



EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP) offered by Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (HIP)/EmblemHealth

Annual Notice of Changes for 2020

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

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 2.5 and 3 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
 - Will your drugs be covered?
 - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost-sharing?
 - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
 - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
 - Review the 2020 Drug List and look in Section 2.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
 - Your drug costs may have risen since last year. Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year. To get additional information on drug prices visit <https://go.medicare.gov/drugprices>. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year drug price

information. Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.

- 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 <https://www.medicare.gov> website. Click “Find health & drug plans.”
 - 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 want to **keep** EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP), you don’t need to do anything. You will stay in EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP).
- If you want to **change to a different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Look in section 5 page 17 to learn more about your choices.

4. ENROLL: To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2019**.

- If you don’t join another plan by **December 7, 2019**, you will stay in EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP).
- If you join another plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2019**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2020**.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish.
- Please contact our Customer Service number at **1-877-344-7364** for additional information. (TTY users should call **711**.) Hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, 7 days a week.
- This information is available in a different format, including large print or Braille. Please call Customer Service at the number listed above if you need plan information in another format or language.
- **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 **<https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families>** for more information.

About EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP)

- Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (HIP) is an HMO/HMO-POS/HMO D-SNP plan with a Medicare contract. HIP has a contract with the New York Medicaid Program for HMO D-SNP. Enrollment in HIP depends on contract renewal. HIP is an EmblemHealth company.
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means HIP/EmblemHealth. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP)

Summary of Important Costs for 2020

The table below compares the 2019 costs and 2020 costs for EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP) 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 emblemhealth.com/medicare. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*. **If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under New York Medicaid you pay \$0 for your deductible, doctor office visits, and inpatient hospital stays.**

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
<p>Monthly plan premium*</p> <p>*Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. (See Section 2.1 for details.)</p>	<p>\$0 up to \$39.30</p> <p>Your plan premium depends on your level of "Extra Help".</p>	<p>\$0 up to \$36.60</p> <p>Your plan premium depends on your level of "Extra Help".</p>
Deductible	\$0 or \$225	\$0 or \$295
Doctor office visits	<p><u>Primary care visits:</u> \$0 copay per visit.</p> <p><u>Specialist visits:</u> \$0 or \$45 copay per visit, after you meet your deductible.</p>	<p><u>Primary care visits:</u> \$0 copay per visit.</p> <p><u>Specialist visits:</u> \$0 or \$45 copay per visit, after you meet your deductible.</p>
<p>Inpatient hospital stays</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Days 1-6: \$0 or \$310 copay per day, after you meet your deductible. \$0 copay for each additional day; per benefit period. Unlimited days.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>Days 1-6: \$0 or \$310 copay per day, after you meet your deductible. \$0 copay for each additional day; per admission. Unlimited days.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 2.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$0 or \$85</p> <p>If you receive “Extra Help,” this payment stage does not apply to you.</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: You pay \$0 per prescription. • Drug Tier 2: You pay for generic drugs (including brand drugs treated as generic): either \$0, \$1.25, or \$3.40 copay, or 15% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 3: You pay either \$0, \$3.80, or \$8.50 copay, or 15% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 4: You pay for generic drugs (including brand drugs treated as generic): either \$0, \$1.25 or \$3.40 copay, or 15% of the total cost. For all other drugs: you pay either \$0, \$3.80 or \$8.50 copay, or 15% of the total cost. 	<p>Deductible: \$0 or \$89</p> <p>If you receive “Extra Help,” this payment stage does not apply to you.</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance as applicable during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: All Formulary Drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Generic</i>: \$0 to \$3.60 or 15% of the total cost. <i>Brand</i>: \$0 to \$8.95 or 15% of the total cost. <p>The amount you pay is determined by the prescription and your level of “Extra Help.”</p>

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Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (continued) (See Section 2.6 for details.)</p>	<p>• Drug Tier 5: You pay for generic drugs (including brand drugs treated as generic): either \$0, \$1.25 or \$3.40 copay, or 15% of the total cost. For all other drugs: you pay either \$0, \$3.80 or \$8.50 copay, or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p>The amount you pay is determined by the prescription and your level of “Extra Help.”</p>	
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount 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.)</p>	<p>\$6,700</p> <p>If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medicaid, you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p>	<p>\$6,700</p> <p>If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medicaid, you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p>

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SECTION 1 We Are Changing the Plan's Name

On January 1, 2020, our plan name will change from EmblemHealth Affinity Medicare Solutions (HMO SNP) to EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP).

You will receive a new member identification (ID) card with information that is important to your health care providers. All 2020 materials will also display EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP).

SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium unless it is paid for you by Medicaid.)	\$0 up to \$39.30 Your plan premium depends on your level of "Extra Help".	\$0 up to \$36.60 Your plan premium depends on your level of "Extra Help".

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	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</p> <p>Because our members also get assistance from Medicaid, very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum.</p> <p>If you are eligible for Medicaid assistance with Part A and Part B copays and deductibles, you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p> <p>Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays and deductibles) 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.</p>	<p>\$6,700</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$6,700</p> <p>Once you have paid \$6,700 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>

Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at emblemhealth.com/medicare. You may also call Customer Service for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2020 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 and managing your care.

Section 2.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at emblemhealth.com/medicare. You may also call Customer Service for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2020 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

Section 2.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

Please note that the *Annual Notice of Changes* tells you about changes to your Medicare benefits and costs.

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, *Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2020 Evidence of Coverage*. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at emblemhealth.com/medicare. You may also call Customer Service to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
Deductible	<p data-bbox="495 317 776 352">\$0 or \$225 deductible</p> <p data-bbox="495 394 863 464">The deductible applies to the following services:</p> <ul data-bbox="495 506 927 1759" style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance Services (Ground and Air) • Ambulatory Surgery Centers • Cardiac Rehabilitation Services • Chiropractic Care • Diagnostic Procedures and Tests • Dialysis Services • Inpatient Hospital Stays (Acute and Psychiatric) • Lab Services • Outpatient Blood Services • Outpatient Hospital Services • Outpatient Mental Health Care • Outpatient Observation Services • Outpatient Rehabilitation Services (Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy) • Outpatient Substance Abuse • Partial Hospitalization • Podiatry • Primary Care Provider Visits • Psychiatric Services • Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services • Radiology Services (Diagnostic and Therapeutic) • Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care • Specialist Visits • X-Rays 	<p data-bbox="961 317 1242 352">\$0 or \$295 deductible</p> <p data-bbox="961 394 1330 464">The deductible applies to the following services:</p> <ul data-bbox="961 506 1409 1795" style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance Services (Ground and Air) • Ambulatory Surgery Centers • Cardiac Rehabilitation Services • Chiropractic Care • Diagnostic Procedures and Tests • Dialysis Services • Inpatient Hospital Stays (Acute and Psychiatric) • Lab Services • Opioid Treatment • Outpatient Hospital Services • Outpatient Mental Health Care • Outpatient Observation Services • Outpatient Rehabilitation Services (Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy) • Outpatient Substance Abuse • Partial Hospitalization • Podiatry • Psychiatric Services • Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services • Radiology Services (Diagnostic and Therapeutic) • Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care • Specialist Visits • Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET) • X-Rays

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
Ambulance Services	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$90 copay for each one-way worldwide ground ambulance trip. (\$6,000 calendar year benefit limit for worldwide emergent/urgent care and services.)</p> <p>You pay a \$0 or \$225 copay for each one-way air ambulance trip, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required for Medicare-covered non-emergency services.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$90 copay for each one-way worldwide ground ambulance trip. (No calendar year benefit limit for worldwide emergent/urgent care and services.)</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay or 20% of the total cost for each one-way air ambulance trip, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required for Medicare-covered non-emergency services.</p>
Dental Services	<p>For preventive and diagnostic dental services, you pay a \$0 copay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exam (one every six months) • Cleanings (one every six months) • Standard X-rays (one every six months) • Complete Series X-rays are <u>not</u> covered. • Fluoride Treatment are <u>not</u> covered. 	<p>For preventive and diagnostic dental services, you pay a \$0 copay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Exam (one every six months) • Cleanings (one every six months) • Standard X-rays (one every six months) • Complete Series X-rays are covered (one every 36 months) • Fluoride Treatment are covered (one every six months)
Emergency Care	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$90 copay for emergency care. You do not pay this amount if you are admitted within 24 hours for the same condition.)</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$90 copay for emergency care. (You do not pay this amount if you are admitted within 1 day for the same condition.)</p>
Health and Wellness Education Programs	<p>Health Education is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p>Enhanced Disease Management is <u>not</u> covered.</p>	<p>Health Education is covered. You pay a \$0 copay.</p> <p>Enhanced Disease Management is covered. You pay a \$0 copay.</p>

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
Inpatient Hospital Care	<p>Days 1-6: You pay a \$0 or \$310 copay per day, after you meet your deductible. \$0 copay for each additional day; per benefit period. Unlimited days.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>Days 1-6: You pay a \$0 or \$310 copay per day, after you meet your deductible. \$0 copay for each additional day; per admission. Unlimited days.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Inpatient Mental Health Care (Psychiatric Facility)	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$275 copay per day for days 1-6, after you meet your deductible; \$0 copay per day for days 7-90; per benefit period.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$1,763 copay for each covered stay after you meet your deductible; per admission.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Opioid Treatment	<p>Opioid Treatment is <u>not</u> covered.</p>	<p>Opioid Treatment is covered.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 or \$40 copay for Medicare-covered opioid treatment program services, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Outpatient Hospital Services	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$45 copay for non-surgical services, such as screenings, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 or \$295 copay for Medicare covered surgery performed at an outpatient hospital facility, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$295 copay for outpatient hospital services.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>

Cost	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
Outpatient Observation Services	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$45 copay for outpatient observation services, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$295 copay for outpatient observation services, after you meet your deductible.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Remote Access Technologies	<p>Nursing Hotline is <u>not</u> covered.</p>	<p>Nursing Hotline is covered. You pay a \$0 copay.</p>
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Care	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20 after you meet your deductible, \$0 or \$138 copay per day for days 21-100; per benefit period.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1-20 after you meet your deductible, \$0 or \$178 copay per day for days 21-100; per Medicare benefit period.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>
Transportation (Routine)	<p>Transportation is covered.</p> <p>You pay a \$0 copay for up to 14 one-way trips per year.</p> <p>Prior authorization is required.</p>	<p>Transportation is <u>not</u> covered.</p> <p>If you have questions about the assistance you get from Medicaid or about services that are covered for you under Medicaid, please contact the New York State Department of Health (Medicaid) at 1-800-541-2831. TTY users should call 711.</p>
Worldwide Emergent/Urgently Needed Care Services	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$90 copay for worldwide emergent/urgent care services. (\$6,000 calendar year benefit limit for worldwide emergent/urgent care and services.)</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 or \$90 copay for worldwide emergent/urgent care services. (No calendar year benefit limit for worldwide emergent/urgent care and services.)</p>

Section 2.6 – 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.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call Customer Service.
- **Work with your doctor (or prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Customer Service to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy.

If you have a current formulary exception for 2019, you need to submit a new request for an exception for 2020. You may submit your request for a formulary exception for 2020 in advance of 2020, and if approved, your formulary exception will be effective in 2020.

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

Changes to Prescription Drug 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 may 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. Because you receive “Extra Help” and haven’t received this insert by September 30, 2019, please call Customer Service and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for Customer Service are in Section 8.1 of this booklet.

There are four “drug payment stages.” How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. To get information about your costs in these stages, look in your *Summary of Benefits* or at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
<p>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</p> <p>During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 1 (Preferred Generic Drugs), Tier 2 (Generic Drugs), Tier 3 (Preferred Brand Drugs), Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drugs) and Tier 5 (Specialty Drugs) drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>Your deductible amount is either \$0 or \$85, depending on the level of “Extra Help” you receive. (Look at the separate insert, the “LIS Rider,” for your deductible amount.)</p>	<p>Your deductible amount is either \$0 or \$89, depending on the level of “Extra Help” you receive. (Look at the separate insert, the “LIS Rider,” for your deductible amount.)</p>

Changes to Your Cost-sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Stage	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</p> <p>During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and you pay your share of the cost.</p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy.</p> <p>For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, 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 the Drug List.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p>Tier 1 – Preferred Generic Drugs: You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2 – Generic Drugs: You pay for generic drugs (including brand drugs treated as generic): either \$0, \$1.25 or \$3.40 copay, or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 3 - Preferred Brand Drugs: You pay \$0, \$3.80 or \$8.50 copay, or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 4 – Non-Preferred Drugs: You pay for generic drugs (including brand drugs treated as generic): \$0, \$1.25 or \$3.40 copay, or 15% of the total cost. For all other drugs: you pay \$0, \$3.80 or \$8.50 copay, or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 5 – Specialty Drugs: You pay for generic drugs (including brand drugs treated as generic): \$0, \$1.25 or \$3.40 copay, or 15% of the total cost. For all other drugs: you pay \$0, \$3.80 or \$8.50 copay, or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p>The amount you pay is determined by the prescription and your level of “Extra Help”</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,820, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p>Tier 1 - All Formulary Drugs:</p> <p><i>Generic:</i> You pay \$0 to \$3.60 per prescription or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p><i>Brand:</i> You pay \$0 to \$8.95 per prescription or 15% of the total cost.</p> <p>The amount you pay is determined by the prescription and your level of “Extra Help”</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,020, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage are two other drug coverage stages for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach either stage.**

For information about your costs in these stages, look at your *Summary of Benefits* or at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 3 Administrative Changes

Process	2019 (this year)	2020 (next year)
Special Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for our plan you must be eligible for Medicare and Full Medicaid Benefits. If you lose your eligibility but can reasonably be expected to regain it within 6 months, then you are still eligible for membership in our plan. However, during this period, you will be responsible for paying the Medicare premiums or cost-sharing for which the state would otherwise be liable had you not lost your Medicaid eligibility.	To be eligible for our plan you must be eligible for Medicare and Full Medicaid Benefits. If you lose your eligibility but can reasonably be expected to regain it within 3 months , then you are still eligible for membership in our plan. However, during this period, you will be responsible for paying the Medicare premiums or cost-sharing for which the state would otherwise be liable had you not lost your Medicaid eligibility.
If You Were Receiving Services from Montefiore CMO	Your claims address: CMO, The Care Management Company, 200 Corporate Drive, Yonkers, NY 10701 Your prior authorization number: 1-877-447-6668	Your claims address: PO Box 2845, New York, NY 10116-2845. Payor ID No. 55247 Your prior authorization number: 1-866-447-9717
Compound Drugs	Compound medications are covered if one ingredient is an approved formulary/Medicare Part D drug. Prior authorization is required for some drugs.	Compound medications will be covered only if all ingredients are approved formulary/Medicare Part D drugs. Prior authorization is required for some drugs.

SECTION 4 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 4.1 – If you want to stay in EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP)

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, you will automatically stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2020.

Section 4.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2020 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 change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2020*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (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 <https://www.medicare.gov> and click “Find health & drug plans.”

Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.

As a reminder, EmblemHealth 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 EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP).
- 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**.

If you switch to Original Medicare and do **not** enroll in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan unless you have opted out of automatic enrollment.

SECTION 5 Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from now until December 7. The change will take effect on January 1, 2020.

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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2020, 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, 2020. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 6 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare and Medicaid

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In New York State, the SHIP is called Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP).

HIICAP 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. HIICAP 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 HIICAP at **1-800-701-0501**. You can learn more about HIICAP by visiting their website at <http://www.aging.ny.gov>.

For questions about your New York State Department of Health (Medicaid) benefits, contact New York State Department of Health, **1-800-541-2831**, TTY **711**. Hours are Monday to Friday,

8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Saturday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. You can also contact New York State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, **1-855-582-6769**, TTY **711**.

Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your New York State Department of Health (Medicaid) coverage.

SECTION 7 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.** Because you have Medicaid, you are already enrolled in ‘Extra Help,’ also called the Low Income Subsidy. Extra Help pays some of your prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles and coinsurance. Because you qualify, you do not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. If you have questions about Extra Help, 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).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** New York State has a program called Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) 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 (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 6 of this booklet).
- **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. 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 New York State HIV Uninsured Care Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call **1-800-542-2437**.

SECTION 8 Questions?

Section 8.1 – Getting Help from EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP)

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call Customer Service at **1-877-344-7364**. (TTY only, call **711**). We are available for phone calls 7 days a week, 8 am to 8 pm. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2020 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 2020. For details, look in the 2020 *Evidence of Coverage* for EmblemHealth VIP Solutions (HMO D-SNP). 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 **emblemhealth.com/medicare**. 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 **emblemhealth.com/medicare**. 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).

Section 8.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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 (**<https://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 **<https://www.medicare.gov>** and click on “Find health & drug plans.”)

Read Medicare & You 2020

You can read *Medicare & You 2020* 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 (**<https://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**.

Section 8.3 – Getting Help from Medicaid

To get information from Medicaid you can call the New York State Department of Health (Medicaid) at **1-800-541-2831**. TTY users should call **711**.