# Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South (PPO) offered by Kaiser Permanente Insurance Company (Choice South)

# **Annual Notice of Change for 2026**

You're enrolled as a member of Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South.

This material describes changes to our 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 Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South.
- 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 kp.org or call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) to get a copy by mail.

#### **More Resources**

- Call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711). Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week. This call is free.
- This material is available in braille, large print, audio file, or data CD if you need it by calling Member Services.

#### **About Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South**

- Kaiser Permanente is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente depends on contract renewal.
- Kaiser Permanente's pharmacy network includes limited lower-cost, preferred pharmacies in El Paso, Fremont, Pueblo and Teller counties in Colorado. The lower costs advertised in our plan materials for these pharmacies may not be available at the pharmacy you use. For up-to-date information about our network pharmacies, including whether there are any lower-cost preferred pharmacies in your area, please call 1-800-476-2167 (TTY 711), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or consult the online pharmacy directory at kp.org/directory.



- When this material says "we," "us," or "our," it means Kaiser Permanente Insurance Company (Health Plan). When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South (Senior Advantage).
- If you do nothing by December 7, 2025, you'll automatically be enrolled in Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South. Starting January 1, 2026, you'll get your medical and drug coverage through Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South. Go to Section 3 for more information about how to change plans and deadlines for making a change.

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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-pocket	From In-Network providers:	From In-Network providers:
amount	\$5,100	\$5,900
This is the <u>most</u> you'll pay out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services. (Go to Section 1.2 for	From In-Network and Out- of-Network providers combined:	From In-Network and Out- of-Network providers combined:
details.)	\$8,950	\$10,000
Primary care office visits	In-Network	In-Network
	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
	Out-of-Network	Out-of-Network
	\$35 per visit.	\$40 per visit.
Specialist office visits	In-Network	In-Network
	\$30 per visit.	\$30 per visit.
	Out-of-Network	Out-of-Network
	\$65 per visit.	\$65 per visit.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Inpatient hospital stays Includes inpatient acute, 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.	In-Network  Per admission, \$295 per day for days 1–5 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).  Out-of-Network  Per admission, \$500 per day for days 1–18 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).	In-Network  Per admission, \$300 per day for days 1-6 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).  Out-of-Network  Per admission, \$500 per day for days 1-18 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).
Part D drug coverage deductible (Go to Section 1.7 for details.)	\$0	\$0

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Part D drug coverage (Go to Section 1.7 for details, including Yearly	Preferred cost-sharing during the Initial Coverage Stage:	Preferred cost-sharing during the Initial Coverage Stage:
Deductible, Initial	Drug Tier 1: \$0	Drug Tier 1: \$0
Coverage, and Catastrophic Coverage Stages.)	Drug Tier 2: \$5	Drug Tier 2: \$5
coverage stages.	Drug Tier 3: \$45 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.	Drug Tier 3: \$45 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.
	Drug Tier 4: \$100 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.	Drug Tier 4: \$100 You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.
	Drug Tier 5: 33% You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.	Drug Tier 5: 33% You pay \$35 per month supply of each covered insulin product on this tier.
	Drug Tier 6: \$0	Drug Tier 6: \$0
	Catastrophic Coverage Stage:	Catastrophic Coverage Stage:
	During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.	During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.

# **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 plan premium  (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0
Additional premium for optional supplemental benefits (Advantage Plus)	\$41	\$46
If you've enrolled in an optional supplemental benefit package, you'll pay this premium in addition to the monthly plan premium above.		
(You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)		

### Factors that could change your Part D Premium Amount

- Late Enrollment Penalty Your monthly plan premium will be more if you're required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that's at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- Higher Income Surcharge If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an
  additional amount each month directly to the government for Medicare drug
  coverage.

# **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	\$5,100	\$5,900
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) from network providers count toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. Our plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs don't count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		Once you've paid \$5,900 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services (and other health services not covered by Medicare), you'll pay nothing for your covered services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.
Combined maximum out- of-pocket amount	\$8,950	\$10,000
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) from innetwork and out-of-network providers <b>count</b> toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for outpatient prescription drugs <b>don't count</b> toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.		Once you've paid \$10,000 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services (and other health services not covered by Medicare), you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from 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* kp.org/directory 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 <a href="kp.org/directory">kp.org/directory</a>.

• Call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (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 our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) for help.

### **Section 1.4 Changes to the Pharmacy Network**

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs can 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. Our network includes pharmacies with preferred cost sharing, which may offer you lower cost sharing than the standard cost sharing offered by other network pharmacies for some drugs.

For a plan that has changes in its pharmacy network Our network of pharmacies has changed for next year. Review the 2026 *Pharmacy Directory* kp.org/directory to see which pharmacies are in our network. Here's how to get an updated *Pharmacy Directory*:

- Visit our website at kp.org/directory.
- Call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) to get current pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a *Pharmacy Directory*.

We can make changes to the pharmacies that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our pharmacies affects you, call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) for help.

**Section 1.5 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Medical Services** 

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Ambulance Services	You pay \$340 per one-way trip.	You pay \$275 per one-way trip.
Cardiac Rehabilitation Services	Out-of-Network: You pay \$35 per group visit or 40% coinsurance per individual specialty care visit.	Out-of-Network: You pay \$40 per group visit or 40% coinsurance per individual specialty care visit.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Chiropractic Services	In-Network: You pay \$20 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$15 per visit.
Preventive and comprehensive dental services Please see the Evidence of Coverage for a full list of dental services.	The plan pays \$1,350 (combined annual benefit limit) for preventive and comprehensive services from Delta Dental Medicare Advantage PPO dentists until the plan has paid the annual limit.  When you reach the annual limit, you pay 100% for the rest of the year.  Note: Benefit is combined in-network and out-ofnetwork. There is no coverage for Non-Participating dentists.  Additional coverage is available if you enroll in Advantage Plus PPO.	The plan pays \$500 (combined annual benefit limit) for preventive and comprehensive services from Delta Dental Medicare Advantage PPO and/or Delta Dental Medicare Advantage Premier dentists until the plan has paid the annual limit.  When you reach the annual limit, you pay 100% for the rest of the year.  Note: Benefit is combined in-network and out-ofnetwork. There is no coverage for Non-Participating dentists.  Additional coverage is available if you enroll in Advantage Plus PPO.
<ul> <li>Adjunctive General Services</li> </ul>	Not Covered.	You pay \$0 for palliative treatment of dental pain (D9110). You pay 100% coinsurance for all other Adjunctive services.
• Endodontics	You pay 50% coinsurance for root canals.	Not Covered.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
• Implant Services	You pay 50% coinsurance.	Not Covered.
• Periodontics	You pay 50% coinsurance.	You pay \$0 for periodontal maintenance (D4910) and scaling in the presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation (D4346). You pay 100% coinsurance for all other Periodontal services.
• Restorative Services	You pay 30% coinsurance for fillings.	Not Covered.
DME and Medical Supplies not covered by Medicare		
Oxygen concentrator rental for nighttime home use	In-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance. Requires an in-lab titration study performed prior to prescription if deemed medically appropriate by sleep medicine provider for obstructive sleep apnea.	In-Network: You pay 20% coinsurance. Must be deemed medically appropriate by sleep medicine provider for obstructive sleep apnea. In-lab titration study is no longer required.
Emergency Department	You pay \$125 per visit.	You pay \$130 per visit.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Eyewear Allowance	You receive a \$400 allowance every calendar year. If the eyewear you purchase costs more than your allowance, you pay the difference.	You receive a \$150 allowance every calendar year. If the eyewear you purchase costs more than your allowance, you pay the difference.
Fitness Allowance	You receive an annual (one calendar year) allowance of up to \$125.	Not Covered.  Note: You still have access to a fitness benefit with gym membership. See your Evidence of Coverage for more information.
Hearing Aids - Prescription	You receive a \$400 hearing aid allowance for both ears combined every calendar year. If the hearing aid(s) you purchase costs more than your allowance, you pay the difference.	You receive a \$300 hearing aid allowance for both ears combined every calendar year. If the hearing aid(s) you purchase costs more than your allowance, you pay the difference.
Inpatient Acute Care	In-Network: You pay \$295 per day for days 1–5 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).	In-Network: You pay \$300 per day for days 1-6 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).
Inpatient Mental Health Care	In-Network: You pay \$295 per day for days 1–5 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).	In-Network: You pay \$300 per day for days 1-6 (\$0 for the rest of your stay).

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Kidney Disease Education Services	Out-of-Network: You pay \$35 per primary care visit or \$65 per specialty care visit.	Out-of-Network: You pay \$40 per primary care visit or \$65 per specialty care visit.
MRI, CT, and PET	In-Network: You pay \$150 per procedure, per body part studied.	In-Network: You pay \$300 per procedure, per body part studied.
Observation Services	In-Network: You pay \$250 per stay.	In-Network: You pay \$295 per stay.
Occupational Therapy Services	In-Network: You pay \$30 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$20 per visit.
Other Health Care Professional Services	Out-of-Network: You pay \$35 per primary care visit or \$65 per specialty care visit.	Out-of-Network: You pay \$40 per primary care visit or \$65 per specialty care visit.
Outpatient Hospital Services	In-Network: You pay \$250 per outpatient surgery.	In-Network: You pay \$295 per outpatient surgery.
Outpatient Mental Health Care (Group Therapy)	In-Network: You pay \$15 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$5 per visit.
Outpatient Mental Health Care (Individual Therapy)	In-Network: You pay \$25 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$10 per visit.
Outpatient Substance Abuse (Group Therapy)	In-Network: You pay \$15 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$5 per visit.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Outpatient Substance Abuse (Individual Therapy)	In-Network: You pay \$25 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$10 per visit.
Outpatient Surgery in an Ambulatory Surgical Center	In-Network: You pay \$200 per outpatient surgery.	In-Network: You pay \$125 per outpatient surgery.
Over-the-Counter (OTC)	We cover OTC items listed in our OTC catalog for free home delivery. You may order OTC items up to the \$75 quarterly benefit limit.	Not Covered.
Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services	In-Network: You pay \$30 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$20 per visit.
Primary Care Office Visits	Out-of-Network: You pay \$35 per visit.	Out-of-Network: You pay \$40 per visit.
Psychiatric Services (Group)	In-Network: You pay \$15 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$5 per visit.
Psychiatric Services (Individual)	In-Network: You pay \$25 per visit.	In-Network: You pay \$10 per visit.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care	In-Network: Per benefit period, you pay \$0 for days 1–20, \$203 per day for days 21–46 and \$0 for days 47–100.  Out-of-Network:	In-Network: Per benefit period, you pay \$0 for days 1–20, \$203 per day for days 21–50 and \$0 for days 51–100.  Out-of-Network:
	Per benefit period, you pay \$225 per day for days 1– 40 and \$0 for days 41–100.	Per benefit period, you pay \$225 per day for days 1-45 and \$0 for days 46-100.
Ultrasounds	In-Network: You pay \$50 per procedure.	In-Network: You pay \$35 per procedure.
Urgent Care Visits	You pay \$45 per visit.	You pay \$40 per visit.
X-Rays	In-Network: You pay \$15 per X-ray.	In-Network: You pay \$0.
Optional Supplemental Benefits (Advantage Plus PPO)		
Dental Comprehensive		
• Restorative Services	You pay 30% to 50% coinsurance, depending on services.	You pay 50% coinsurance.

**Section 1.6 Changes to Part D 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 <a href="kp.org/seniorrx">kp.org/seniorrx</a>.

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 the 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 calendar 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're taking, we'll send you a notice about the change.

If you're affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, review Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage* and talk to your prescriber to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception, and/or working to find a new drug. Call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) for more information.

# **Section 1.7 Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits & Costs**

### Do you get Extra Help to pay for your drug coverage costs?

If you're in a program that helps pay for your drugs (Extra Help), **the information about costs for Part D drugs does not apply to you**. We sent you a separate material, called the *Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs*, which tells about your drug costs. If you get Extra Help and you don't get this material by September 30, 2025, call Member Services 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *LIS Rider*.

#### **Drug Payment Stages**

There are 3 **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 no longer exist in the Part D benefit.

### • Stage 1: Yearly Deductible

We have no deductible, so this payment stage doesn't apply to you.

### • Stage 2: Initial Coverage

In this stage, our plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share of the cost. You generally stay in this stage until your year-to-date out-of-pocket costs reach \$2,100.

### • Stage 3: Catastrophic Coverage

This is the third and final drug payment stage. In this stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs. You generally stay in this stage for the rest of the calendar year.

The Coverage Gap Discount Program has been replaced by the Manufacturer Discount Program. Under the Manufacturer Discount Program, drug manufacturers pay a portion of our 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 don't count toward out-of-pocket costs.

#### **Drug Costs in Stage 1: Yearly Deductible**

The table shows your cost per prescription during this stage

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Yearly Deductible	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage doesn't apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage doesn't apply to you.

#### **Drug Costs in Stage 2: Initial Coverage**

The table shows your cost per prescription for a one-month (30-day) supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard and preferred cost sharing.

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 the Drug List. Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you. For more information about the costs of vaccines, or information about the for a long-term supply; at a network pharmacy that offers preferred cost sharing; or for mail-order prescriptions, go to Chapter 6 of your Evidence of Coverage.

Once you've paid \$2,100 out of pocket for covered Part D drugs, you'll move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Tier 1 - Preferred generic drugs:  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 the Drug List.	Standard cost sharing: You pay \$15 per prescription. Preferred cost sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription.	Standard cost sharing: You pay \$15 per prescription.  Preferred cost sharing: You pay \$0 per prescription.
Tier 2 - Generic drugs:  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 the Drug List.	Standard cost sharing: You pay \$20 per prescription. Preferred cost sharing: You pay \$5 per prescription.	Standard cost sharing: You pay \$20 per prescription. Preferred cost sharing: You pay \$5 per prescription.
Tier 3 - Preferred brand- name drugs:  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 the Drug List.	Standard cost sharing: You pay \$47 per prescription. Preferred cost sharing: You pay \$45 per prescription.	Standard cost sharing: You pay \$47 per prescription.  Preferred cost sharing: You pay \$45 per prescription.
Tier 4 - Nonpreferred drugs:  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 the Drug List.	You pay \$100 per prescription.	You pay \$100 per prescription.

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Tier 5 - Specialty-tier drugs:  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 the Drug List.	You pay 33% of the total cost.	You pay 33% of the total cost.
Tier 6 - Injectable Part D vaccines:  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 the Drug List.	You pay \$0 per prescription.	You pay \$0 per prescription.

### **Changes to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage**

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

# **SECTION 2 Administrative Changes**

	2025 (this year)	2026 (next year)
Formulary exception for brand name drugs  A type of coverage decision that, if approved, allows you to get a drug that is not on our formulary (a formulary exception). If we agree to cover a Part D drug not on our Drug List, you will need to pay the cost-sharing amount specified on the right.  For more information about how to file a formulary exception, please see the Evidence of Coverage.	If you request and we agree to cover a Part D brand- name drug not on our Drug List, you will need to pay the cost-sharing amount that applies to drugs in Tier 4 for nonpreferred drugs.	If you request and we agree to cover a Part D brand-name drug not on our Drug List, you will need to pay the cost-sharing amount that applies to drugs in Tier 5 specialty tier drugs.
Medicare Prescription Payment Plan	The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a payment option that began this year and can help you manage your out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by our plan by spreading them across the calendar year (January- December). You may be participating in this payment option.	If you're participating in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan and stay in the same Part D plan, your participation will be automatically renewed for 2026. To learn more about this payment option, call us at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) or visit www.Medicare.gov.

# **SECTION 3 How to Change Plans**

To stay in Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South, you don't need to do anything. Unless you sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December

7, 2025, you'll automatically be enrolled in our Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South.

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 Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South.
- To change to Original Medicare with Medicare drug coverage, enroll in the new Medicare drug plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South.
- To change to Original Medicare without a drug plan, you can send us a written request to disenroll. Call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167 (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 Section 1.1).
- 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 5), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). As a reminder, Kaiser Permanente offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans can have different coverage, monthly plan premiums, and costsharing amounts.

# **Section 3.1 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 separate Medicare drug coverage) between January 1 – March 31, 2026.

# Section 3.2 Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, people can 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 separate 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 4 Get Help Paying for Prescription Drugs**

You can 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 call 1-800-325-0778.
  - Your State Medicaid Office.
- Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program (SPAP). Colorado has a
  program called Bridging the Gap Colorado that helps people pay for prescription drugs
  based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the
  program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). To get the
  phone number for your state, visit shiphelp.org, or call 1-800-MEDICARE.
- 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 Bridging the Gap Colorado. 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 Bridging the Gap Colorado at 1-303-692-2716. 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 payment option that works with your current drug coverage to help you manage your out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by our plan by spreading them across the calendar year (January – December). Anyone with a Medicare drug plan or Medicare health plan with drug coverage (like a Medicare Advantage plan with drug coverage) can use this payment option. 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 SPAP and ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. To learn more about this payment option, call us at 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users should call 711) or visit <a href="https://www.Medicare.gov">www.Medicare.gov</a>.

### **SECTION 5 Questions?**

### **Get Help from Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South**

• Call Member Services at 1-800-476-2167. (TTY users call 711.)

We're available for phone calls 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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, go to the 2026 Evidence of Coverage for Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Choice South. The Evidence of Coverage is the legal, detailed description of our 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 kp.org/eocco or call Member Services 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) to ask us to mail you a copy. You can also review the attached OR enclosed OR separately mailed Evidence of Coverage to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

#### Visit kp.org

Our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory/Pharmacy Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs* (formulary/Drug List).

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

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

Call Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program to get free personalized health insurance counseling. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. Call Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program at 1-888-696-7213. Learn more about Colorado State Health Insurance Assistance Program by visiting (www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/senior-healthcare-medicare).

### **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 www.Medicare.gov

You can chat live at <u>www.Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone</u>.

• Write to Medicare

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

Visit www.Medicare.gov

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.



# **Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Member Services**

Method	Member Services - Contact Information
Call	1-800-476-2167 Calls to this number are free. 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Member Services 1-800-476-2167 (TTY users call 711) also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
TTY	<b>711</b> Calls to this number are free. 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Write	Kaiser Permanente 10350 East Dakota Ave. Denver, CO 80247
Website	kp.org

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Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado (Kaiser Health Plan) complies with applicable Federal and state civil rights laws and does not discriminate, exclude people or treat them less favorably on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency and primary language), ancestry, age, disability, sex (including sex characteristics, intersex traits; pregnancy or related conditions; sexual orientation; gender identity, gender expression, and sex stereotypes), religion, creed or marital status.

#### Kaiser Health Plan:

- Provides no-cost auxiliary 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, braille, and accessible electronic formats
- Provides 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 1-800-632-9700 (TTY 711).

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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, (TTY 1-800-537-7697). Complaint forms are available at hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

This notice is available at

https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/colorado/language-assistance/nondiscrimination-notice

#### **HELP IN YOUR LANGUAGE**

**ATTENTION:** If you speak English, language assistance services including appropriate auxiliary aids and services, free of charge, are available to you. Call **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

Ɓašɔɔ̀ɔ Wudù (Bassa) Mbi sog: nia maa Ɓàsàa, njàl mbom a ka maa njàng ndol ni mbom mi tson ni son, nin ma kénnɛn yɛ́, mbi èyɛm. Wɔ nàn 1-800-632-9700 (TTY 711)

中文 (Chinese) 注意事項:如果您說中文,您可獲得免費語言協助服務,包括適當的輔助器材和服務。致電 1-800-632-9700 (TTY 711)。

**Français (French) ATTENTION:** si vous parlez français, des services d'assistance linguistique comprenant des aides et services auxiliaires appropriés, gratuits, sont à votre disposition. Appelez le **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

**Deutsch (German) ACHTUNG:** Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, steht Ihnen die Sprachassistenz mit entsprechenden Hilfsmitteln und Dienstleistungen kostenfrei zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie **1-800-632-9700** an (TTY **711**).

**Igbo (Igbo) TINYE UCHE:** O buru na i na-asu Igbo, Oru enyemaka nke asusu gunyere udi enyemaka na oru kwesiri ekwesi, n'efu, di nye gi. Kpoo **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

**日本語 (Japanese) 注意:** 日本語を話す場合、適切な補助機器やサービスを含む言語支援サービスが無料で提供されます。**1-800-632-9700** までお電話ください(TTY: **711**)。

한국어 (Korean) 주의: 한국어를 구사하실 경우, 필요한 보조 기기 및 서비스가 포함된 언어 지원서비스가 무료로 제공됩니다. 1-800-632-9700 로 전화해 주세요(TTY 711).

Naabeehó (Navajo) DÍÍ BAA AKÓ NÍNÍZIN: Díí saad bee yáníti'go Diné Bizaad, saad bee áká'ánída'áwo'déé', biniit'aa da beeso ndinish'aah t'aala'I bi'aa 'anashwo' doo biniit'aa, t'aadoo baahilinigoo bits'aadoo yeel, t'áá jiik'eh, éí ná hóló, koji' hódíílnih 1-800-632-9700 (TTY 711).

नेपाली (Nepali) ध्यान दिनुहोस्: यदि तपाइँ नेपाली बोल्नुहुन्छ भने, उपयुक्त सहायक सहायता र सेवाहरू सहित भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू, नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध छन्। फोन 1-800-632-9700 (TTY: 711).

**Afaan Oromoo (Oromo) XIYYEEFFANNOO:** Yoo Afaan Oromo dubbattu ta'e, Tajaajila gargaarsa afaanii, gargaarsota dabalataa fi tajaajiloota barbaachisoo kaffaltii irraa bilisa ta'an, isiniif ni jira. **1-800-632-9700** irratti bilbilaa (TTY **711**)

**Русский (Russian) ВНИМАНИЕ!** Если вы говорите по-русски, вам доступны бесплатные услуги языковой поддержки, включая соответствующие вспомогательные средства и услуги. Позвоните по номеру **1-800-632-9700** (ТТҮ **711**).

**Español (Spanish) ATENCIÓN:** Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios de asistencia lingüística que incluyen ayudas y servicios auxiliares adecuados y gratuitos. Llame al **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

**Tagalog (Tagalog) PAALALA:** Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, available sa iyo ang serbisyo ng tulong sa wika kabilang ang mga naaangkop na karagdagang tulong at serbisyo, nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

**Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) CHÚ Ý:** Nếu bạn nói tiếng Việt, bạn có thể sử dụng các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí, bao gồm các dịch vụ và phương tiện hỗ trợ phù hợp. Xin gọi **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

**Yorùbá (Yoruba) ÀKÍYÈSÍ:** Tí o bá ń sọ èdè Yorùbá, àwọn işệ ìrànlówó èdè tó fi kún àwọn ohun èlò ìrànlówó tó yẹ àti àwọn işệ láìsí ìdíyelé wà fún ọ. Pe **1-800-632-9700** (TTY **711**).

# **Plan Information**

As a 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.

### **Provider Directories**

If you need help finding a network provider or pharmacy, please visit **kp.org/directory** to search our online directory (Note: the 2026 directories are available online starting 10/15/2025 in accord with Medicare requirements).

To get a **Provider Directory** or **Pharmacy Directory** mailed to you, you can call Kaiser Permanente at **1-800-476-2167** (TTY **711**), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

# **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** (Note: the 2026 formulary is available online starting 10/15/2025 in accord with Medicare requirements).

To get a formulary mailed to you, you can call Kaiser Permanente at **1-800-476-2167** (TTY **711**), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

# **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/eocco** to view your EOC online (Note: the 2026 EOC is available online starting 10/15/2025 in accord with Medicare requirements).

To get an **EOC** mailed to you, you can call Kaiser Permanente at **1-800-476-2167** (TTY **711**), 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

