

***Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum (HMO) offered by  
Stanford Health Care Advantage***

## **Annual Notice of Changes for 2019**

You are currently enrolled as a member of *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

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

#### **1. ASK: Which changes apply to you**

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
  - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
  - Do the changes affect the services you use?
  - Look in Sections *1.1* and *1.5* 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 2019 Drug List and look in Section *1.6* 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 in our network?
  - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in Section 1.3 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 3.2 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** *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*, you don’t need to do anything. You will stay in *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*.
- To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.

## 4. ENROLL: To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2018**

- If you **don’t join another plan by December 7, 2018**, you will stay in *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*.
- If you join another plan by December 7, 2018, your new coverage will start on January 1, 2019.

## Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish and Chinese.

- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-855-996-8422 for additional information. (TTY users should call: 711). Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30.
- ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-855-996-8422 (TTY: 711).
- ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-996-8422 (TTY: 711).
- 注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-855-996-8422 (TTY: 711)。
- This document is available in other formats such as large print. For additional information, call Stanford Health Care Advantage Member Care Services at 1-855-996-8422, or by dialing 711 for TTY services.
- **Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC) and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement.** Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at <https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families> for more information.

#### ***About Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum***

- Stanford Health Care Advantage is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Stanford Health Care Advantage depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Stanford Health Care Advantage. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*.

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**Summary of Important Costs for 2019**

The table below compares the 2018 costs and 2019 costs for *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum* in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes. It is important to read the rest of this *Annual Notice of Changes* and review the separately available *Evidence of Coverage* to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.**

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Monthly plan premium*</b></p> <p><b>*Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.</b></p>	\$109.00	\$99.00
<p><b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b></p> <p>This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)</p>	\$4,900	\$4,900
<p><b>Doctor office visits</b></p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$10 copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$20 copay per visit</p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$10 copay per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$20 copay per visit</p>
<p><b>Inpatient hospital stays</b></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>You pay a \$275 copay for Days 1-7;</p> <p>(You pay \$0 copay the remainder of your stay)</p>	<p>You pay a \$275 copay for Days 1-7;</p> <p>(You pay \$0 copay the remainder of your stay)</p>

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$0</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$5 for a one-month supply / \$15 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$15 for a one-month supply / \$45 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 for a one-month supply / \$141 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100 for a one-month supply / \$300 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% for a one-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$2 for a one-month supply / \$6 for a three-month supply</li> </ul>	<p>Deductible: \$0</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$5 for a one-month supply / \$15 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$15 for a one-month supply / \$45 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 for a one-month supply / \$141 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100 for a one-month supply / \$300 for a three-month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% for a one month supply</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$2 for a one-month supply / \$6 for a three-month supply</li> </ul>

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

**Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium**

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$109.00	\$99.00
<b>Optional Supplemental Benefits Premium</b> (Dental and Vision Benefits)	n/a	\$20.00

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as “creditable coverage”) for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving “Extra Help” with your prescription drug costs.

**Section 1.2 – 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	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b>	\$4,900	\$4,900
Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.		Once you have paid \$4,900 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.

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**Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network**

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Our network has changed more than usual for 2019. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at [www.StanfordHealthCareAdvantage.org](http://www.StanfordHealthCareAdvantage.org). You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **We strongly suggest that you review our current Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are still 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, Medicare requires that we 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.



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## Section 1.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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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 [www.StanfordHealthCareAdvantage.org](http://www.StanfordHealthCareAdvantage.org). You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2019 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

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## Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2019 Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<b>Dental Services not covered by Medicare</b>	<p>Available to Platinum members at no additional cost.</p> <p>Delta Dental PPO \$1000 maximum coverage per calendar year. You pay \$0 deductible for in-network services. You pay \$100 deductible for out-of-network services.</p> <p>You pay 10% to 20% of total charges for in-network diagnostic and preventive services.</p> <p>You pay 50% of total charges for in-network restorative, endodontic, periodontics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery.</p> <p>You pay 60% of total charges for in-network prosthodontics and major services, such as crowns, inlays, onlays, and cast restorations.</p> <p>See <i>Delta Dental Summary of Benefits</i> for a description of coverage.</p>	<p>Not covered unless you sign up for the Optional Supplemental Package for an extra premium.</p> <p>Delta Dental Health Maintenance Organization (DHMO) provides in-network and emergency dental coverage.</p> <p>You pay \$0 - \$5 copay for diagnostic and preventive services.</p> <p>You pay \$8 - \$395 copay for restorative services.</p> <p>You pay \$5 to \$445 copay for endodontic, periodontics, prosthodontics, and oral and maxillofacial surgery.</p> <p>For benefit details, see the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>, Chapter 4, Section 2.2 and the <i>Stanford Health Care Advantage Delta Dental Benefits Addendum</i>.</p>
<b>Diagnostic Radiology Service</b>	<p>Outpatient diagnostic radiology tests: Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), and position emission tomography (PET): \$200 copay.</p>	<p>Outpatient diagnostic radiology tests: Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT), and position emission tomography (PET): \$210 copay.</p>

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Home Assisted Meals (for post-discharge patients and those with a chronic condition)</b>                      *Requires prior authorization</p>	<p>\$0 copay up to 28 days per year and two meals per day, as needed (up to a total of 56 meals) for post discharge. \$0 copay for up to 14 days (two weeks) for chronic conditions.</p>	<p>Meal Benefit is <u>not</u> covered.</p>
<p><b>Vision Services not covered by Medicare</b></p>	<p>Available to Platinum members at no additional cost.</p> <p>You pay \$25 copay for eye exam (one every calendar year).</p> <p>You have a \$150 to \$175 allowance on prescription glass frames and standard lenses (every other year).</p> <p>You pay \$55 - \$175 copay for lens enhancements (every other year).</p> <p>You pay up to \$60 for contact lens evaluation and fitting and have a \$150 allowance (every other year).</p>	<p>Not covered unless you sign up for the Optional Supplemental Package for an extra premium.</p> <p>No change to benefits. Benefits include annual eye exam, retinal screening, and eyewear. Discount available for laser vision correction by a VSP provider.</p> <p>For benefit details, see the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>, Chapter 4, Section 2.2 and the accompanying <i>VSP Summary of Benefits</i>.</p>

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**Section 1.6 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage**

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**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 [www.StanfordHealthCareAdvantage.org](http://www.StanfordHealthCareAdvantage.org).

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. **We encourage current members** to ask for an exception before next year.
  - 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 Member Services.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Member Services 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. To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*. During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

If we make an exception and cover your non-formulary drug for the current year, you or your doctor or prescriber will need to request a new exception from us to cover the non-formulary drug next year.

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.

Starting in 2019, before we make changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice when you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice of those changes 30, rather than 60, days before they take place. Or we will give you a 34-day, rather than a 60-day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. We will provide this notice before, for instance, replacing a brand name drug on the Drug List with a generic drug or making changes based on FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines recognized by Medicare.

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 the 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. If you receive “Extra Help” and haven’t received this insert by September 30th, please call Member Services and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for Member Services are in Section 7.1 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 at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the separately available *Evidence of Coverage*.)

**Changes to the Deductible Stage**

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b>	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

**Changes to Your Cost-sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage**

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	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and <b>you pay your share of the cost.</b></p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one- month (34-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost-sharing. For information about the costs for a long-term supply; or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your Evidence of Coverage.</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 filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p><b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$5 per prescription</p> <p><b>Tier 2: Non-Preferred Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$15 per prescription</p> <p><b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand Name Drugs:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Brand Name Drugs:</b> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 5: Specialty- Tier Drugs:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs:</b> You pay \$2 per prescription.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Once you have paid \$5,000 out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p><b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$5 per prescription</p> <p><b>Tier 2: Non-Preferred Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$15 per prescription</p> <p><b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand Name Drugs:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Brand Name Drugs:</b> You pay \$100 per prescription.</p> <p><b>Tier 5: Specialty- Tier Drugs:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs:</b> You pay \$2 per prescription.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Once you have paid \$5,100 out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).</p>

## **Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages**

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.** For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

**SECTION 2 Administrative Changes**

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>In 2019, comprehensive Dental Services are offered in an optional Supplemental Benefit Package for an additional premium of \$20 each month (includes dental and vision benefits).</p>	<p>Delta Dental PPO with \$1000 maximum coverage per calendar year included in 2018 <i>Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum</i> coverage.</p>	<p>Delta Dental DHMO optional Supplemental Benefits available to members. You must sign up for the optional dental and vision Supplemental Benefit Package to receive coverage. You pay an additional premium of \$20 each month for these extra benefits.</p> <p>Delta Dental Health Maintenance Organization (DHMO), also referred to as pre-paid plan, requires you to choose one dentist or dental facility to coordinate all of your oral health needs. Your primary care dentist will refer you to specialists, if necessary. Specialty care may require preauthorization. Refer to the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>, Chapter 4, Section 2.2 and the <i>Stanford Health Care Advantage Delta Dental Benefits Addendum</i> for benefit details.</p> <p>For details regarding dental benefits, please refer to the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>, Chapter 4, Section 2.2 and the <i>Stanford Health Care Advantage Delta Dental Addendum</i>.</p>



Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
In 2019, Vision Services are offered in an optional Supplemental Benefit Package for an additional premium of \$20 each month (includes dental and vision benefits).	VSP eye exam and eyewear benefits included in 2018 <b><i>Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum</i></b> coverage.	VSP eye exam and eyewear optional Supplemental Benefits available to members. You must sign up for the optional dental and vision Supplemental Benefit Package to receive coverage. You pay an additional premium of \$20 each month for these extra benefits. For details regarding vision benefits, please refer to the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> , Chapter 4, Section 2.2 and the enclosed <i>VSP Summary of Benefits</i> .

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*

**To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything.** If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2019.

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

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2019 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.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2019*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

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 “Review and Compare Your

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

As a reminder, *Stanford Health Care Advantage* 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 *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 7.1 of this booklet).
  - – *or* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

## **SECTION 4 Deadline for Changing Plans**

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2019.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid, those who get “Extra Help” paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2019, 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, 2019. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

## **SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare**

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In *California*, the SHIP is called “*HICAP*”, which stands for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

*HICAP* 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. *HICAP* 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 *HICAP* at 1-800-434-0222. You can learn more about *HICAP* by visiting their website ([www.cahealthadvocates.org](http://www.cahealthadvocates.org)).

## SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY- users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
  - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY- users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **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 *Office of AIDS*, <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OAadap.aspx>. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call the ADAP call center at (844) 421-7050.

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*

Questions? We’re here to help. Please contact our Member Services number at 1-855-996-8422. (TTY only, call: 711) We are available for phone calls 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30.

**Read your 2019 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 2019. For details, look in the 2019 *Evidence of Coverage* for *Stanford Health Care Advantage Platinum*. 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 separately available.

**Visit our Website**

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

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**Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare**

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To get information directly from Medicare:

**Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

**Visit the Medicare Website**

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 2019**

You can read *Medicare & You 2019* 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.