

Dear UT System Employee,

## Welcome to the UT CARE Medicare PPO.

As an active employee, you and your dependents have been enrolled in a medical plan offered by the UT System. As you move into retirement, medical coverage for you and your Medicare-eligible dependents will shift to UT CARE™ Medicare PPO, a retiree group Medicare Advantage plan. Prescription coverage is a Medicare Part D plan administered by Express Scripts and is also called UT CARE.

The UT CARE Medicare PPO (UT CARE) plan is provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX). It combines the coverage of Original Medicare with added health and wellness benefits that can be important tools in maintaining ongoing good health.

This national PPO plan allows you to see any provider that accepts Medicare and agrees to submit claims to the plan. You are not required to get a referral to see a specialist.

Please note: you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to be a member of this plan. You must also continue to pay your Part B premium. If you are eligible for Medicare Part A and/or Part B but are not enrolled, please contact Social Security right away.

As long as you are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B you will be automatically enrolled in UT CARE once your retirement date is confirmed.

**There is no form to complete**, or action needed on your part. However, if you prefer to opt out of the UT CARE medical and prescription plan you must do so by declining the coverage through My UT Benefits online system as soon as possible. To access My UT Benefits, please visit the “Manage Your UT Benefits” page at <http://utbenefits.link/manage>.

**Important:** If you take action to opt out, you will not have any UT medical, prescription or basic retiree life insurance.

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## Questions?

**Call 1-877-842-7562 TTY 711 for personalized help.**

We are open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week\*.

\*With the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas

If CMS does not accept your enrollment because a federal requirement was not met for enrollment, then you will still have UT SELECT medical coverage. However, the benefit will be limited to what the plan would pay after Medicare pays. Typically, that means the plan will pay about 20%.

**Please be aware that you can only be enrolled in one Medicare plan at a time.** When your enrollment in this group retiree plan is final, Medicare should automatically cancel your previous Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement Insurance plan coverage. Also, please beware that plans will continue to market to you once you have your Medicare plan, but you can only be enrolled in one Medicare plan at a time.

Visit [www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-ut](http://www.bcbstx.com/retiree-medicare-ut) for more information about UT CARE™ Medicare PPO.

If you have questions about your UT CARE benefits, contact customer service at 1-877-842-7562 TTY 711, anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week\*.

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Sincerely,

*Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas*

UT CARE™ Medicare PPO is an open access Medicare Advantage PPO plan. On occasion, you may receive automated communications that reference plan name 'Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)™.' This plan name also refers to UT CARE Medicare PPO.

PPO plans provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, which refers to HCSC Insurance Services Company (HISC) and GHS Insurance Company (GHSIC). PPO employer/union group plans provided by Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company (HCSC). HCSC, HISC, and GHSIC are Independent Licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. HCSC, HISC, and GHSIC are Medicare Advantage organizations with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in these plans depends on contract renewal.