

2025 Summary of Benefits

EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO) and EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Who Can Join?

To join **EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)** or **EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)**, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, and live in our service area.

Our service area for **EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)** includes the following counties in **New York**: Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens, Suffolk, Westchester.

Our service area for **EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)** includes the following counties in New York: Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester.

These plans do not require referrals.

Which Doctors, Hospitals, and Pharmacies Can I Use?

EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO) and **EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)** plans have a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other providers. If you use the providers that are not in our network, the plan will not pay for these services.

When joining **EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)** or **EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO) plans**, you must choose a primary care provider (PCP) in the VIP Bold Network. If you do not select a PCP, one will be selected for you. At any time, you can select a different PCP within the network. This network also includes additional medical providers like specialists, laboratories, and hospitals.

We cover Part D drugs. In addition, we cover Part B drugs such as chemotherapy and some drugs administered by your provider. You can see the complete plan formulary (list of Part D prescription drugs) and any restrictions on our website at emblemhealth.com/medicare. Or, call us and we'll send you a copy.

In most situations you must use network pharmacies to fill your prescriptions for covered Part D drugs. Some of our network pharmacies have preferred cost-sharing. You may pay less if you use these pharmacies.

You can see our plan's provider and pharmacy directories on our website at emblemhealth.com/medicare. Or, call us and we'll send you a copy.

How to Reach Us

To find out more about EmblemHealth plans and to enroll, please call us at **800-447-9169** (TTY: 711). From Oct. 1 to March 31, you can call us seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From April 1 to Sept. 30, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Or visit us at emblemhealth.com/medicare.

To get a complete list of services we cover, call us and ask for the “Evidence of Coverage (EOC).” You can also view the EOC online at emblemhealth.com/medicare. If you want to know more about the benefits, services, and costs of Original Medicare, look in your current “Medicare & You” handbook. View it online at [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or get a copy by calling **1-800-MEDICARE** (**1-800-633-4227**) (TTY: **1-877-486-2048**), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you want to compare our plan with other Medicare Advantage plans we offer, you can visit us at emblemhealth.com/medicare.

EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)
Monthly plan premium (the amount you pay for your insurance every month)

Counties	Your Level of Extra Help	
	0% (Full Premium)	100%
Kings	\$54.00	\$29.50
Bronx, New York, Queens	\$95.00	\$70.50
Nassau	\$125.00	\$100.50
Suffolk, Westchester	\$201.00	\$166.50

EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)

Counties	0% (Full Premium)	100%
Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester	\$223.00	\$154.80

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

Benefit	EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)	EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)
<p>Deductible (The amount you pay before your plan starts to pay.)</p>	<p>This plan does not have a deductible for covered medical services.</p>	<p>This plan does not have a deductible for covered medical services.</p>
<p>Maximum Out-of-Pocket Responsibility (The most you have to pay for covered services in a plan year. After you spend this amount on deductibles, and your share of the costs (copays, coinsurance), your health plan pays 100% of the costs of covered benefits. This does not include your premium or prescription drug costs.)</p>	<p>\$8,850 yearly for services you receive from in-network health care professionals and facilities.</p> <p>If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you keep getting covered hospital and medical services and we will pay the full cost for the rest of the year.</p> <p>Our plan has a coverage limit every year for certain in-network benefits. Please call us for the services that apply.</p>	<p>\$8,850 yearly for services you receive from in-network health care professionals and facilities.</p> <p>If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you keep getting covered hospital and medical services and we will pay the full cost for the rest of the year.</p> <p>Our plan has a coverage limit every year for certain in-network benefits. Please call us for the services that apply.</p>
<p>Inpatient Hospital Coverage (May require approval.)</p>	<p>Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital admission.</p> <p>You pay \$290 per day for days one through seven.</p> <p>You pay \$0 per day for days eight and beyond.</p>	<p>Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital admission.</p> <p>You pay \$195 per day for days one through 10.</p> <p>You pay \$0 per day for days 11 and beyond.</p>
<p>Outpatient Hospital Coverage (May require approval.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital observation: • Outpatient hospital: • Ambulatory surgery center: 	<p>You pay \$295</p> <p>You pay \$295</p> <p>You pay \$0 for diagnostic colonoscopy.</p> <p>You pay \$225</p> <p>You pay \$0 for diagnostic colonoscopy.</p>	<p>You pay \$295</p> <p>You pay \$295</p> <p>You pay \$0 for diagnostic colonoscopy.</p> <p>You pay \$225</p> <p>You pay \$0 for diagnostic colonoscopy.</p>
<p>Doctor Visits (In-office/virtual)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary care provider: • Specialists: 	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0 for annual physical.</p> <p>You pay \$25</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0 for annual physical.</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>

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<p>Preventive Care (Services that keep you healthy.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our plan covers many preventive services, including: 	<p>You pay \$0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bone mass measurement. – Breast cancer screening (mammogram). – Cardiovascular screening. – Cervical and vaginal cancer screening. – Colorectal cancer screening (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy). – Depression screening. – Diabetes screening. – Prostate cancer screening (PSA). – Vaccines, including flu shots, hepatitis B shots, pneumococcal shots, and COVID-19 vaccines. – “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time). – Yearly “Wellness” visit. <p>And all additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bone mass measurement. – Breast cancer screening (mammogram). – Cardiovascular screening. – Cervical and vaginal cancer screening. – Colorectal cancer screening (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy). – Depression screening. – Diabetes screening. – Prostate cancer screening (PSA). – Vaccines, including flu shots, hepatitis B shots, pneumococcal shots, and COVID-19 vaccines. – “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time). – Yearly “Wellness” visit. <p>And all additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.</p>
<p>Emergency Care</p>	<p>You pay \$110</p> <p>If you are admitted to the hospital within one day, you do not have to pay your share of the cost for emergency care. See the “Inpatient Hospital Coverage” section of this booklet for other costs.</p>	<p>You pay \$110</p> <p>If you are admitted to the hospital within one day, you do not have to pay your share of the cost for emergency care. See the “Inpatient Hospital Coverage” section of this booklet for other costs.</p>
<p>Urgently Needed Services</p>	<p>You pay \$35</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p>

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<p>Diagnostic Services/Labs/Imaging (Lower costs when provided in a doctor’s office or freestanding facility. May require approval.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic radiology services (such as MRIs, CT scans): • Lab services: • Diagnostic tests and procedures: • Outpatient x-rays: • Therapeutic radiology services (such as radiation treatment for cancer): 	<p>You pay 20% of the cost. You pay \$0 for diagnostic mammograms.</p> <p>You pay \$0 or \$15</p> <p>You pay \$0 or \$45</p> <p>You pay \$25 or 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p>	<p>You pay 20% of the cost. You pay \$0 for diagnostic mammograms.</p> <p>You pay \$0 or \$15</p> <p>You pay \$0 or \$45</p> <p>You pay \$0 or 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p>
<p>Hearing Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues: • Routine hearing exam (one every year): • Hearing aid fitting/evaluation (one every year): • Hearing aids (limited to two, both ears combined): 	<p>You pay \$25</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>Our plan pays up to \$2,400 every three years for hearing aids.</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>Our plan pays up to \$3,000 every three years for hearing aids.</p>
<p>Dental Services</p> <p>No annual dollar limit.</p> <p>Medicare-Covered Dental Services:</p> <p>Preventive Dental Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning (one every six months): • Standard dental x-ray(s) (one every six months): • Fluoride treatment (one every six months): • Oral exam (one every six months): 	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>

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<p>Dental Services (continued)</p> <p>Comprehensive Dental Services (May require approval.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative services: • Endodontics: • Periodontics: • Extractions: • Prosthodontics, other oral/maxillofacial surgery, other services: 	<p>You pay \$0 – \$125 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$20 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$150 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$50 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$150 Based on procedure.</p>	<p>You pay \$0 – \$125 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$20 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$150 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$50 Based on procedure.</p> <p>You pay \$0 – \$150 Based on procedure.</p>
<p>Vision Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye: • Routine eye exam (one every year): <p>Routine eyewear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyeglasses (frames and lenses) or contact lenses: • Eyeglasses (frames and lenses) or contact lenses after cataract surgery: 	<p>You pay \$25</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>Up to \$300 plan limit every year. Unlimited up to allowance.</p> <p>Routine eyewear must be dispensed by EyeMed participating providers. For participating providers, please visit: emblemhealth.com/medicare and click "Find a Doctor". Or, call toll-free at 844-790-3878 (TTY: 711).</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>Up to \$150 plan limit every year. Unlimited up to allowance.</p> <p>Routine eyewear must be dispensed by EyeMed participating providers. For participating providers, please visit: emblemhealth.com/medicare and click "Find a Doctor". Or, call toll-free at 844-790-3878 (TTY: 711).</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>

Medicare Part B Drugs	
<p>Chemotherapy Drugs and Other Part B Drugs: (May require approval.)</p> <p>These drugs may require step therapy and/or prior approval.</p>	<p>You pay 0% to 10% based on Part B rebatable adjustment for Part B drugs in the home.</p> <p>You pay 0% to 20% based on Part B rebatable adjustment for Part B drugs dispensed at a retail pharmacy, mail order pharmacy, physician office, and outpatient facility.</p> <p>You pay no more than \$35 for a one-month supply of insulin.</p>

Prescription Drugs for EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO) and EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)

Medicare Part D Drug Coverage

Our plan groups each drug into one of six “tiers” (levels). You will need to use the formulary (list of covered drugs) to find what tier a drug is in.

How much you pay for your prescription drugs depends on what tier your drug is in and what stage of the benefit you are in. There are three stages in your Part D prescription drug coverage.

Three Stages of Drug Coverage

Deductible

The deductible is the amount you pay before your plan starts to pay. This deductible is for retail and home delivery.

There is no deductible for Tier 1 (Preferred Generic), Tier 2 (Generic), Tier 6 (Select Care Drugs), insulins, and most vaccines.

There is a **\$200** deductible for Tier 3 (Preferred Brand), Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drugs), and Tier 5 (Specialty) drugs.

Initial Coverage

After you’ve reached the deductible, you’ll enter the initial coverage stage.

In this stage, you and the plan share the costs of some of the covered drugs until your year-to-date out-of-pocket costs reach **\$2,000**. Out-of-pocket costs include what you paid when you get covered Part D prescription drugs, any payments for your drugs made by family or friends, and payments made for your drugs by Extra Help from Medicare, an employer or union health plan, TRICARE, Indian Health Service, AIDS drug assistance programs, charities, and most State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (SPAPs).

Initial Coverage Stage — \$0 – \$2,000					
Tier	Deductible	Retail Cost Sharing		Mail Order	
		Preferred Pharmacy 30-Day Supply	Standard Pharmacy 30-Day Supply	Preferred 30-Day Supply	Preferred 90-Day Supply
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$0	\$2	\$7	\$0	\$0
Tier 2: Generic	\$0	\$10	\$20	\$0	\$0
Tier 3: Preferred Brand	\$200	\$40	\$47	\$40	\$120
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drugs		\$95	\$100	\$95	\$285
Tier 5: Specialty		29%	29%	29%	Not available in a long-term supply
Tier 6: Select Care Drugs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

You pay no deductible and no more than \$35 for a one-month supply of covered insulin and \$0 for most adult Part D vaccines, including shingles, and some travel vaccines.

If you live in a long-term care facility or use a non-preferred mail order pharmacy, you pay the same as at a standard retail pharmacy.

Catastrophic Coverage

After your year-to-date out-of-pocket costs reach **\$2,000**, you will pay nothing for covered Part D drugs.

Get Help Paying for Your Prescription Drugs

Extra Help

Extra Help is a free Medicare program and is known as Low-Income Subsidy (LIS). It helps people with low or limited income and resources pay Medicare Part D drug plan costs.

What do you get with Extra Help?

- Payment of 75% or more of your drug costs. These include your monthly premium for prescription drugs (**the amount you pay each month**).
- Payment of your annual deductible (**the amount you pay before your plan starts to pay**).
- Payment of coinsurance costs (**the percentage you pay for your prescription drugs**).

You automatically qualify for Extra Help if:

- You have full Medicaid coverage.
- You get help from your state Medicaid program to pay your Part B premiums in a Medicare savings program.
- You get supplemental security income (SSI) benefits.

Many other people with low or limited income also qualify for Extra Help and don't know it!

There is no cost to apply. Contact your local Social Security office or call Social Security at **800-772-1213** (TTY: **800-325-0778**). You can also apply online at ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp/.

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new payment option that works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across monthly payments that vary throughout the year (January – December). This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.

Extra Help from Medicare and help from your State Pharmacy Assistance Programs (SPAPs) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for those who qualify, may be more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. All members are eligible to participate in this payment option, regardless of income level, and all Medicare drug plans and Medicare health plans with drug coverage must offer this payment option. Contact us or visit medicare.gov to find out if this payment option is right for you.

Additional Benefits

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Acupuncture (May require approval.)	You pay \$25 for up to 20 visits for chronic low back pain every year (maximum of 12 visits in 90 days).	You pay \$0 for up to 20 visits for chronic low back pain every year (maximum of 12 visits in 90 days).
Chiropractic Care Manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position):	You pay \$10	You pay \$0
Foot Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot exams and treatment if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet some conditions: • Routine foot care (for up to four visits every year): 	You pay \$25 You pay \$25 Foot care includes removal of calluses and corns, and trimming of nails.	You pay \$0 You pay \$0 Foot care includes removal of calluses and corns, and trimming of nails.
Home Health Care (May require approval.)	You pay \$0	You pay \$0
Hospice	You pay \$0 for hospice care from a Medicare-certified hospice. You may have to pay part of the costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered outside of our plan. Please call us for more details.	You pay \$0 for hospice care from a Medicare-certified hospice. You may have to pay part of the costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered outside of our plan. Please call us for more details.

Additional Benefits (continued)

Benefit	EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)	EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)
<p>Medical Equipment/Supplies</p> <p>Durable medical equipment (wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.) (may require approval):</p> <p>Prosthetic devices (braces, artificial limbs, etc.) (may require approval):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prosthetic devices: Related medical supplies: <p>Diabetes supplies and services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes monitoring supplies: Diabetes self-management training: Therapeutic shoes or inserts: 	<p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay \$0. Our plan only covers FreeStyle[®], Precision[®] and LifeScan[®]/One Touch[®] brands of glucose monitors and test strips.</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>	<p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay \$0 for a continuous glucose monitor.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p> <p>You pay \$0. Our plan only covers FreeStyle[®], Precision[®] and LifeScan[®]/One Touch[®] brands of glucose monitors and test strips.</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>
<p>Renal Dialysis</p>	<p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p>	<p>You pay 20% of the cost.</p>
<p>Wellness Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitness: Nurse Hotline: Teladoc[®]: 	<p>SilverSneakers[®] — You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>Includes Nurse hotline 24 hours, seven days a week. Members can speak confidentially one-on-one with a registered nurse, at any time. Nurses are trained in telephone triage and will provide clinical support for everyday health issues and questions. Call 877-444-7988 (TTY: 711) for non-emergency health and medical questions.</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>	<p>SilverSneakers[®] — You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p> <p>Includes Nurse hotline 24 hours, seven days a week. Members can speak confidentially one-on-one with a registered nurse, at any time. Nurses are trained in telephone triage and will provide clinical support for everyday health issues and questions. Call 877-444-7988 (TTY: 711) for non-emergency health and medical questions.</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>

Additional Benefits (continued)

Benefit	EmblemHealth VIP Gold (HMO)	EmblemHealth VIP Gold Plus (HMO)
<p>Outpatient Substance Abuse (May require approval.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group therapy visit: • Individual therapy visit (in-office/virtual): 	<p>You pay \$25</p> <p>You pay \$25</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0</p>
<p>Worldwide Emergency and Urgent Care Coverage</p> <p>There is a combined \$50,000 annual limit for emergency care, urgent care, and ground emergent ambulance services outside of the United States. You are not covered for air ambulance services outside the United States.</p> <p>See page I - 8 for additional cost-sharing information for ambulance services.</p>	<p>You pay \$110</p> <p>You pay \$0 if admitted in one day.</p>	<p>You pay \$0</p> <p>You pay \$0 if admitted in one day.</p>

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2025 Pre-Enrollment Checklist

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a Customer Service representative at **877-344-7364** (TTY: **711**), from Oct. 1 to March 31, seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From April 1 to Sept. 30, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Understanding the Benefits

- The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) provides a complete list of all coverage and services. It is important to review plan coverage, costs, and benefits before you enroll. Visit [emblemhealth.com/medicare](https://www.emblemhealth.com/medicare) or call **877-344-7364** (TTY: **711**) to view a copy of the EOC.
- Review the Provider Directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
- Review the Pharmacy Directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicine is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
- Review the formulary to make sure your drugs are covered.

Understanding Important Rules

- Effect on Current Coverage.** If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, your current Medicare Advantage healthcare coverage will end once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. If you have Tricare, your coverage may be affected once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. Please contact Tricare for more information. If you have a Medigap plan, once your Medicare Advantage coverage starts, you may want to drop your Medigap policy because you will be paying for coverage you cannot use.
- In addition to your monthly plan premium, you must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
- Benefits, premiums, and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1, 2025.
- Except in emergency or urgent situations, we do not cover services by out-of-network providers (doctors who are not listed in the Provider Directory).