearing services:**

This plan covers 1 routine hearing exam(s) and hearing aid fitting/evaluation(s) every year. \$3,000.00 maximum plan benefit for hearing aids every year.

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 copay for routine hearing exam(s). \$0.00 copay for hearing aids.

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

Hearing benefits are offered through Hearing Care Solutions . Please call customer service for more details.

### **Dental Services**

**Medicare-covered dental services** (this does not include services for care, treatment, filling, removal or replacement of teeth):

**Doctors and dentists in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

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### Dental Services - continued

#### Preventive dental services:

This plan covers: 1 oral exam(s) every year, 1 cleaning(s) every year.

**Dentists in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

#### Comprehensive dental services:

Not Covered

Dental benefits are offered through Liberty Dental. Please call customer service for more details.

### Vision Services

#### Medicare-covered vision services:

##### Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 - \$50.00 copay

##### Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

#### Routine vision services:

##### Routine vision exam

This plan covers 1 routine eye exam(s) every year.

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

##### Routine eye wear (lenses and frames)

This plan covers up to \$100.00 for eyeglasses or contact lenses every year.

**Doctors in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Vision Services - continued

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

Vision benefits are offered through Blue View Vision. Please call customer service for more details.

### Mental Health Care

#### Inpatient visit:<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** Days 1-5: \$300 per day, per admission/ Days 6-90: \$0 per day, per admission

Our plan has a lifetime limit of 190 days for inpatient mental health care in a psychiatric hospital. This limit does not apply to inpatient mental health services provided in a general hospital.

Our plan covers unlimited inpatient days.

Per day cost sharing applies to each new inpatient admission to facilities in our plan. (Note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost sharing per day applies).

#### Outpatient psychiatric individual and group therapy services:<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$40.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** Preferred Participating SNF: Days 1 - 20: \$0 per day / Days 21 - 100: \$137.50 per day; All Other Participating SNF: Days 1 - 20: \$0 per day / Days 21 - 100: \$167.50 per day

Our plan covers up to 100 days in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

Your copays for SNF benefits are based on benefit periods. A benefit period starts on the first day you go into a hospital or SNF and ends when you haven't had any inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row. If you go into a SNF after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period starts. There's no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have.

### Physical Therapy<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$40.00 copay

### Ambulance<sup>1</sup>

#### Ground/Water Ambulance:

**Emergency transportation services in our plan:** \$280.00 copay per trip

#### Air Ambulance:

**Emergency transportation services in our plan:** 20% coinsurance per trip

### Transportation

Not Covered

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**Medicare Part B Drugs<sup>1</sup>**

**Other Part B Drugs:**

**Drugs in our plan:** 20% coinsurance

**Chemotherapy drugs:**

**Drugs in our plan:** 20% coinsurance



# More benefits and ways we support your health



## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Chiropractic Care<sup>1</sup>

#### Medicare-covered chiropractic services:

**Providers in our plan:** \$20.00 copay

Medicare coverage includes manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position).

### Home Health Care<sup>1</sup>

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

### Outpatient Substance Abuse<sup>1</sup>

#### Individual & Group therapy visit:

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$40.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

### Outpatient Surgery<sup>1</sup>

#### Ambulatory surgical center:

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** 20% coinsurance

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

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### Renal Dialysis

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** 20% coinsurance

### Outpatient Rehabilitation<sup>1</sup>

**Cardiac (heart) rehab services** (with a limit of two, one-hour sessions per day and a maximum of 36 sessions within a 36-week period):

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

**Pulmonary (lung) rehab services** (with a limit of two, one-hour sessions per day and a maximum of 36 sessions):

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

### Occupational therapy visit:

**Doctors and facilities in our plan:** \$40.00 copay

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Foot Care (podiatry services)<sup>1</sup>

#### Medicare-covered podiatry:

**Doctors in our plan:** \$50.00 copay

Foot exams and treatment are covered if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet certain conditions.

Note: We highly recommend you talk to your PCP first, before you get care from a specialist.

### Medical Equipment/Supplies<sup>1</sup>

#### Durable Medical Equipment (wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.)

**Suppliers in our plan:** 20% coinsurance

#### Medical supplies and prosthetic devices (braces, artificial limbs, etc.)

**Suppliers in our plan:** 20% coinsurance

#### Diabetic supplies and services:<sup>1</sup>

**Suppliers in our plan:** \$0.00 copay

### LiveHealth Online

Lets you talk to a doctor by live, two-way video on a computer, smartphone or tablet.

Please refer to the *Evidence of Coverage* for additional information.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### 24/7 Nurse HelpLine

24-hour access to a nurse helpline, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Please refer to the *Evidence of Coverage* for additional information.

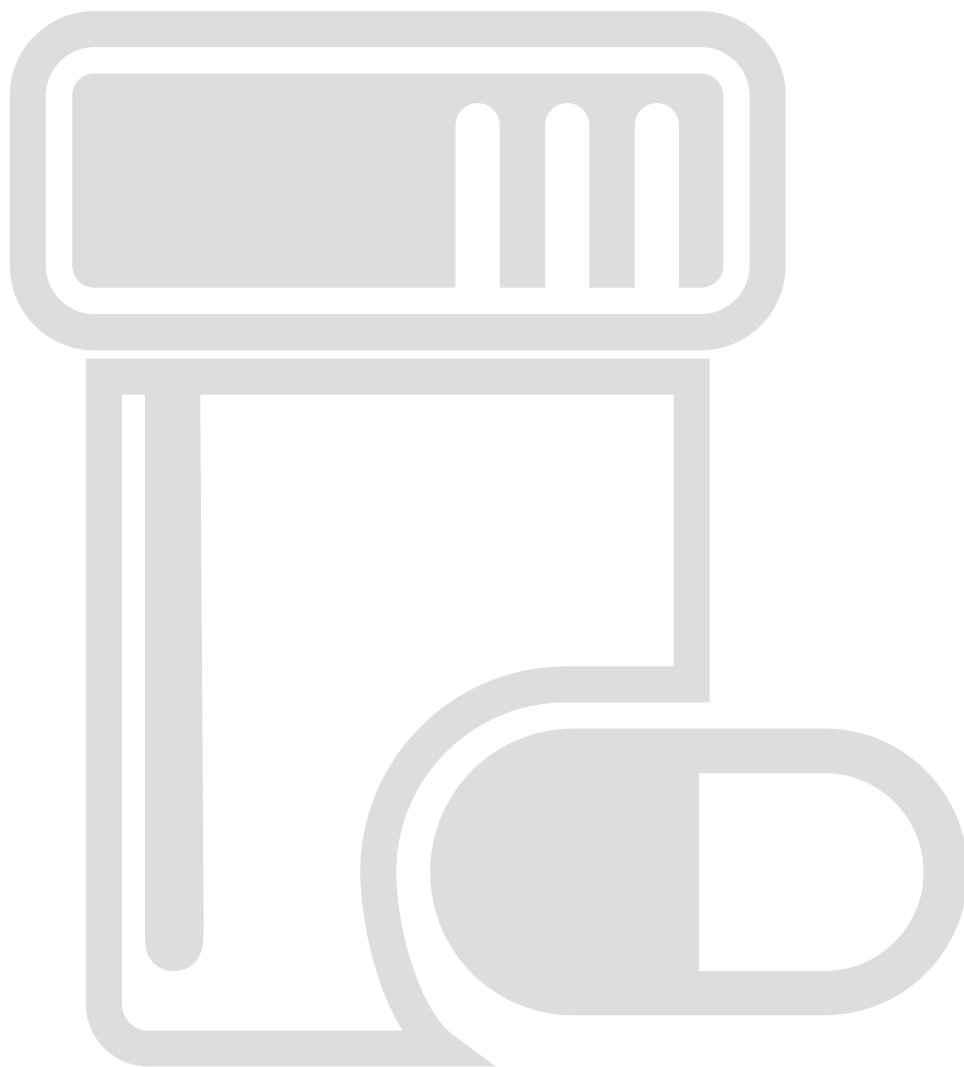
### SilverSneakers®\* Fitness program

\$0.00 copay

When you become our member, you can sign up for SilverSneakers. It's included in our plan. To learn more details, go to [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com) or call SilverSneakers at **1-855-741-4985** (TTY: **711**), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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# Summary of 2018 prescription drug coverage







## **Know where to go:**

Once you become a member of our plan, Chapters 5 and 6 of your *Evidence of Coverage* include lots of important details about your pharmacy benefit.

# The four stages of drug coverage



What you pay for your covered drugs depends, in part, on which coverage stage you are in.

 Stage 1	 Stage 2	 Stage 3	 Stage 4
<b>Deductible</b>	<b>Initial Coverage</b>	<b>Coverage Gap</b>	<b>Catastrophic Coverage</b>
If you have a deductible, you will pay <b>100%</b> of your drug cost until you meet your deductible. (If you have no deductible, or if a specific drug tier does not apply to the deductible, you will skip to Stage 2.)	You will pay a copay or a percentage of the cost, and your plan pays the rest for your covered drugs.	In this stage, you pay a greater share of the costs. It begins after you and your plan have paid a certain amount on covered drugs during Stages 1 and 2 (this can vary by plan). See Stage 2: Initial Coverage below for the exact amount. After you enter the coverage gap, you pay <b>35%</b> of the plan's cost for covered brand-name drugs and <b>44%</b> of the plan's cost for covered generic drugs until your costs total <b>\$5,000</b> . Some plans have extra coverage. See the Coverage Gap section for more details.	In this stage, after your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through mail order and your retail pharmacy) reach <b>\$5,000</b> , you pay the greater of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5%</b> of the cost, or</li> <li>• <b>\$3.35</b> copay for generic (including brand-name drugs treated as generic) and an <b>\$8.35</b> copay for all other drugs.</li> </ul>

**Which coverage stage am I in?**  
 You will get an **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** each month you fill a prescription. It will show which coverage stage you're in and how close you are to entering the next one.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### How much do I pay for Part D drugs?

#### Stage 1: Deductible

\$350.00 deductible per year for Part D prescription drugs

Drugs listed on Tier 1: Preferred Generic and Tier 6: Select Care Drugs are excluded from the Part D deductible

#### Stage 2: Initial Coverage

After you pay your yearly deductible (if your plan has one), you pay the amount listed in the table on the following pages, until your total yearly drug costs reach \$3,750. Total yearly drug costs are the total drug costs paid by both you and our Part D plan.

You may get your covered drugs at retail pharmacies and mail-order pharmacies in our plan.

Generally, you may get your covered drugs from pharmacies not in our plan only when you are unable to get your prescription drugs from a pharmacy that is in our plan.

If you live in a long-term care facility, you pay the same as at a standard retail pharmacy.

## Stage 2: Initial Coverage

### Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

<b>Preferred Retail Cost Sharing</b>	<b>One-month supply</b>	<b>Three-month supply</b>
<b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic*</b>	\$4.00	\$12.00
<b>Tier 2: Generic</b>	\$15.00	\$45.00
<b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand</b>	\$40.00	\$120.00
<b>Tier 4: Nonpreferred Drugs</b>	\$95.00	\$285.00
<b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier</b>	26%	Not available for a long-term supply
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs*</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Standard Retail Cost Sharing</b>	<b>One-month supply</b>	<b>Three-month supply</b>
<b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic*</b>	\$9.00	\$27.00
<b>Tier 2: Generic</b>	\$20.00	\$60.00
<b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand</b>	\$45.00	\$135.00
<b>Tier 4: Nonpreferred Drugs</b>	\$100.00	\$300.00
<b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier</b>	26%	Not available for a long-term supply
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs*</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Standard Mail Order Cost Sharing</b>	<b>One-month supply</b>	<b>Three-month supply</b>
<b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic*</b>	\$4.00	\$12.00
<b>Tier 2: Generic</b>	\$15.00	\$45.00
<b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand</b>	\$40.00	\$120.00
<b>Tier 4: Nonpreferred Drugs</b>	\$95.00	\$285.00
<b>Tier 5: Specialty Tier</b>	26%	Not available for a long-term supply
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs*</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

\* Your deductible will not apply for these drugs.



## Stage 3: Coverage Gap

### Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

After you enter the coverage gap, you pay 35% of the plan's cost for covered brand name drugs and 44% of the plan's cost for covered generic drugs until your costs total \$5,000, which is the end of the coverage gap. Not everyone will enter the coverage gap.

To learn more about your extra gap coverage, see the following chart to find out how much you will pay for your covered drugs

<b>Preferred Retail Cost Sharing</b>	<b>One-month supply</b>	<b>Three-month supply</b>
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs</b> Covered Drugs: All	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Standard Retail Cost Sharing</b>	<b>One-month supply</b>	<b>Three-month supply</b>
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs</b> Covered Drugs: All	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Standard Mail Order Cost Sharing</b>	<b>One-month supply</b>	<b>Three-month supply</b>
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs</b> Covered Drugs: All	\$0.00	\$0.00

## Stage 4: Catastrophic Coverage

### Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through mail order and your retail pharmacy) reach \$5,000, you pay the greater of:

- 5% of the cost, or
  - \$3.35 copay for generic (including brand name drugs treated as generic) and an \$8.35 copay for all other drugs.
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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**), de 8 a. m. a 8 p. m., los 7 días de la semana (excepto los días feriados) desde el 1° de octubre hasta el 14 de febrero, y de 8 a. m. a 8 p. m., de lunes a viernes (excepto los días feriados) del 15 de febrero hasta el 30 de septiembre.

This information is not a complete description of benefits. Contact the plan for more information.

Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply.

Benefits, premiums and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1 of each year.

The Formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

Empire BlueCross BlueShield is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Empire BlueCross BlueShield depends on contract renewal.

Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. (Empire) is the legal entity that has contracted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to offer the HMO plan noted above or herein. Empire is the risk-bearing entity licensed under applicable state law to offer the HMO plan(s) noted. Empire has retained the services of its related companies and the authorized agents/brokers/producers to provide administrative services and/or to make the HMO plan(s) available in this region.

Services provided by Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans.

## **Empire BlueCross BlueShield - H8432**

### **2017 Medicare Star Ratings\***

The Medicare Program rates all health and prescription drug plans each year, based on a plan's quality and performance. Medicare Star Ratings help you know how good a job our plan is doing. You can use these Star Ratings to compare our plan's performance to other plans. The two main types of Star Ratings are:

1. An Overall Star Rating that combines all of our plan's scores.
2. Summary Star Rating that focuses on our medical or our prescription drug services.

Some of the areas Medicare reviews for these ratings include:

- How our members rate our plan's services and care;
- How well our doctors detect illnesses and keep members healthy;
- How well our plan helps our members use recommended and safe prescription medications.

For 2017, Empire BlueCross BlueShield received the following Overall Star Rating from Medicare.



4 Stars

We received the following Summary Star Rating for Empire BlueCross BlueShield's health/drug plan services:

Health Plan Services:



Drug Plan Services:



The number of stars shows how well our plan performs.



5 stars - excellent



4 stars - above average



3 stars - average



2 stars - below average



1 star - poor

Learn more about our plan and how we are different from other plans at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

We do not discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in our health programs and activities.

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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 1-800-797-6159 ( TTY : 711 )。

Current members please call 1-800-499-9554 (toll-free) or 711 (TTY).

\*Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system. Star Ratings are calculated each year and may change from one year to the next.

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## **It's important we treat you fairly**

That's why we follow Federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For people with disabilities, we offer free aids and services. For people whose primary language isn't English, we offer free language assistance services through interpreters and other written languages. Interested in these services? Call Customer Service for help (TTY: 711).

If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint with our Compliance Coordinator in writing to Compliance Coordinator, 4361 Irwin Simpson Rd, Mailstop: OH0205-A537; Mason, Ohio 45040-9498. Or you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201 or by calling 1-800-368-1019 (TTY: 1-800-537-7697) or online at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>. Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

## **Get help in your language**

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call Customer Service.

**English:** You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call Customer Service for help.

**Spanish:** Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma de forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros para obtener ayuda.

**Albanian:** Keni të drejtën të merrni falas këtë informacion dhe ndihmë në gjuhën tuaj. Telefononi shërbimin për klientët nëqoftëse keni nevojë për ndihmë.

**Arabic:**

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجاناً. اتصل بخدمة العملاء للمساعدة.

**Bengali:** এই তথ্যাবলি পাওয়ার বিষয়ে এবং বিনামূল্যে আপনার ভাষায় সহযোগিতা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সাহায্যের জন্য কাস্টমার সার্ভিসে কল করুন।

**Chinese:** 您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請致電客戶服務部尋求協助。

**French:** Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour obtenir de l'aide, veuillez appeler le service client.

**Greek:** Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε αυτές τις πληροφορίες και αυτή τη βοήθεια στη γλώσσα σας δωρεάν. Καλέστε το Τμήμα Υπηρεσιών Πελατών (Customer Service) για βοήθεια.

**Haitian:** Ou gen dwa resevwa enfòmasyon sa a ak asistans nan lang ou pale a pou gratis. Rele nimewo Sèvis Kliyan an pou jwenn èd.

**Hindi:** आपके पास इस जानकारी और सहायता को अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। सहायता के लिए सदस्य सेवा पर कॉल करें।

**Italian:** Ha il diritto di ricevere queste informazioni ed eventuale assistenza nella sua lingua senza alcun costo aggiuntivo. Per assistenza, chiami il Servizio clienti.

**Korean:** 귀하께는 본 정보와 도움을 비용없이 귀하의 언어로 받으실 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 받으시려면 고객 서비스부로 연락해 주십시오.

**Polish:** Masz prawo do bezpłatnego otrzymania niniejszych informacji oraz uzyskania pomocy w swoim języku. Zadzwoń pod numer Działu Obsługi Klienta w celu uzyskania pomocy.

**Portuguese:** Você tem o direito de receber gratuitamente estas informações e ajuda no seu idioma. Ligue para o Atendimento ao Cliente para obter ajuda.

**Russian:** Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания клиентов.

**Tagalog:** May karapatan kang makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa sarili mong wika ng walang kabayaran. Tumawag sa Serbisyo para sa mga Kustomer para matulungan ka.

**Urdu:**

آپ کو اپنی زبان میں یہ معلومات اور مدد مفت حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ مدد کے لیے کسٹمر سروس کو کال کریں۔

**Vietnamese:** Bạn có quyền được biết về thông tin này và được hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ của bạn miễn phí. Hãy liên hệ với Dịch vụ khách hàng để được hỗ trợ.

**Yiddish:**

איר האט די רעכט צו באקומען די אינפארמאציע און הילף אין אייער שפראך בחינם. רופט קאסטומער סערוויס פאר הילף.