



## SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO) offered by Scott and White Health Plan

# 2019 Benefit Notice

You are currently enrolled as a member of SeniorCare (Cost) Preferred - Basic Rx. Because Scott and White Health Plan will no longer offer a Cost plan in 2019, you will be enrolled as a member of SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO) in 2019. 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 3.1 and 3.5 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 3.6 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 3.3 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 5.2 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** SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO), you don't need to do anything. You will stay in SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).
- 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 be enrolled in SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).
- 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.
- Please contact our Customer Service number at 1-866-334-3141 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711). Hours are 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., seven days a week.
- This information is also available in alternate formats (e.g., large print).
- **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 SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO)**

- SeniorCare Advantage HMO is offered by Scott and White Health Plan, a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in SeniorCare Advantage depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Scott and White Health Plan. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).

## Summary of Important Costs for 2019

The table below compares the 2018 costs and 2019 costs for SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes. It is important to read the rest of this 2019 Benefit Notice** and review the *Evidence of Coverage* to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 3.1 for details.	\$166.50	\$130
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 3.2 for details.)	\$3,400	\$3,400
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: \$15 copayment per visit  Specialist visits: \$15 copayment per visit	Primary care visits: \$15 copayment per visit  Specialist visits: \$15 copayment 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.	\$450 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay  \$0 copayment for additional Medicare-covered days.	\$450 copayment for each Medicare-covered hospital stay  \$0 copayment for additional Medicare-covered days.

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Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b>            (See Section 3.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$100 for your Tier 3, Tier 4, and Tier 5 drugs</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$4</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$20</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$100</li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 31%</li> </ul>	<p>Deductible: \$100 for your Tier 3, Tier 4, and Tier 5 drugs</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$3</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$15</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$45</li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: \$95</li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 31%</li> </ul>

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## SECTION 1 We Are Changing the Plan's Name

On January 1, 2019, our plan name will change from SeniorCare (Cost) Preferred - Basic Rx to SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO). You will receive a new ID card. Benefit changes are highlighted throughout this document.

## SECTION 2 Unless You Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO) in 2019

On January 1, 2019, Scott and White Health Plan will be combining SeniorCare (Cost) Preferred - Basic Rx with one of our plans, SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).

**If you do nothing to change your Medicare coverage by December 7, 2018, we will automatically enroll you in our SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).** This means starting January 1, 2019, you will be getting your medical and prescription drug coverage through SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO). If you want to, you can change to a different Medicare health plan. You can also switch to Original Medicare. If you want to change, you can do so between January 1 and March 31. You can also change plans between October 15 and December 7. If you are eligible for Extra Help, you may be able to change plans during other times.

The information in this document tells you about the differences between your current benefits in SeniorCare (Cost) Preferred - Basic Rx and the benefits you will have on January 1, 2019 as a member of SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).

## SECTION 3 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

### Section 3.1 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.)	\$166.50	\$130

- 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.

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- 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.

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### **Section 3.2 Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount**

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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.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> 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.	\$3,400	\$3,400  Once you have paid \$3,400 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 3.3 Changes to the Provider Network**

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There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at [advantage.swhp.org](http://advantage.swhp.org). You may also call Customer Service 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.



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- 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 3.4 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 [advantage.swhp.org](http://advantage.swhp.org). You may also call Customer Service 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 3.5 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*.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
Dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Diagnostic Services - Cost Sharing	The medical benefit is not covered.	You pay a \$0 copayment.
Dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Diagnostic Services - Periodicity	The medical benefit is not covered.	Limited to 1 diagnostic service every six months.
Dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Extractions - Cost Sharing	The medical benefit is not covered.	You pay 50% coinsurance.
Dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Extractions - Periodicity	The medical benefit is not covered.	Limited to 1 every five years.

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Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Prosthodontics, Other Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery, Other Services - Cost Sharing	The medical benefit is not covered.	You pay 50% coinsurance.
Dental services - Comprehensive dental services - Prosthodontics, Other Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery, Other Services - Periodicity	The medical benefit is not covered.	Limited to 1 every five years.
Dental services - Preventive and comprehensive dental services - Maximum Plan Amount	The medical benefit is not covered.	Up to a \$1,500 combined credit every year for all additional preventive and comprehensive dental services.
Dental services - Preventive dental services - Dental X-Rays - Cost Sharing	The medical benefit is not covered.	You pay a \$0 copayment.
Dental services - Preventive dental services - Dental X-Rays - Periodicity	The medical benefit is not covered.	Limited to 1 X-ray every three years.
Dental services - Preventive dental services - Oral Exams - Cost Sharing	The medical benefit is not covered.	You pay a \$0 copayment.
Dental services - Preventive dental services - Oral Exams - Periodicity	The medical benefit is not covered.	Limited to 1 oral exam every six months.
Dental services - Preventive dental services - Prophylaxis (Cleaning) - Cost Sharing	The medical benefit is not covered.	You pay a \$0 copayment.
Dental services - Preventive dental services - Prophylaxis (Cleaning) - Periodicity	The medical benefit is not covered.	Limited to 1 cleaning every six months.
Emergency care - In-Network Cost Sharing	You pay a \$200 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.	You pay a \$120 copayment for each Medicare-covered service.

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<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018 (this year)</b>	<b>2019 (next year)</b>
Hearing services - Routine hearing exams - Cost Sharing	You pay a \$0 copayment.	You pay a \$15 copayment.
Vision care - Routine eye wear - Contact lenses - Periodicity	Limited to 1 pair of contact lenses each year.	Limited to 12 pairs of contact lenses each year.

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## Section 3.6 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.

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, complaints))* or call Customer Service.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Customer Service 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: 30-day supply of medication rather than the amount provided in 2018, (a 93-day supply 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.

Current formulary exceptions may expire at the end of the contract year. If you still require a formulary exception, you should talk to your doctor and request an exception for 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, 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 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 have included 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 didn’t receive this insert with this packet, please call Customer Service and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for Customer Service are in Section 9.1 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 *Evidence of Coverage*).

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 3, 4 and 5 drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is \$100.</p> <p>During this stage, you pay \$4 cost-sharing for drugs on Tier 1: Preferred Generic and \$20 cost-sharing for drugs on Tier 2: Generic and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3: Preferred Brand, Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug, and Tier 5: Specialty Tier until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>The deductible is \$100.</p> <p>During this stage, you pay \$3 cost-sharing for drugs on Tier 1: Preferred Generic and \$15 cost-sharing for drugs on Tier 2: Generic and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3: Preferred Brand, Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug, and Tier 5: Specialty Tier until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>

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

Please see the following chart for the changes from 2018 to 2019.

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>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>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p>Tier 1: Preferred Generic: You pay \$4 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2: Generic: You pay \$20 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 3: Preferred Brand: You pay \$47 per prescription.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p>Tier 1: Preferred Generic: You pay \$3 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2: Generic: You pay \$15 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 3: Preferred Brand: You pay \$45 per prescription.</p>

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Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<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 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>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug: You pay \$100 per prescription.</p>	<p>Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug: You pay \$95 per prescription.</p>
	<p>Tier 5: Specialty Tier: You pay 31% per prescription.</p>	<p>Tier 5: Specialty Tier: You pay 31% per prescription.</p>
	<p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,750, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,820, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap 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 4 Administrative Changes

Process	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p><b>Prior authorization requirements have changed.</b></p>	<p>Prior authorization may not have been required for advanced imaging (PET/MRI/CT) and nuclear medicine; cardiology imaging and certain related procedures; and joint, spine, and pain management procedures.</p>	<p>Prior authorization is required for advanced imaging (PET/MRI/CT) and nuclear medicine; cardiology imaging and certain related procedures; and joint, spine, and pain management procedures — except in an emergency.</p>
<p><b>The Customer Service phone number changed. The prior year's Customer Service phone number will continue to route to our Service Center.</b></p>	<p>1-888-423-7633</p>	<p>1-866-334-3141</p>
<p><b>The phone number to pay your premium over the phone has changed.</b></p>	<p>1-877-255-1400</p>	<p>1-844-722-6251</p>
<p><b>The Customer Service TTY number changed. The prior year's Customer Service TTY number will continue to route to our Service Center.</b></p>	<p>1-800-735-2989</p>	<p>711</p>
<p><b>Requirements for Medicare Part B prescription drug step therapy have changed.</b></p>	<p>Step therapy was not required.</p>	<p>Step therapy may be required. Step therapy is a type of prior authorization. It requires you to first try a less expensive drug that has been proven effective for most people with your condition before you can move up a “step” to a more expensive drug.</p>



## **SECTION 5      Deciding Which Plan to Choose**

### **Section 5.1      If you want to stay in SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO)**

**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 5.2      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 (see Section 7), or call Medicare (see Section 9.2).

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, Scott and White Health Plan offers other Medicare health plans and Medicare prescription drug 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 SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Customer Service if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 9.1 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 6 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*.

**Note:** 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 7 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 Texas, the SHIP is called Texas Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

Texas Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (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. Texas Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (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 Texas Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-252-9240. You can learn more about Texas Health Information Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) by visiting their website (<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/hicap>).

## SECTION 8 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 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
- Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Help from your state’s pharmaceutical assistance program.** Texas has a program called Texas HIV State Pharmacy Assistance Program (SPAP) that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (the name and phone numbers for this organization are in Section 7 of this booklet).
- **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 The Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call 1-800-255-1090.

## SECTION 9 Questions?

### Section 9.1 Getting Help from SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO)

Questions? We’re here to help. Please call Customer Service at 1-866-334-3141. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., seven days a week. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2019 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year’s benefits and costs)**

This *2019 Benefit Notice* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2019. For details, look in the *2019 Evidence of Coverage* for SeniorCare Advantage Preferred Rx (HMO). 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 available electronically.

#### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [advantage.swhp.org](http://advantage.swhp.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 9.2      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 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.





# Nondiscrimination Notice

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ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-866-334-3141 (TTY: 711).

Scott and White Health Plan complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Scott and White Health Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Scott and White Health Plan:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print and accessible electronic formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact the Scott and White Health Plan (SWHP) Compliance Officer at 1-214-820-8888 or send an email to [SWHPComplianceDepartment@BSWHealth.org](mailto:SWHPComplianceDepartment@BSWHealth.org).

If you believe that Scott and White Health Plan 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:

SWHP Compliance Officer  
1206 West Campus Drive, Suite 151  
Temple, Texas 76502

Compliance HelpLine; 1-888-484-6977 or <https://app.mycompliancereport.com/report.aspx?cid=swhp>

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, online, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the SWHP Compliance Officer 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, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/index.html>.