2027 Annual Notices

Information about your rights and options

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Medicare Part D Notice

This notice explains your options for accessing prescription drug coverage if you are eligible for Medicare.

Important Notice from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Employee Health and Welfare Benefit Plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your William and Flora Hewlett Foundation coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Employee Health and Welfare Benefits Plan is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your William and Flora Hewlett Foundation prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage…

Contact the person listed below for further information. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage …

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit medicare.gov
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date:	01/01/2027
Name of Entity/Sender:	The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Contact-Position/Office:	Human Resources
Address:	2121 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Phone Number:	(650) 234-4500

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

This notice describes benefits available to people who have had or will have a mastectomy.

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. Therefore, refer to the separate plan documents for the specific Blue Shield HDHP, Blue Shield HMO, and Kaiser HMO deductibles and coinsurance. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator (650) 234-4720.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

This notice explains the rights of mothers and newborns to stay in the hospital 48–96 hours after delivery.

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your plan administrator at (650) 234-4720.

HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

This notice explains when you and/or your dependents can enroll in medical coverage outside of the annual open enrollment period.

If you decline enrollment in The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 30 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

Note: If your dependent becomes eligible for a special enrollment right, you may add the dependent to your current coverage or change to another health plan. Any other currently covered dependents may also switch to the new plan in which you enroll.

Availability of Privacy Practices Notice

This notice explains how to access the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed.

We maintain the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Employee Health and Welfare Benefit Plan describing how health information about you may be used and disclosed. You may obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting the Benefits Department.

Notice of Choice of Providers

This notice explains that your plan either requires you to designate a primary care provider (PCP) or allows you to select one.

The Blue Shield HMO and Kaiser HMO generally require the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, Blue Shield or Kaiser designates one for you.

For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the Blue Shield at (888) 256-1915 or Kaiser at (800) 464-4000. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from Blue Shield, Kaiser, or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact Blue Shield at (888) 256-1915 or Kaiser at (800) 464-4000.

ACA Disclaimer

This notice explains how insurance offered by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation affects your eligibility for premium subsidies through the ACA Exchange.

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is

unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 9.96% of your modified adjusted household income in 2026 (10.22% in 2027).

The ‘No Surprises’ Rules

This notice explains rules that protect you from unexpected large medical bills and limits on out-of-network charges for certain services.

The “No Surprises” rules protect you from surprise medical bills in situations where you can’t easily choose a provider who’s in your health plan network. This is especially common in an emergency situation, when you may get care from out-of-network providers. Out-of-network providers or emergency facilities may ask you to sign a notice and consent form before providing certain services after you’re no longer in need of emergency care. These are called “post-stabilization services.” You shouldn’t get this notice and consent form if you’re getting emergency services other than post-stabilization services. You may also be asked to sign a notice and consent form if you schedule certain non-emergency services with an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

The notice and consent form informs you about your protections from unexpected medical bills, gives you the option to give up those protections and pay more for out-of-network care, and provides an estimate of what your out-of-network care might cost. You aren’t required to sign the form and shouldn’t sign the form if you didn’t have a choice of health care provider or facility before scheduling care. If you don’t sign, you may have to reschedule your care with a provider or facility in your health plan’s network.

View a sample notice and consent form (PDF).

This applies to you if you’re a participant, beneficiary, enrollee, or covered individual in a group health plan or group or individual health insurance coverage, including a Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) plan.

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov/.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2026. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

Alabama – Medicaid

Website: myalhipp.com
Phone: (855) 692-5447

Alaska – Medicaid

The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
Website: myakhipp.com
Phone: (866) 251-4861
Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com
Medicaid eligibility:
health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx

Arkansas – Medicaid

Website: myarhipp.com
Phone: (855) MyARHIPP (692-7447)

California – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)
Program website: dhcs.ca.gov/services/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-cost-avoidance
Phone: (916) 445-8322 | Fax: (916) 440-5676
Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

Colorado – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

Health First Colorado website:
healthfirstcolorado.com
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: (800) 221-3943 (TTY: 711)
CHP+: hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus
CHP+ Customer Service: (800) 359-1991 (TTY: 711)
Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):
mycohibi.com
HIBI Customer Service: (855) 692-6442

Florida – Medicaid

Website:

flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp
Phone: (877) 357-3268

Georgia – Medicaid

GA HIPP Website: medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp
Phone: (678) 564-1162, press 1
GA CHIPRA Website: medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra
Phone: (678) 564-1162, press 2

Illinois – Medicaid

Illinois Medicaid Premium Assistance Information
Medicaid application website: abe.illinois.gov
HIPP Hotline Number: (217) 524-8268
HIPP Email: mhfs.boc.hipp@illinois.gov

Indiana – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
All other Medicaid
Website: in.gov/medicaid
Website: in.gov/fssa/dfr
Family and Social Services Administration
Phone: (800) 403-0864
Member Services phone: (800) 457-4584

Iowa – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)

Medicaid website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid
Medicaid phone: (800) 338-8366
Hawki website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-health-link/hawki
Hawki Phone: (800) 257-8563
HIPP website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/fee-service/hipp
HIPP Phone: (888) 346-9562

Kansas – Medicaid

Website: kancare.ks.gov
Phone: (800) 792-4884
HIPP Phone: (800) 967-4660

Kentucky – Medicaid

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) website: chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx
Phone: (855) 459-6328
Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov
KCHIP website: kynect.ky.gov
Phone: (877) 524-4718
Medicaid website: chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms

Louisiana – Medicaid

Louisiana Medicaid website: ldh.la.gov/healthy-louisiana
Medicaid Customer Service Line: (888) 342-6207
Louisiana Medicaid email: healthy@la.gov
Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Program (LaHIPP) Website: ldh.la.gov/lahipp
LaHIPP phone: (877) 697-6703
LaHIPP email: La.HIPP@la.gov
LaHIPP fax: (888) 716-9787
LaHIPP mailing address: 100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 1000, Tucker, GA 30084

Maine – Medicaid

Enrollment website: mymaineconnection.gov/benefits
Phone: (800) 442-6003 (TTY: 711)
Private Health Insurance Premium webpage: maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms
Phone: (800) 977-6740 (TTY: 711)

Massachusetts – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: mass.gov/masshealth/pa
Phone: (800) 862-4840 (TTY: 711)
Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com

Minnesota – Medicaid

Website: mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/
Phone: (800) 657-3672

Missouri – Medicaid

Website: https://dss.mo.gov/healthcare/apply
Phone: (573) 751-2005

Montana – Medicaid

Website: dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP
Phone: (800) 694-3084
Email: HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov

Nebraska – Medicaid

Website: accessnebraska.ne.gov

Phone: (855) 632-7633
Lincoln: (402) 473-7000
Omaha: (402) 595-1178

Nevada – Medicaid
Medicaid website: dhcfp.nv.gov
Medicaid phone: (800) 992-0900

New Hampshire – Medicaid
Website: dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program
Phone: (603) 271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPP program: (800) 852-3345, ext. 15218
Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov

New Jersey – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/individuals-families/familycare
Phone: (800) 356-1561
CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: (609) 631-2392
CHIP phone: (800) 701-0710 (TTY: 711)

New York – Medicaid
Website: health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid
Phone: (800) 541-2831

North Carolina – Medicaid
Website: medicaid.ncdhhs.gov
Phone: (919) 855-4100

North Dakota – Medicaid
Website: hhs.nd.gov/healthcare
Phone: (866) 614-6005

Oklahoma – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: insureoklahoma.org
Phone: (888) 365-3742

Oregon – Medicaid
Website: healthcare.oregon.gov
Phone: (800) 699-9075

Pennsylvania – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html
Phone: (800) 692-7462
CHIP website: dhs.pa.gov/CHIP/Pages/CHIP.aspx
CHIP phone: (800) 986-KIDS (5437)

Rhode Island – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: eohhs.ri.gov
Phone: (855) 697-4347 or (401) 462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)

South Carolina – Medicaid
Website: scdhhs.gov
Phone: (888) 549-0820

South Dakota – Medicaid
Website: dss.sd.gov
Phone: (888) 828-0059

Texas – Medicaid
Website: hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program
Phone: (800) 440-0493

Utah – Medicaid and CHIP
Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) website: medicaid.utah.gov/upp
Phone: (888) 222-2542
Email: upp@utah.gov
Adult Expansion website: medicaid.utah.gov/expansion
Utah Medicaid Buyout Program website: medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program
CHIP website: chip.utah.gov

Vermont – Medicaid
Website: dvha.vermont.gov/members/medicaid/hipp-program
Phone: (800) 250-8427

Virginia – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select
Website: coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs
Medicaid/CHIP phone: (800) 432-5924

Washington – Medicaid

Website: hca.wa.gov
Phone: (800) 562-3022

West Virginia – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: bms.wv.gov
Website: mywvhipp.com
Medicaid phone: (304) 558-1700
CHIP toll-free phone: (855) MyWVHIPP (699-8447)

Wisconsin – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm
Phone: (800) 362-3002

Wyoming – Medicaid

Website: health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/
Phone: (800) 251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2026, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email ebsa.opr@dol.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.



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