

# Annual Notice of Changes for 2019

You are currently enrolled as a member of Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Medicare Medi-Cal Plan North. Next year, there will be some changes to our 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 Section 1 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 2.2 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** our plan, you don't need to do anything. You will stay in our plan.
- If you want to change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between now and December 31. Look in Section 2.2, page 7, to learn more about your choices.

## 4. ENROLL: To change plans, join a plan between now and December 31, 2018.

- If you **don't join another plan by December 31, 2018**, you will stay in our plan.
- If you **join another plan by December 31, 2018**, your new coverage will start the first day of the following month.
- Starting in 2019, there are new limits on how often you can change plans. Look in Section 3, page 12, and Chapter 10, Section 2, of the **Evidence of Coverage**, to learn more.

## Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish. Please contact our Member Service Contact Center number at **1-800-443-0815** for additional information. (TTY users should call **711**.) Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week.
- Este documento está disponible de forma gratuita en español. Si desea información adicional, por favor llame al número de nuestra Central de Llamadas de Servicio a los Miembros al **1-800-443-0815** (los usuarios de la línea TTY deben llamar al **711**). El horario es de 8 a. m. a 8 p. m., los 7 días a la semana.
- This document is available in Braille, CD, or large print if you need it by calling our Member Service Contact Center.
- 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 Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Medicare Medi-Cal Plan North**

- Kaiser Permanente is an HMO SNP plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with the Medi-Cal program. Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Northern California Region (Health Plan). When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Medicare Medi-Cal (Senior Advantage Medicare Medi-Cal).

## **Summary of important costs for 2019**

The table below compares the 2018 costs and 2019 costs for our plan 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 **Evidence of Coverage** to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> *Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	<b>\$32.00</b> if you do not qualify for "Extra Help."	<b>\$33.40</b> if you do not qualify for "Extra Help."
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care and specialist visits: <b>\$0</b> per visit.	Primary care and specialist visits: <b>\$0</b> per visit.
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> 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.	<b>\$0</b> per day.	<b>\$0</b> per day.
<b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.6 for details.)	Deductible: <b>\$405</b> Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage, if you do not qualify for "Extra Help": <b>25%</b>	Deductible: <b>\$415</b> Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage, if you do not qualify for "Extra Help": <b>25%</b>
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	<b>\$3,400</b> 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.	<b>\$3,400</b> 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.

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## **Section 1. Changes to Medicare benefits and costs for next year**

### **Section 1.1. Changes to the monthly premium**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium, unless it is paid for you by Medi-Cal (Medicaid).)	<b>\$32.00</b> if you do not qualify for "Extra Help."	<b>\$33.40</b> if you do not qualify for "Extra Help."

### **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 (and other health care services not covered by Medicare as described in Chapter 4 of the **Evidence of Coverage**) for the rest of the year.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> Because our members also get assistance from Medi-Cal (Medicaid), very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum. 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. Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) 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.	<b>\$3,400</b>	<b>\$3,400</b> Once you have paid \$3,400 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services (and certain health care services not covered by Medicare), you will pay nothing for these covered services for the rest of the calendar year.

### **Section 1.3. 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 [kp.org/directory](http://kp.org/directory). You may also call our Member Service Contact Center for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a **Provider Directory**. Please review the 2019 **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, 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.

### **Section 1.4. 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 [kp.org/directory](http://kp.org/directory). You may also call our Member Service Contact Center 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.

### Section 1.5. Changes to benefits and costs for medical services

Please note that the **Annual Notice of Changes** only 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 2019 **Evidence of Coverage** located on our website.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<p><b>Over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy</b></p> <p>We will provide over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapies up to a 100-day supply twice during the calendar year when ordered by a network provider and obtained from a network pharmacy.</p>	<b>Not covered</b>	<b>No charge</b>
<p><b>Routine hearing exams</b></p> <p>(Note: Evaluations to diagnose medical conditions are covered, see "Hearing services" in Chapter 4 of the <b>Evidence of Coverage</b> for more information.)</p>	<b>No charge</b>	<b>Not covered</b>

### Section 1.6. 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 at **kp.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.
  - ♦ 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, and complaints)" or call our Member Service Contact Center.
- Work with your doctor (or prescriber) to find a different drug that we cover. You can call our Member Service Contact Center 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. For 2019, members in long-term care (LTC) facilities will now receive a temporary supply that is the same amount of temporary days' supply provided in all other cases: 31 days of medication rather than the amount provided in 2018 (90 days of medication). (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.

Because our formulary includes all drugs that can be covered under a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, it is not likely that we made a formulary exception for you during 2018 to cover a drug that is not on our Drug List. However, in the rare case that we did make a formulary exception during 2018, the exception may continue into 2019 as long as your network provider continues to prescribe the drug for you.

Most of the changes in our 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, we may immediately remove a brand-name drug on our Drug List if, at the same time, we replace it with a new generic drug on the same or lower cost-sharing tier and with the same or fewer restrictions. Also, when adding the new generic drug, we may decide to keep the brand-name drug on our Drug List, but immediately move it to a different cost-sharing tier or add new restrictions. This means if you are taking the brand-name drug that is being replaced by the new generic (or the tier or restriction on the brand-name drug changes), you will no longer always get notice of the change 60 days before we make it or get a 60-day refill of your brand-name drug at a network pharmacy. If you are taking the brand-name drug, you will still get information on the specific change we made, but it may arrive after the change is made.

Also, starting in 2019, before we make other changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice if you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice 30, rather than 60, days before we make the change. Or we will give you a 30-day, rather than a 60-day, refill of your brand-name drug at a network pharmacy.

When we make these changes to our 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 our 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 does not apply to you. We sent you a separate document, 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 rider by September 30, 2018, please call our Member Service Contact Center and ask for the "LIS Rider." Phone numbers for our Member Service Contact Center are in Section 6.1 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** located on our website 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** located on our website.)

### **Changes to the Deductible Stage**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<p><b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Part D drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is <b>\$405</b>, if you do not qualify for "Extra Help."</p>	<p>The deductible is <b>\$415</b>, if you do not qualify for "Extra Help."</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** located on our website.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>Once you pay the yearly deductible, you move to the Initial Coverage Stage. 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 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 <b>Evidence of Coverage</b> located on our website.</p>	<p>Your cost for a <b>one-month supply</b> filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing, if you do not qualify for "Extra Help":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You pay <b>25%</b> of the total cost.</li> </ul> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached <b>\$3,750</b>, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>Your cost for a <b>one-month supply</b> filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing, if you do not qualify for "Extra Help":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You pay <b>25%</b> of the total cost.</li> </ul> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached <b>\$3,820</b>, 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** located on our website.

## **Section 2. Deciding which plan to choose**

### **Section 2.1. If you want to stay in our plan**

**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 2019.

## Section 2.2. 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.

Your new coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. 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 (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

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, Kaiser Permanente 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 our plan.
- To change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from our plan.
- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:
  - ◆ Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact our Member Service Contact Center if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 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 3. 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 31. 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. Starting in 2019, there are new limits on how often you can change plans. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.1, of the **Evidence of Coverage**.

**Note:** Effective January 1, 2019, if you're in a drug management program, you may not be able to change plans.

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 4. Programs that offer free counseling about Medicare and Medi-Cal (Medicaid)**

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

The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program 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. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program 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 the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program at **1-800-434-0222** (TTY users should call **711**). You can learn more about the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program by visiting their website ([www.aging.ca.gov/HICAP/](http://www.aging.ca.gov/HICAP/)).

For questions about your Medi-Cal (Medicaid) benefits, contact Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program) at **1-800-952-5253**. You can use Medi-Cal's automated telephone services to get recorded information and conduct some business 24 hours a day. TTY users should call **1-800-952-8349**. Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your Medicaid coverage.

## **Section 5. 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 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, **1-800-325-0778** (applications); or
  - ◆ Your state Medi-Cal (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/underinsured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the **California AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call the ADAP call center at **1-844-421-7050** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (excluding holidays).

## **Section 6. Questions?**

### **Section 6.1. Getting help from our plan**

**Questions?** We're here to help. Please call our Member Service Contact Center at **1-800-443-0815**. (TTY only, call **711**.) We are available for phone calls 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Calls to these numbers are free.

### ***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 our plan. 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.

### ***Visit our website***

You can also visit our website at **kp.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).

**Section 6.2. 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 2019**
  - ◆ You can read the **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**.

**Section 6.3. Getting help from Medi-Cal (Medicaid)**

To get information from Medi-Cal (Medicaid), you can call Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program) at **1-800-952-5253**. TTY users should call **1-800-952-8349**.

# Notice of nondiscrimination

Kaiser Permanente complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Kaiser Permanente does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. We also:

- Provide no cost aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - ◆ Qualified sign language interpreters.
  - ◆ Written information in other formats, such as large print, audio, and accessible electronic formats.
- Provide no cost language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - ◆ Qualified interpreters.
  - ◆ Information written in other languages.

If you need these services, call Member Services at **1-800-443-0815 (TTY 711)**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

If you believe that Kaiser Permanente has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with our Civil Rights Coordinator by writing to One Kaiser Plaza, 12th Floor, Suite 1223, Oakland, CA 94612 or calling Member Services at the number listed above. You can file a grievance by mail or phone. If you need help filing a grievance, our Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, **1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)**. Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.





# Multi-language Interpreter Services

## English

ATTENTION: If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711).

## Spanish

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711).

## Chinese

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 **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711)。

## Vietnamese

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711).

## Tagalog

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711).

## Korean

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다.

**1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

## Armenian

ՈՒՇԱԴՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ՝ Եթե խոսում եք հայերեն, ապա ձեզ անվճար կարող են տրամադրվել լեզվական աջակցության ծառայություններ: Ջանգահարեք **1-800-443-0815** (TTY (հեռատիպ) 711):

## Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните **1-800-443-0815** (телетайп: 711).

## Japanese

注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。**1-800-443-0815** (TTY:711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

## Punjabi

ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਓ: ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ।

**1-800-443-0815** (TTY: 711) 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

### **Cambodian**

ប្រយ័ត្ន៖ បើសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ, សេវាជំនួយផ្នែកភាសា ដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃ គឺអាចមានសំរាប់បំរើអ្នក។ ចូរ ទូរស័ព្ទ **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: **711**)។

### **Hmong**

LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txog lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Hu rau **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: **711**).

### **Hindi**

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लिए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: **711**) पर कॉल करें।

### **Thai**

เรียน: ถ้าคุณพูดภาษาไทยคุณสามารถใช้บริการช่วยเหลือทางภาษาได้ฟรี โทร **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: **711**).

### **Farsi**

**توجه:** اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با **1-800-443-0815** (TTY: **711**) تماس بگیرید.

### **Arabic**

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم - **1-800-443-0815** (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: **711**).









## Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Medicare Medi-Cal Plan Member Services

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<b>METHOD</b>	<b>Member Services – contact information</b>
<b>CALL</b>	<b>1-800-443-0815</b>  Calls to this number are free. 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b>  Calls to this number are free. 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
<b>WRITE</b>	Member Services office located at a network facility (refer to our <b>Provider Directory</b> for locations).
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>kp.org</b>

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## Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (California's SHIP)

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) is a state program that gets money from the federal government to give free local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare.

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<b>METHOD</b>	<b>Contact information</b>
<b>CALL</b>	<b>1-800-434-0222</b>
<b>TTY</b>	<b>711</b>
<b>WRITE</b>	Your HICAP office for your county.
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b><a href="http://www.aging.ca.gov/HICAP/">www.aging.ca.gov/HICAP/</a></b>

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