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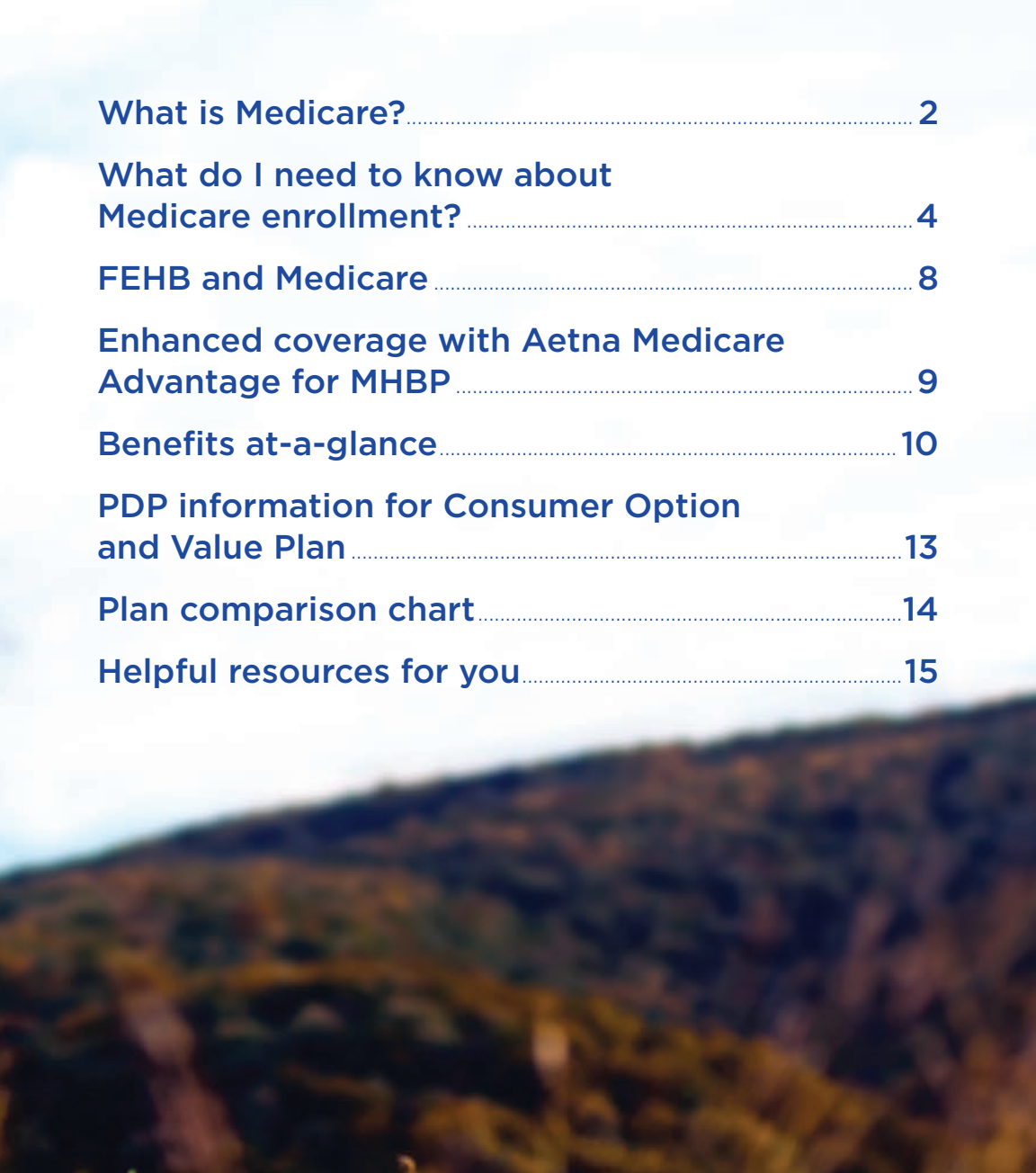
MHBP AND MEDICARE

A GUIDE FOR FEDERAL
MHBP RETIREE HEALTH AND
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS



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**YOU'VE
EARNED IT.**

COVERAGE THAT FITS **YOU.**



What is Medicare?

At first glance, Medicare may seem like a lot to figure out, especially since you keep your Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program coverage after you retire. But think of it this way—your FEHB plan has deductibles and coinsurance, which you pay out of pocket. Original Medicare does too.

With Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option, your coinsurance and deductibles could be lowered to \$0 for most medical expenses. When you're enrolled in Original Medicare, that's how these plans work. It's also possible to decrease your out-of-pocket medical expenses, as well as your monthly Part B premiums.

So, let's close the loop on Medicare with a brief description of its parts. Keep in mind, this does not consider your FEHB plan.

MEDICARE PART A = Hospital insurance



Covers most in-patient medical expenses like hospital stays and home health care. Generally, no premium is required. But with Original Medicare there is a deductible before any hospitalization costs are covered.

MEDICARE PART B = Medical insurance



Covers doctor visits, durable medical equipment, outpatient procedures and lab services. Most people pay a monthly premium and a deductible before Medicare covers services. After your deductible is met, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor services. Parts A and B are considered Original Medicare.

MEDICARE PART C = Medicare Advantage



Part C is offered by private insurance companies and is approved by Medicare. It may offer added benefits at a lower cost than Original Medicare. You must sign up for Part A and Part B before enrolling in Medicare Part C. These plans are also now offered through FEHB with plans like the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan.

MEDICARE PART D = Prescription Drug Plan



Part D is offered by private insurance companies and helps pay prescription drug costs. It is offered in two different ways - as a standalone prescription drug plan also known as a PDP or as a part of Medicare Advantage plan which is called an MAPD. It can also now be added to an FEHB plan, including any of the MHBP plans.

Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP can help lower your medical and prescription out-of-pocket costs and reduce your Part B premium.

WHAT DO I NEED TO **KNOW** ABOUT MEDICARE ENROLLMENT?

There are several specific periods that allow you to enroll in Original Medicare. These periods consider different circumstances. The first two are without penalty. The third would be considered late-enrollment which could increase your costs significantly.

1. Initial Enrollment Period (IEP)

For most people, the Medicare enrollment period opens three months before the month you turn 65 and ends three months after your birthday month. You can apply online at [SocialSecurity.gov](https://www.ssa.gov) or enroll at your local Social Security office.

2. Special Enrollment Period (SEP)

After your IEP ends, you may still sign up for Medicare if you meet the criteria for a Special Enrollment Period.

If you are still working and you're covered under a group health plan (usually through your employer), you have an 8-month SEP to sign up. This SEP begins with whichever comes first:

- **The month after your employment ends**
- **The month after the group health plan insurance ends**

Usually, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty if you sign up during a SEP.

3. General Enrollment Period (GEP)

Between January 1 and March 31, each year, Original Medicare offers a GEP.

You can sign up during the GEP any year if both are true:

- You didn't sign up when you were first eligible (during your IEP)
- You aren't eligible for a SEP



MEDICARE PART B LATE ENROLLMENT PENALTY

If you don't sign up for Part B when you're first eligible, your monthly premium may go up 10% for each 12-month period you were eligible but didn't sign up. In most cases, you'll have to pay this penalty for as long as you have Part B. And the penalty increases the longer you go without Part B coverage. The Part D late enrollment penalty is an additional premium that must be paid for Part D coverage if at any time after your initial enrollment period is over, there is a period of 63 days or more in a row when you did not have Part D or other creditable prescription drug coverage.



How do I enroll in Medicare Part B?



**Local Social
Security office**



**Online
(if you qualify)**



**Call
1-800-772-1213**

After you enroll, update us on your Medicare elections and employment status. Just call **1-800-410-7778 (TTY: 711)**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except certain holidays).

Medicare.gov is an excellent resource for additional details regarding the Medicare process.

The enrollment process for Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option members

It's easy to opt in with Aetna®

To complete your Aetna Medicare Advantage enrollment once you're enrolled in MHBP Standard Option:



Log in to:

AetnaRetireeHealth.com/MHBP
or



Call the Aetna Retiree Solutions Service Center:

1-866-241-0262 (TTY: 711)

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–8 PM ET



You'll need to provide the following:

- **Medicare A and B effective dates**
- **Medicare number (MBI)**

Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) information

If your income is above a certain limit, and you are enrolled in Medicare Parts B and D, you may be required to pay an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, or IRMAA, to the government. This is in addition to the standard premium amount.

Since Aetna is not responsible for IRMAA please see the chart provided by Medicare which lists extra costs by income at:

[Medicare.gov/Basics/Costs/Medicare-costs](https://www.Medicare.gov/Basics/Costs/Medicare-costs)

If you must pay an extra amount, Social Security, not your Medicare plan, will send you a letter telling you what that extra amount will be and how to pay it. The Parts B and D extra amounts will be withheld from your Social Security, Railroad Retirement Board or Office of Personnel Management benefit check, no matter how you pay your plan premium.

For more information contact Medicare, Social Security or visit:

[Medicare.gov/Basics/Costs/Medicare-costs](https://www.Medicare.gov/Basics/Costs/Medicare-costs)

Federal employees are fortunate to carry their FEHB coverage into retirement. So why should you consider enrolling in Medicare?

Well, most plans offered through FEHB require cost sharing. Cost sharing refers to your out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, coinsurance and copayments for covered care you receive. Working or retired, we know this can add up.

How can you save money?

Signing up for Medicare might just be your answer. With Medicare Parts A and B, your Standard Option and Consumer Option plan will lower your costs by waiving certain deductibles or coinsurance. Additionally, enrolling in the Aetna MedicareSM Plan (PPO) also known as Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option members, allows you to receive a Part B premium reduction of **\$900** per person, per year.

Get a complete Medicare Advantage plan without having to suspend your FEHB coverage.

Enrolling in the Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option offers more thorough coverage and programs to help you reach your health goals.

Enhanced coverage with Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHP

**\$0 COPAYMENTS
AND COINSURANCE
FOR MEDICAL
SERVICES**

**\$900 (\$75/MONTH)
MEDICARE
PART B PREMIUM
REDUCTION FOR
ELIGIBLE MEMBERS**



**SILVER
SNEAKERS®**



**HEALTHY
HOME VISITS**



**TRANSPORTATION
AND MEAL
PROGRAMS**

**YOU'RE
PROTECTED
WITH MHP AND
MEDICARE**

BENEFITS AT-A-GLANCE

	MHBP Standard Option with Medicare	Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option
Annual Part B premium reduction	N/A	 \$900 per eligible person (annually prorated)
	You pay	You pay
Deductible	\$0 deductible	\$0 deductible
Plan-specific out-of-pocket maximum	\$6,000 per person, limited to \$12,000 per Self Plus One or Self and Family enrollment (medical and prescription)	 \$2,000 per person (prescription only)
Coinsurance	\$0 coinsurance, except prescription drugs	\$0 coinsurance, except Specialty drugs
Medical coverage	You pay	You pay
Adult annual physical exam	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic tests	\$0 copay	\$0 copay

 Benefit highlight

While federal employees are not required to elect any additional parts of Medicare, there are benefits to doing so.

	MHBP Standard Option with Medicare - You pay	Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option - You pay
Primary care and specialty physician visits	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Chiropractic services	\$0 copay, limited to 40 visits	\$0 copay, unlimited visits
Physical, occupational and speech therapy	\$0 copay, limited to 40 visits combined maximum	\$0 copay, unlimited visits
Home health services	\$0 copay, limited to 50 visits	\$0 copay*
Routine vision exam	All charges	\$0 copay
Inpatient hospital	\$0 copay	\$0 copay
Outpatient hospital	\$0 copay	\$0 copay

Benefit highlight

*Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services up to 8 hours per day and 35 hours per week.

Note: This chart assumes Medicare Parts A and B are primary and that covered services are provided by doctors and facilities that participate with Medicare. MHBP does not pay 100% when services are provided by a doctor under a private contract that provides for direct billing and no Medicare coverage. This is also a summary of Medicare features. For more information on Medicare call **1-800-MEDICARE** or visit **Medicare.gov**

(Benefits at-a-glance continued)

	Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option members	SilverScript Employer Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) for MHBP Standard Option	MHBP Standard Option
Prescription coverage	You pay	You pay	You pay
Preferred generic	Preferred pharmacies: \$0 copay (30 days) \$0 copay (90 days) Standard pharmacies: \$2 (30 days) \$4 (90 days)	N/A	N/A
Generic	\$5 (30 days) \$10 (90 days)	\$5 (30 days), \$10 (90 days)	\$5 (30 days) \$10 (90 days)
Preferred brand	\$35 (30 days) \$50 (90 days)	\$45 (30 days), \$55 (90 days)	30% limited to \$200 (30 days) \$80 (90 days)
Non-preferred brand	\$40 (30 days) \$60 (90 days)	\$60 (30 days), \$80 (90 days)	50% limited to \$200 (30 days) \$120 (90 days)
Specialty	15% limited to \$200 (30 days) \$425 (90 days)	15% limited to \$225 (30 days), \$425 (90 days)	Please see MHBP.com or official plan brochure for information

 Benefit highlight

If you have Medicare Part A and/or Part B, and do not opt in to the Medicare Advantage Plan for MHBP, you'll automatically be enrolled in our SilverScript® Employer Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) under Medicare Part D. Check our website for the formulary list at [MHBP.com/Retiree](https://mhbp.com/Retiree). For information on how to opt out of the SilverScript Employer PDP for MHBP, go online at [MHBP.com/Retiree](https://mhbp.com/Retiree)

PDP information for Consumer Option and Value Plan

If you are a member of the MHBP Consumer Option or Value Plan, please see the chart below for your prescription drug copays with the EGWP SilverScript Employer Prescription Drug (PDP) plans.

Please do not rely on this chart alone. Below is a summary of copays and coinsurance for MHBP plans. For more detail about definitions, limitations, and exclusions please refer to the Official Plan Brochure.

Rx Type	Consumer Option (HDHP)	Value Plan
Generic	\$8 (30 days) \$15 (90 days)	\$10 (30 days) \$20 (90 days)
Preferred brand	\$45 (30 days) \$70 (90 days)	\$47 (30 days) \$140 (90 days)
Non-preferred brand	\$70 (30 days) \$110 (90 days)	\$100 (30 days) \$250 (90 days)
Specialty	25% limited to \$225 (30 days) 25% limited to \$425 (90 days)	33% limited to \$250 (30 days) 33% limited to \$400 (90 days)

COMPARISON CHART

	Standard Option with Medicare
	Consumer Option with Medicare
	Value Plan with Medicare
	Medicare Advantage for Standard Option

Description	SO	CO	VP	MA
\$900 Medicare Part B premium reduction				
Medical copays, coinsurance and deductibles waived when Medicare Parts A and B are primary				
Hearing aid benefit				
Coverage for out-of-network services				
Coverage for care outside the United States				 *
Pharmacy mail order coverage (including CVS Pharmacy® locations)				

*emergencies only

YOU HAVE RESOURCES

Learn about us



Call **1-800-410-7778 (TTY: 711)**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except certain holidays) or visit **MHBP.com/Retiree** for one-on-one consultations, live chat and webinars.



Visit **AetnaRetireeHealth.com/MHBP** or call **1-866-241-0262 (TTY: 711)**, Monday-Friday, 8 AM-8 PM ET to opt-in to the Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option.

Learn about Medicare

For answers about eligibility or enrollment, call **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Deaf and hard of hearing people can call **1-877-486-2048**. You can also request a copy of the “Medicare & You” brochure when you call. Or just download it from Medicare’s website: **Medicare.gov**

To contact Social Security, you can call **1-800-772-1213** or visit **SSA.gov**

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For mail-order, you can get prescription drugs shipped to your home through the network mail-order delivery program. Typically, mail-order drugs arrive within 7-10 days. You can call the number on the back of your ID card if you do not receive your mail-order drugs within this time frame. Members may have the option to sign-up for automated mail-order delivery.

Your IEP is the 7-month period that begins three months before your 65th birthday, includes your birthday month and ends three months afterward. There is an exception if your birthday falls on the first of any month, your 7-month IEP begins and ends one month sooner.

SilverScript EGWPs are offered and administered by SSIC and sponsored by the Employer. The use of “affiliated” along with CVS Caremark is acceptable, as it indicates that SSIC is an affiliate of our PBM entity.

To send a complaint to Aetna, call the Plan or the number on your member ID card. To send a complaint to Medicare, call **1-800-MEDICARE** (TTY users should call **1-877-486-2048**), 24 hours a day/7 days a week. If your complaint involves a broker or agent, be sure to include the name of the person when filing your grievance.

Participating health care providers are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of Aetna. The availability of any particular provider cannot be guaranteed, and provider network composition is subject to change.

This is a summary of the MHBP Standard Option Plan. Before making a final decision, please read the Official Plan Brochure. A single annual \$52 associate membership fee makes all MHBP plans available to you. All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions set forth in the official Plan Brochure. External websites links are provided for your information and convenience only and does not imply or mean that Aetna endorses the content of such linked websites or third party services. Aetna has no control over the content or materials contained therein. Aetna therefore makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, about such linked websites, the third parties they are owned and operated by, and the information and/or the suitability or quality of the products contained on them. Plan features and availability may vary by service area.

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BENEFITS WHEREVER YOU ARE.

This plan lets you use any doctors and hospitals that are licensed to receive Medicare payment and willing to accept and bill your plan. And with the Aetna Medicare Advantage for MHBP Standard Option, your coverage follows you wherever you travel, nationwide.

COVERAGE THAT FITS YOU.