

# Essentials Choice 2 (HMO-POS) offered by PacificSource Medicare

## **Annual Notice of Change for 2026**

You're enrolled as a member of Essentials Choice 2 (HMO-POS).

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

- You have from October 15 December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year. If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2025, you'll stay in Essentials Choice 2 (HMO-POS).
- To change to a different plan, visit <u>www.Medicare.gov</u> or review the list in the back of your Medicare & You 2026 handbook.
- Note this is only a summary of changes. More information about costs, benefits, and rules is in the *Evidence of Coverage*. Get a copy at <a href="www.Medicare.PacificSource.com">www.Medicare.PacificSource.com</a> or call Customer Service at 888-863-3637 (TTY users call 711) to get a copy by mail.

#### **More Resources**

- Call Customer Service at 888-863-3637 (TTY users call 711) for additional information.
  Hours are: October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time, seven days a week.
  April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time, Monday Friday. This call is free.
- This material is available for free in a different format such as braille, large print, audio, or other alternate formats, please call Customer Service.

#### **About Essentials Choice 2 (HMO-POS)**

- PacificSource Community Health Plans is an HMO, HMO D-SNP, and PPO plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid).
- When this material says "we," "us," or "our", it means PacificSource Medicare. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Essentials Choice 2 (HMO-POS).
- If you do nothing by December 7, 2025, you'll automatically be enrolled in our plan. Starting January 1, 2026, you'll get your medical coverage through our plan. Go to Section 2 for more information about how to change plans and deadlines for making a change.
- This plan doesn't include Medicare Part D drug coverage, and you can't be enrolled in a separate Medicare Part D drug plan and this plan at the same time. Note: If you don't have Medicare drug coverage, or creditable drug coverage (as good as Medicare's) for 63 days or more, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty if you enroll in Medicare drug coverage in the future.

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## **Summary of Important Costs for 2026**

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Monthly plan premium*	\$0	\$0
* Your premium can be higher than this amount. Go to Section 1.1 for details.		
Maximum out-of-	<u>In-Network</u>	<u>In-Network</u>
pocket amount	\$5,950	\$5,950
This is the <u>most</u> you'll pay out of pocket for covered Part A and Part	In-Network and Out-of-Network combined	In-Network and Out-of-Network combined
B services. (Go to Section 1.2 for details.)	\$8,950	\$8,950
Primary care office visits	<u>In-Network</u> \$10 per visit	<u>In-Network</u> \$10 per visit
	Out-of-Network \$45 per visit	Out-of-Network \$45 per visit
Specialist office visits	<u>In-Network</u> \$10 per visit	<u>In-Network</u> \$10 per visit
	Out-of-Network \$45 per visit	Out-of-Network \$45 per visit
Inpatient hospital stays	<u>In-Network</u> Days 1-7: \$425 per day	<u>In-Network</u> Days 1-7: \$425 per day
Includes inpatient acute,	Days 8+: \$0 per day	Days 8+: \$0 per day
inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you're formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you're discharged is your last inpatient day.	Out-of-Network 30% of the total cost	Out-of-Network 30% of the total cost

## **SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Next Year**

## **Section 1.1 Changes to the Monthly Plan Premium**

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Monthly premium	\$0	\$0
(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)		

## **Section 1.2 Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount**

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out of pocket for the year. This limit is called the maximum out-of-pocket amount. Once you've paid this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services (and other health services not covered by Medicare) for the rest of the calendar year.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
In-network maximum out-of- pocket amount	\$5,950	\$5,950
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from in-network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount.		Once you've paid \$5,950 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the
Your costs for prescription drugs <b>don't count</b> toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		calendar year.
Combined maximum out-of- pocket amount	\$8,950	\$8,950
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) from in-network and out-of-network providers <b>count</b> toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount.  Your costs for prescription drugs <b>don't count</b> toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		Once you've paid \$8,950 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from in-network or out-of- network providers for the rest of the calendar year.

#### **Section 1.3 Changes to the Provider Network**

Our network of providers has changed for next year. Review the 2026 *Provider Directory* www.Medicare.PacificSource.com/Search/Provider to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network. Here's how to get an updated *Provider Directory*:

- Visit our website at www.Medicare.PacificSource.com/Search/Provider.
- Call Customer Service at 888-863-3637 (TTY users call 711) to get current provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*.

We can make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, call Customer Service at 888-863-3637(TTY users call 711) for help.

**Section 1.4 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Medical Services** 

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Dental services (Routine) Preventive and Comprehensive combined	Dental services are covered up to a combined \$1,000 annual maximum.	Dental services are covered up to a combined \$2,500 annual maximum.
Hearing exams	In-Network	In-Network
Medicare covered	\$40 per visit.	\$30 per visit.
Home health services	In-Network	<u>In-Network</u>
Prior authorization requirements	Prior authorization is <u>not</u> required.	Prior authorization is required after evaluation and 5 visits.
Inpatient hospital care	<u>In-Network</u>	<u>In-Network</u>
Prior authorization requirements	Notification of admission required from the facility. Prior authorization is not required.	Notification of admission required from the facility. Prior authorization may be required.
Inpatient services in a	<u>In-Network</u>	<u>In-Network</u>
psychiatric hosptial Prior authorization requirements	Notification of admission required from the facility. Prior authorization is not required.	Notification of admission required from the facility. Prior authorization may be required.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Medicare covered preventive services  Barium enemas	In-Network \$0 copay.	Barium enemas are <u>not</u> covered.
	Out-of-network 30% of the total cost.	
Outpatient rehabilitation services	In-Network	In-Network
Physical, occupational, and speech therapy	1 ·	required after the first 10 visits per therapy
Prior authorization requirements		service.
Over-the-counter (OTC) medications	You get \$50 per quarter to purchase OTC	You get \$75 per quarter to purchase OTC
NationsOTC	medications and health related items.	medications and health related items.
Part B prescription drugs  Prior authorization and step therapy requirements	Requirements change yearly. Please contact Customer Service or see our Formulary to verify which drugs require prior authorization or step therapy.	Requirements change yearly. Please contact Customer Service or see our Formulary to verify which drugs require prior authorization or step therapy.
Partial hospitalization	In-Network	In-Network
services and Intensive outpatient services	Prior authorization is <u>not</u> required.	Prior authorization is required.
Prior authorization requirements		
Skilled nursing facility	<u>In-Network</u>	<u>In-Network</u>
Prior Authorization requirements	Prior authorization is <u>not</u> required.	Prior authorization is required.
Urgently needed services	\$55 per visit.	\$50 per visit.
Urgent care, including Worldwide coverage		

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Vision care	\$200 reimbursement every	\$200 reimbursement
Eye wear (routine)	two calendar years.	every calendar year.

### **SECTION 2** How to Change Plans

To stay in our plan, you don't need to do anything. Unless you sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you'll automatically be enrolled in our plan.

If you want to change plans for 2026 follow these steps:

- To change to a different Medicare health plan, enroll in the new plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from our plan.
- To change to Original Medicare with Medicare drug coverage, enroll in the new Medicare drug plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from our plan.
- To change to Original Medicare without a drug plan, you can send us a written request to disenroll. Call Customer Service at 888-863-3637 (TTY users call 711) for more information on how to do this. Or call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. If you don't enroll in a Medicare drug plan, you may pay a Part D late enrollment penalty (go to page 1).
- To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, visit <a href="www.Medicare.gov">www.Medicare.gov</a>, check the Medicare & You 2026 handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (go to Section 3), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). As a reminder, PacificSource Medicare offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare drug plans. These other plans can have different coverage, monthly plan premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

## **Section 2.1 Deadlines for Changing Plans**

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

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2026, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without Medicare drug coverage) between January 1 – March 31, 2026.

## Section 2.2 Are there other times of the year to make a change?

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

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

If you recently moved into, or currently live in, an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can change your Medicare coverage **at any time.** You can change to any other Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without Medicare drug coverage) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for 2 full months after the month you move out.

## **SECTION 3 Get Help Paying for Prescription Drugs**

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

- Extra Help from Medicare. People with limited incomes may qualify for Extra Help to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly drug plan premiums, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Also, people who qualify won't have a late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users can call, 1-800-325-0778 or
  - Your State Medicaid Office.
- Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible people living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your state, you must meet certain criteria, including proof of state residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the state, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing help through the CAREAssist Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program, or, if you're currently enrolled, how to continue getting help, call CAREAssist at 971-673-0144. Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.

#### **SECTION 4 Questions?**

## **Get Help from Our Plan**

• Call Customer Service at 888-863-3637. (TTY users call 711.)

We are available for phone calls: **October 1 to March 31:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time, seven days a week. **April 1 to September 30:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. local time, Monday – Friday. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### • Read your 2026 Evidence of Coverage

This Annual Notice of Change gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2026. For details, look in the 2026 Evidence of Coverage for our 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. Get the Evidence of Coverage on our website at <a href="https://www.Medicare.PacificSource.com">www.Medicare.PacificSource.com</a> or call Customer Service at 888-863-3637 (TTY users call 711) to ask us to mail you a copy.

#### • Visit www.Medicare.PacificSource.com

Our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*).

#### **Get Free Counseling about Medicare**

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Oregon, the SHIP is called Senior Health Insurancec Benefits Assistance (SHIBA).

Call SHIBA to get free personalized health insurance counseling. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. Call SHIBA at 800-722-4134, TTY: 711. Learn more about SHIBA by visiting <a href="https://www.shiba.oregon.gov">www.shiba.oregon.gov</a>.

### **Get Help from Medicare**

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

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

#### • Chat live with <u>www.Medicare.gov</u>

You can chat live at <a href="https://www.Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone">www.Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone</a>

#### • Write to Medicare

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

#### Visit <u>www.Medicare.gov</u>

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

#### Read Medicare & You 2026

The *Medicare & You 2026* handbook is mailed to people with Medicare every fall. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. Get a copy at <a href="www.Medicare.gov">www.Medicare.gov</a> or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.



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PacificSource Community Health Plans complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency and primary language), sex (consistent with the scope of sex discrimination described at 45 CFR § 92.101(a)(2)), age, or disability.

PacificSource Community Health Plans does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

#### **PacificSource Community Health Plans:**

- Provides free reasonable modifications and appropriate auxiliary aids and services to people with disabilities to help them communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, which may include:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate aids and services, or language assistance services, contact our Section 1557 Coordinator.

If you believe that PacificSource Community Health Plans has failed to provide these services or has discriminated based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability you can file a complaint with:

#### **Section 1557 Coordinator**

Mailing address – PO Box 7068, Springfield, OR 97475-0068 Phone – 888-863-3637, TTY: 711. We accept all relay calls. Fax – 541-322-6424

Email – <u>1557Coordinator@pacificsource.com</u>

You may file a complaint in person, by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a complaint, our Section 1557 Coordinator is available to assist you.

You may also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the OCR Complaint Portal, available at: <a href="https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a>, or by mail or phone at:

#### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at:

http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html

This notice is available on the website of PacificSource Community Health Plans: www.Medicare.PacificSource.com.





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## **English**

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. También están disponibles de forma gratuita ayuda y servicios auxiliares apropiados para proporcionar información en formatos accesibles. Llame al 888-863-3637 (TTY: 711) o hable con su proveedor.

## 中文 (Simplified Chinese)

注意:如果您说[中文],我们将免费为您提供语言协助服务。我们还免费提供适当的辅助工具和服务,以无障碍格式提供信息。致电 888-863-3637(文本电话:711)或咨询您的服务提供商。

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## РУССКИЙ (Russian)

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русский, вам доступны бесплатные услуги языковой поддержки. Соответствующие вспомогательные средства и услуги по предоставлению информации в доступных форматах также предоставляются бесплатно. Позвоните по телефону 888-863-3637 (ТТҮ: 711) или обратитесь к своему поставщику услуг.

## **Deutsch (German)**

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## Français (French)

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## 日本語 (Japanese)

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## Tagalog (Tagalog)

PAALALA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, magagamit mo ang mga libreng serbisyong tulong sa wika. Magagamit din nang libre ang mga naaangkop na auxiliary na tulong at serbisyo upang magbigay ng impormasyon sa mga naa-access na format. Tumawag sa 888-863-3637 (TTY: 711) o makipag-usap sa iyong provider.

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## 台語 (Traditional Chinese)

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