



## Important information about your prescription drug benefits.

Dear 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO) Member,

Welcome to your new Medicare Advantage Open Access plan for retirees provided by The Texas A&M University System. As you may know, some drugs are covered by Medicare Part B and others by Medicare Part D. Here is some information to help you understand the difference.

## Medicare Part B — 65 Plus Medicare Advantage (PPO)

Medicare Advantage plans cover drugs or services that are normally covered by Medicare Part B. On the enclosed 65 Plus Medicare Advantage member ID card, you will find four lines that refer to 'Part B Rx.' These numbers are used when claims are submitted to the plan for Part B drugs. These can include:

- Drugs that you don't administer yourself. These can be given in a doctor's office as part of their service. Coverage may be limited to drugs that are given by infusion or injection in a hospital or outpatient facility.
- Diabetic supplies as detailed in your Evidence of Coverage.
- Certain shots (vaccinations):
  - COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Flu shots.
  - Pneumococcal shots.
  - Hepatitis B shots.
  - Other vaccines that are directly related to the treatment of an injury or illness (like a tetanus shot).
- Drugs infused through durable medical equipment, like an infusion pump or a nebulizer. Medicare may cover insulin and insulin pumps worn outside the body.
- Injectable and infused drugs; some antigens; erythropoiesis stimulating agents to treat anemia; blood clotting factors; some immunosuppressive, oral cancer and anti-nausea drugs used as part of chemotherapy treatment; intravenous and tube feeding, and Immune Globulin (IVIG) provided in the home; some oral and intravenous drugs for those with end stage renal disease.



You will have two member ID cards.

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## **Medicare Part D**

Your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan is administered by Express Scripts, not Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. It covers common outpatient medicines you get from the pharmacy. These can include drugs used to treat high blood pressure, high cholesterol, depression, osteoporosis, and other conditions. These types of prescription drugs are not covered under Medicare Part A or Part B. You will see lines that refer to 'Rx' on your 65 Plus Medicare Advantage (PPO) member ID card. These numbers are used when drug claims are submitted under Part B.

If you have questions about your Part D benefits, call Customer Service for your Part D provider at **1-855-895-4647 TTY 1-800-716-3231**. If you are unsure which card to use, simply show both to the pharmacy or provider.

If you need to know if a drug you are prescribed is covered under Part B or Part D, call Customer Service at 1-855-476-4149 TTY 711.

Help is available 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. CT, Sunday-Saturday from October-March; and 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. CT, Monday-Friday, from April through September.

The 65 Plus Medicare Plan (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)<sup>™</sup>.' This plan name also refers to TAMUS Medicare PPO.

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