

# Annual Notice of Changes for 2021

## The Secure Plan (HMO) offered by Health First Health Plans Annual Notice of Changes for 2021

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

- **You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**
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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.
  - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
  - Do the changes affect the services you use?
  - Look in Sections 2.1 and 2.4 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
  - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
  - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in Section 2.3 for information about our Provider Directory.
- Think about your overall health care costs.
  - How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
  - How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
  - How do your total plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

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

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area.
  - Use the personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website.
  - Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook.
  - Look in Section 4.2 to learn more about your choices.
- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

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

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2020, you will be enrolled in the Secure Plan (HMO).
- To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.

**4. ENROLL:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2020**

- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2020**, you will be enrolled in the Secure Plan (HMO).
- If you join another plan by **December 7, 2020**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2021**. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

**Additional Resources**

- Please contact our Customer Service number at 1-800-716-7737 for additional information. (TTY users should call 1-800-955-8771.) Hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. From October 1-March 31, we're available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- This information is also available at no cost in other formats. You may request your materials be read aloud, e-mailed, or mailed in large print by contacting Customer Service.
- **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 the Secure Plan (HMO)**

- Health First Health Plans is an HMO Plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Health First Health Plans depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means Health First Health Plan
- When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means the Secure Plan (HMO).

## Summary of Important Costs for 2021

The table below compares the 2020 costs and 2021 costs for the Secure Plan (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the Evidence of Coverage is located on our website at myHFHP.org. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium</b>	\$0	\$0
<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 2.2 for details.)	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: \$0 per visit  Specialist visits: \$20 per visit	Primary care visits: \$0 per visit  Specialist visits: \$20 per visit
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.	You pay \$200 for each day for days 1-7 of a covered inpatient stay during a benefit period.  You pay \$0 for each day for days 8-90 of a covered inpatient stay during a benefit period.	You pay \$200 for each day for days 1-7 of a covered inpatient stay during a benefit period.  You pay \$0 for each day for days 8-90 of a covered inpatient stay during a benefit period.

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## **SECTION 1 Unless You Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in the Secure Plan (HMO) in 2021**

**If you do nothing to change your Medicare coverage by December 7, 2020, we will automatically enroll you in our Secure Plan (HMO).** This means starting January 1, 2021, you will be getting your medical coverage through the Secure Plan (HMO). If you want to, you can change to a different Medicare health plan. You can also switch to Original Medicare. If you want to change plans, you can do so between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for Extra Help, you may be able to change plans during other times.

The information in this document tells you about the differences between your current benefits in the Secure Plan (HMO) and the benefits you will have on January 1, 2021 as a member of the Secure Plan (HMO).

## **SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year**

### **Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2020 (this year)</b>	<b>2021 (next year)</b>
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0

**Section 2.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount**

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

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<p><b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.</p>	<p>\$3,000 Once you have paid \$3,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.</p>	<p>\$3,000 Once you have paid \$3,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.</p>

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## Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

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There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at [myHFHP.org](http://myHFHP.org). You may also call Customer Service for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2021 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

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

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

## Section 2.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2021 Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Acupuncture for chronic low back pain</b>	Acupuncture for chronic low back pain is <u>not</u> covered.	You pay \$20 for each Medicare-covered visit.
<b>Ambulance services (PA)</b>	You pay \$175 for a Medicare-covered one way trip.	You pay \$230 for a Medicare-covered one way trip.
<b>Cardiac rehabilitation services (PA)</b>	You pay \$25 for each Medicare-covered therapy visit.	You pay \$20 for each Medicare-covered therapy visit.
<b>Dental services</b>	You will be reimbursed up to \$100 for the purchase of supplemental preventive dental and other routine dental services each calendar year.	You will be reimbursed up to \$225 for the purchase of supplemental preventive dental and other routine dental services each calendar year.
<b>Emergency care</b>	You pay \$50 for each Medicare-covered visit.	You pay \$90 for each Medicare-covered visit.
<b>Hearing services</b>	You will be reimbursed up to \$250 for the purchase of hearing aid devices (all types) per calendar year.	You will be reimbursed up to \$350 for the purchase of one hearing aid device (all types) per calendar year.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies (PA)</b>	You pay \$115 for each type of Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology service including MRI, CT Scans, Nuclear Scans and PET scans, per date of service.	You pay \$165 for each type of Medicare-covered diagnostic radiology service including MRI, CT Scans, Nuclear Scans and PET scans, per date of service.
<b>Outpatient rehabilitation services (PA)</b>	You pay \$20 for each Medicare-covered therapy visit.	You pay \$15 for each Medicare-covered therapy visit.
<b>Pulmonary rehabilitation services (PA)</b>	You pay \$25 for each Medicare-covered therapy visit.	You pay \$20 for each Medicare-covered therapy visit.
<b>Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care (PA)</b>	You pay \$50 each day for days 21-100 of a covered stay during a benefit period.	You pay \$100 each day for days 21-100 of a covered stay during a benefit period.
<b>Urgently needed services</b>	You pay \$0 for each Medicare-covered Telehealth Urgent Care visit.	You pay \$30 for each Medicare-covered Telehealth Urgent Care visit.
<b>Vision care</b>	You will be reimbursed up to \$100 for the purchase of contact lenses, frames and prescription lenses per calendar year from any licensed provider, even if they are not in the Health First network.	You will be reimbursed up to \$150 for the purchase of contact lenses, frames and prescription lenses per calendar year from any licensed provider, even if they are not in the Health First network.

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in the Secure Plan (HMO)

**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 Secure Plan (HMO).

### Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2021 follow these steps:

#### Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan timely,
- -- *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, there may be a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2021*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) (see Section 6), or call Medicare (see Section 8.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare). **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

As a reminder, Health First Health Plans 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 the Secure Plan (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from the Secure Plan (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer Service if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 8.1 of this booklet).
  - – *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, 2021.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid, those who get “Extra Help” paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 8, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2021, 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, 2021. For more information, see Chapter 8, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

## SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In Florida, the SHIP is called SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

SHINE is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. SHINE 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 SHINE at 1-800-963-5337. You can learn more about SHINE by visiting their website ([www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org)).

## SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs.

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;

- The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
- Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **What if you have coverage from an AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)?** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Florida ADAP Program. Note: 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.

If you are currently enrolled in an ADAP, it can continue to provide you with Medicare Part D prescription cost-sharing assistance for drugs on the ADAP formulary. In order to be sure you continue receiving this assistance, please notify your local ADAP enrollment worker of any changes in your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number. Contact the Florida ADAP Program at 1-800-352-2437. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call the Florida ADAP Program at 1-800-352-2437.

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from the Secure Plan (HMO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Customer Service at 1-800-716-7737. (TTY only, call 1-800-955-8771.) We are available for phone calls weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. From October 1-March 31, we're available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2021 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 2021. For details, look in the 2021 Evidence of Coverage for the Secure Plan (HMO). 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 myHFHP.org. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an Evidence of Coverage.

#### **Visit Our Website**

You can also visit our website at myHFHP.org. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (Provider Directory).

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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**

You can visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans. You can find information about plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)).

### **Read Medicare & You 2021**

You can read *Medicare & You 2021* Handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.