

## **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Named Best in Nation for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans by U.S. News & World Report**

BOSTON, Nov. 14, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts](#) (Blue Cross) has been named best in the nation for its [Medicare Advantage plan](#) and [Medicare Part D plan](#) by U.S. News & World Report, making the company one of only two health plans in the country to earn top marks in both categories. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is the largest health plan in Massachusetts and is a tax-paying not-for-profit insurer.

"Our top priority is providing quality, affordable Medicare plans that are easy to understand," said Stephanie Lovell, executive vice president of Medicare at Blue Cross. "Being named among the elite health plans in the country by a recognized leader in health care ratings is affirmation that we're meeting that mark for our members."

U.S. News created its ratings as a resource for seniors and their families to use as they search for Medicare coverage during the annual open enrollment period, which began October 15 and runs through December 7, 2018.

"We know choosing a Medicare plan can be confusing for seniors, and we're working hard to help them connect the dots and find the plan that's best for their needs," Lovell said. "The U.S. News & World Report ratings are another great resource for seniors to consult as they shop for coverage."

U.S. News's state-by-state ratings are based on data released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts earned honors because its Medicare Advantage and Part D plans have average CMS ratings of 4.5 or better.

For the third year in a row, Blue Cross Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' Prescription Drug plan earned 5 out of 5 stars from CMS, making it the top-rated individual PDP plan in New England.<sup>i</sup> The company's Medicare Advantage HMO and PPO plans were also highly rated at 4.5 out of 5 stars.<sup>i</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.

### **About Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ([bluecrossma.com](http://bluecrossma.com)) is a community-focused, tax-paying, not-for-profit health plan headquartered in Boston. We're the trusted health plan for more than 25,000 Massachusetts employers and are committed to working with others in a spirit of shared responsibility to make quality health care affordable. Consistent with our corporate promise to always put our 2.8 million members first, we're rated among the nation's best health plans for member satisfaction and quality. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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