

**Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced Plan (HMO) Offered by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Southern California Region (Kern County Enhanced Plan)**

## Annual Notice of Changes for 2025

You are currently enrolled as a member of Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan. Next year, there will be changes to our plan's costs and benefits. ***Please see page 5 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.***

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules, please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at [kp.org](http://kp.org). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

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### 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.
  - Review the changes to medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
  - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including coverage restrictions and cost sharing.
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
  - Check the changes in our 2025 “Drug List” to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
  - Compare the 2024 and 2025 plan information to see if any of these drugs are moving to a different cost-sharing tier or will be subject to different restrictions, such as prior authorization for 2025.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers, including pharmacies, will be in our network next year.
- Check if you qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” from Medicare.
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

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**2. COMPARE:** Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at the [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. For additional support, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to speak with a trained counselor.
- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on our plan's website.

**3. CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2024, you will stay in Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan.
- To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2025**. This will end your enrollment with Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan.
- If you recently moved into or currently live in an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

**Additional Resources**

- This document is available for free in Spanish. Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-443-0815 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week. This call is free.
- Este documento está disponible de manera gratuita en español. Si desea información adicional, llame al número de nuestro Servicio a los Miembros al 1-800-443-0815. (Los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711). El horario de atención es de 8 a. m. a 8 p. m., los 7 días de la semana. Esta llamada es gratuita.
- This document is available in braille, large print, audio file, or data CD if you need it by calling Member Services.
- **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 [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

### **About Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan**

- Kaiser Permanente is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Southern California Region (Health Plan). When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced Plan (Senior Advantage).

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2025

The table below compares the 2024 costs and 2025 costs for Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.**

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	<b>\$29</b>	<b>\$26</b>
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: <b>\$0</b> Specialist visits: <b>\$0</b>	Primary care visits: <b>\$0</b> Specialist visits: <b>\$0</b>
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b>	<b>\$0</b>	Per admission, <b>\$50</b> per day for days 1–5 ( <b>\$0</b> for the rest of your stay).
<b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.5 for details.)	Deductible: <b>\$0</b> Cost-sharing during the Initial Coverage Stage (up to a 30-day supply): Drug Tier 1: <b>\$0</b> Drug Tier 2: <b>\$5</b>	Deductible: <b>\$0</b> Cost-sharing during the Initial Coverage Stage (up to a 30-day supply): Drug Tier 1: <b>\$0</b> Drug Tier 2: <b>\$5</b>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
	<p>Drug Tier 3: <b>\$42</b>            You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p>	<p>Drug Tier 3: <b>\$47</b>            You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p>
	<p>Drug Tier 4: <b>\$100</b>            You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p>	<p>Drug Tier 4: <b>\$100</b>            You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p>
	<p>Drug Tier 5: <b>33%</b>            You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p>	<p>Drug Tier 5: <b>33%</b>            You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.</p>
	<p>Drug Tier 6: <b>\$0</b></p>	<p>Drug Tier 6: <b>\$0</b></p>
	<p>Catastrophic Coverage:            During this payment stage, our plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing.</p>	<p>Catastrophic Coverage:            During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.</p>

## SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium without optional supplemental benefits</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$29	\$26
<b>Monthly premium with optional supplemental benefits</b> This plan premium applies to you only if you are enrolled in our optional supplemental benefits package. (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$50	\$43

- 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. Please see Section 6 regarding “Extra Help” from Medicare.

## 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 reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services (and other health care services not covered by Medicare as described in Chapter 4 of the *Evidence of Coverage*) for the rest of the year.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) 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 \$1,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services (and certain health care services not covered by Medicare), you will pay nothing for these covered services for the rest of the calendar year.

## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

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.

Updated directories are located on our website at [kp.org/directory](http://kp.org/directory). You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory, which we will mail within three business days.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. **Please review the 2025 Provider Directory ([kp.org/directory](http://kp.org/directory)) to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2025 Pharmacy Directory ([kp.org/directory](http://kp.org/directory)) to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers), and pharmacies that are part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Member Services so we may assist.



## Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Dental Preventive and Comprehensive Services</b> Through our agreement with Delta Dental of California (“Delta Dental”) and its DeltaCare USA Dental HMO Program.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fluoride</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not covered.</b></p>	<p><b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$0</b> for two applications per calendar year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ X-rays</li> </ul>	<p>You pay <b>\$0</b> for two sets of bitewing X-rays every 12 months.</p> <p>Comprehensive intraoral series and panoramic images are not covered</p>	<p>You pay <b>\$0</b> for two periapical or one set of bitewing X-rays every calendar year.</p> <p>You pay <b>\$0</b> for one comprehensive intraoral series or panoramic images every two calendar years.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other Preventive</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not covered.</b></p>	<p><b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$0</b> for nutritional counseling for control of dental disease and oral hygiene instructions once per calendar year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other Diagnostic</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not covered.</b></p>	<p><b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$0</b> for one caries risk assessment and one screening or assessment of patient per calendar year.</p>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Periodontics</li> </ul>	Full mouth debridement not covered.	<b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$71</b> for one full mouth debridement every two calendar years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fillings</li> </ul>	<b>Not covered.</b>	<b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$36 to \$124</b> , depending on the procedure, for two fillings per calendar year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Extractions</li> </ul>	<b>Not covered.</b>	<b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$53 to \$229</b> , depending on the procedure, for three extractions per calendar year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Adjunctive Services</li> </ul>	<b>Not covered.</b>	<b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$58</b> for emergency treatment of dental pain per visit.
<b>Emergency Department</b>	You pay <b>\$135</b> per visit.	You pay <b>\$140</b> per visit.
<b>Fitness Benefit</b>	<b>Not covered.</b> However, if you have signed up for Advantage Plus, you receive the fitness benefit described below in the "Optional supplemental benefits (Advantage Plus)" row.	<p><b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$0</b> for the One Pass™ fitness program that includes access to in-network gyms, online fitness classes and resources, home fitness kits, and an online brain health program.</p> <p><b>Beginning January 1st</b>, you may visit <a href="http://www.YourOnePass.com">www.YourOnePass.com</a> or call 1-877-614-0618 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To obtain an access code to provide to your gym or fitness facility.</li> <li>• For information about participating gyms and</li> </ul>

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
		fitness locations, the program's benefits, or to set up your online account.
<b>Eyewear allowance</b>	You receive <b>\$200</b> allowance every two years. If the eyewear you purchase costs more than the allowance, you pay the difference.	You receive <b>\$250</b> allowance every two years. If the eyewear you purchase costs more than the allowance, you pay the difference.
<b>Inpatient Acute Care</b>	You pay <b>\$0</b> .	You pay <b>\$50</b> per day for days 1-5 ( <b>\$0</b> for the rest of your stay).
<b>Inpatient Mental Health Care</b>	You pay <b>\$0</b> .	You pay <b>\$50</b> per day for days 1-5 ( <b>\$0</b> for the rest of your stay).
<b>Medicare Part B Brand drugs</b> Up to a 30-day supply from a network pharmacy.	You pay <b>\$42</b> for brand drugs per prescription, except you pay <b>\$35</b> for Part B insulin drugs furnished through an item of DME.	You pay <b>\$47</b> for brand drugs per prescription, except you pay <b>\$35</b> for Part B insulin drugs furnished through an item of DME.
<b>MRI, CT, and PET</b>	You pay <b>\$150</b> per procedure.	You pay <b>\$200</b> per procedure.
<b>Observation Services</b>	You pay <b>\$0</b> when transferred for observation from an Emergency Department or following outpatient surgery or <b>\$135</b> per stay when admitted directly to the hospital for observation as an outpatient.	You pay <b>\$0</b> when transferred for observation from an Emergency Department or following outpatient surgery or <b>\$140</b> per stay when admitted directly to the hospital for observation as an outpatient.
<b>Outpatient Hospital Services</b>	You pay <b>\$0</b> .	You pay <b>\$0</b> or <b>\$20</b> per visit, depending on the service.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Outpatient Surgery in an Ambulatory Surgical Center</b>	You pay \$0.	You pay \$20 per procedure.
<b>Prior authorization from our plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inpatient Acute Care – Transplants</li> </ul>	Prior authorization is required.	Prior authorization is not required.
<b>Residential Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Treatment</b>	You pay \$0.	You pay \$50 per admission.
<b>Optional supplemental benefits (Advantage Plus)</b>		
<p>These changes only apply to members who have signed up for optional supplemental benefits, called Advantage Plus.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental Benefits (see <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> for full list of covered dental services).</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral Surgery</li> </ul>	Brush biopsy not covered.	<b>Covered.</b> You pay \$23 for one brush biopsy per calendar year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ X-rays</li> </ul>	<b>Not covered.</b>	<b>Covered.</b> You pay \$0 to \$155, depending on the service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other Preventive Dental Services</li> </ul>	<b>Not covered.</b>	<b>Covered.</b> You pay \$0 to \$78, depending on the service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Restorative Services</li> </ul>	You pay \$9 to \$396, depending on the service.	You pay \$7 to \$317, depending on the service.

Cost	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
○ Endodontics	You pay <b>\$31 to \$498</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$25 to \$398</b> , depending on the service
○ Periodontics	You pay <b>\$0 to \$515</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$0 to \$412</b> , depending on the service.
○ Prosthodontics, removable	You pay <b>\$29 to \$572</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$23 to \$458</b> , depending on the service.
○ Implant Services	You pay <b>\$0 to \$1441</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$0 to \$1153</b> , depending on the service.
○ Prosthodontics, fixed	You pay <b>\$0 to \$1441</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$32 to \$317</b> , depending on the service.
○ Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	You pay <b>\$0 to \$1337</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$0 to \$1070</b> , depending on the service.
○ Adjunctive General Services	You pay <b>\$0 to \$110</b> , depending on the service.	You pay <b>\$0 to \$88</b> , depending on the service.
● Fitness Benefit	<b>Covered.</b> You pay <b>\$0</b> for the Silver&Fit fitness program that includes a basic gym membership, online fitness classes and resources, and home fitness kits (one of which includes an activity tracker).	<b>Not covered</b> as part of our Advantage Plus package. <b>Covered</b> for all members as described in “Fitness Benefit” above.

## Section 1.5 – 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 at [kp.org/seniorrx](http://kp.org/seniorrx).

We made changes to our “Drug List,” which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs or moving them to a different cost-sharing tier. **Review our Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to**

**see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the plan year. We update our online Drug List at least monthly to provide the most up-to-date list of drugs. If we make a change that will affect your access to a drug you are taking, we will send you a notice about the change.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage* and talk to your doctor to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception, and/or working to find a new drug. You can also contact Member Services for more information.

We currently can immediately remove a brand name drug on our Drug List if we replace it with a new generic drug version on the same or a lower cost-sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions as the brand name drug it replaces. Also, when adding a new generic, we may also decide to keep the brand name drug on our Drug List, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions or both.

Starting in 2025, we can immediately replace original biological products with certain biosimilars. This means, for instance, if you are taking an original biological product that is being replaced by a biosimilar, you may not get notice of the change 30 days before we make it or get a month's supply of your original biological product at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the original biological product at the time we make the change, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after we make the change.

Some of these drug types may be new to you. For definitions of drug types, please see Chapter 12 of your *Evidence of Coverage*. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also provides consumer information on drugs. See FDA website: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/biosimilars/multimedia-education-materials-biosimilars#For%20Patients>. You may also contact Member Services or ask your health care provider, prescriber, or pharmacist for more information.

## **Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits and 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 does not apply to you.** We 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 you haven’t received this insert by September 30, 2024, please call Member Services and ask for the *LIS Rider*.

Beginning in 2025, there are three **drug payment stages**: the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. The Coverage Gap Stage and the Coverage Gap Discount Program will no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program will also be replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan’s full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Initial Coverage Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

**Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b>	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**

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and <b>you pay your share of the cost.</b></p> <p>The costs in this chart are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost-sharing.</p> <p>For information about the costs for a long-term supply, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage.</i></p> <p>We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our “Drug List.” To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on our “Drug List.”</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1 – Preferred Generic drugs: You pay <b>\$0</b> per prescription.</li> <li>• Tier 2 – Generic drugs: You pay <b>\$5</b> per prescription.</li> <li>• Tier 3 – Preferred Brand drugs: You pay <b>\$42</b> per prescription. You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is <b>\$42.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1 – Preferred Generic drugs: You pay <b>\$0</b> per prescription.</li> <li>• Tier 2 – Generic drugs: You pay <b>\$5</b> per prescription.</li> <li>• Tier 3 – Preferred Brand drugs: You pay <b>\$47</b> per prescription. You pay <b>\$35</b> per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier. Your cost for a one-month mail-order prescription is <b>\$47.</b></li> </ul>

Stage	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 4 – Non-Preferred drugs: You pay <b>\$100</b> per prescription.</li> <li>• Tier 5 – Specialty Tier drugs: You pay <b>33%</b> of the total cost.</li> <li>• Tier 6 – Injectable Part D vaccines: You pay <b>\$0</b> per prescription.</li> </ul> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached <b>\$5,030</b>, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 4 – Non-Preferred drugs: You pay <b>\$100</b> per prescription.</li> <li>• Tier 5 – Specialty Tier drugs: You pay <b>33%</b> of the total cost.</li> <li>• Tier 6 – Injectable Part D vaccines: You pay <b>\$0</b> per prescription.</li> </ul> <p>Once you have paid <b>\$2,000</b> out of pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>

### Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage

The Catastrophic Coverage Stage is the third and final stage. Beginning in 2025, drug manufacturers pay a portion of the plan's full cost for covered Part D brand name drugs and biologics during the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. Discounts paid by manufacturers under the Manufacturer Discount Program do not count toward out-of-pocket costs.

For specific information about your costs in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, look at Chapter 6, Section 6 in your *Evidence of Coverage*.



## SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

Description	2024 (this year)	2025 (next year)
<b>Medicare Prescription Payment Plan</b>	Not applicable	The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option that works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across <b>monthly payments that vary throughout the year</b> (January - December). To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 1-800-443-0815 or visit <a href="http://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a> .

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced 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 be enrolled in our Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan.

### 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 plans for 2025 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. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 1.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder ([www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)), read the *Medicare & You 2025* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

As a reminder, Kaiser Permanente offers other Medicare health 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 Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Senior Advantage Kern County Enhanced plan.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
  - – *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, 2025.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include 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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2025, 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, 2025.

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 (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for two full months after the month you move out.

## SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In California, the SHIP is called the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

It is a state program that gets money from the federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program 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 the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program at 1-800-434-0222 (TTY users should call 711). You can learn more about the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program by visiting their website ([www.aging.ca.gov/HICAP/](http://www.aging.ca.gov/HICAP/)).

## 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, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a late enrollment penalty. 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 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778; or
  - Your state Medi-Cal (Medicaid) office.

- **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. To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your state, 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 **California AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program, or if you are currently enrolled, how to continue receiving assistance, call the ADAP call center at 1-844-421-7050 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.
- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option to help you manage your out-of-pocket drug costs, starting in 2025. This new payment option works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across **monthly payments that vary throughout the year** (January – December). **This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.**

“Extra Help” from Medicare and help from your ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in this payment option, regardless of income level, and all Medicare drug plans and Medicare health plans with drug coverage must offer this payment option. To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 1-800-443-0815 or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Our Plan

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-443-0815. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2025 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 2025. For details, look in the 2025 *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. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [kp.org/eocscal](http://kp.org/eocscal). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

### Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at [kp.org](http://kp.org). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs (Formulary/Drug List)*.

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## Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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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

Visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area. To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

### Read *Medicare & You 2025*

Read the *Medicare & You 2025* handbook. Every fall, this document 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 document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) 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.



## Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Member Services

Method	Member Services – contact information
<b>CALL</b>	<b>1-800-443-0815</b> Calls to this number are free. 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b> Calls to this number are free. 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
<b>WRITE</b>	Your local Member Services office (see the <i>Provider Directory</i> for locations).
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://kp.org">kp.org</a>

# Notice of Nondiscrimination

Kaiser Permanente complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Kaiser Permanente does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. We also:

- Provide no cost aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters.
  - Written information in other formats, such as large print, audio, and accessible electronic formats.
- Provide no cost language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters.
  - Information written in other languages.

If you need these services, call Member Services at **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

If you believe that Kaiser Permanente has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with our Civil Rights Coordinator by writing to One Kaiser Plaza, 12th Floor, Suite 1223, Oakland, CA 94612 or calling Member Services at the number listed above. You can file a grievance by mail or phone. If you need help filing a grievance, our Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, **1-800-368-1019**, **1-800-537-7697 (TDD)**. Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

## Multi-Language Insert

### Multi-language Interpreter Services

**English:** We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

**Spanish:** Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

**Chinese Mandarin:** 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电**1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

**Chinese Cantonese:** 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問，為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務，請致電**1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

**Tagalog:** Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

**French:** Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

**Vietnamese:** Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)** sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

**German:** Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.



**Korean:** 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 답해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)** 번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와 드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.

**Russian:** Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

**Arabic:** إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالصحة أو جدول الأدوية لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. سيقوم شخص ما يتحدث العربية بمساعدتك. هذه خدمة مجانية.

**Hindi:** हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं। एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)** पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

**Portuguese:** Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

**French Creole:** Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal oswa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

**Polish:** Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**. Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

**Japanese:** 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするために、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、**1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)** にお電話ください。日本語を話す人者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。

# Plan Information

*As member of this plan, we may occasionally contact you to inform you of other Kaiser Permanente plans or products that may be available to you. If you wish to opt-out of these types of calls, please contact Member Services at the phone number on the back of your member ID card.*

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## Provider Directories

If you need help finding a network provider or pharmacy, please visit [kp.org/directory](https://kp.org/directory) to search our online directory (Note: the 2025 directories are available online starting 10/15/2024 in accord with Medicare requirements).

To get a **Provider Directory**, **Dental Provider Directory** or **Pharmacy Directory** (if applicable), mailed to you, you can call Kaiser Permanente at **1-800-443-0815** (TTY 711), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Formulary

Our formulary lists the Medicare Part D drugs we cover. The formulary may change at any time. You'll be notified when necessary. If you have a question about covered drugs, see our online formulary at [kp.org/seniorrx](https://kp.org/seniorrx) (Note: the 2025 formulary is available online starting 10/15/2024 in accord with Medicare requirements).

To get a formulary mailed to you, you can call Kaiser Permanente at **1-800-443-0815** (TTY 711), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Evidence of Coverage (EOC)

Your **EOC** explains how to get medical care and prescription drugs covered through your plan. It explains your rights and responsibilities, what's covered, and what you pay as a Kaiser Permanente member. If you have a question about your coverage, visit [kp.org/eocncal](https://kp.org/eocncal) or [kp.org/eocscal](https://kp.org/eocscal) to view your **EOC** online (Note: the 2025 **EOC** is available online starting 10/15/2024 in accord with Medicare requirements).

To get an **EOC** mailed to you, you can call Kaiser Permanente at **1-800-443-0815** (TTY 711), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.