Blue Cross offers range of Medicare options, including $0 HMO and $0 PPO plans

Medicare beneficiaries have until Dec. 7 to choose one of Blue Cross' highly rated, affordable Medicare Advantage plans [i]

BOSTON, Oct. 22, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- This year, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (Blue Cross) is offering a broad suite of highly rated Medicare options to fit every budget, including a $0 HMO Medicare Advantage plan, a $0 PPO Medicare Advantage plan and several other plans with a premium under $100 per month.



"We are proud of the fact that more Medicare beneficiaries choose our plans than any other health plan in Massachusetts[ii]," said Ken Arruda, vice president of Medicare markets for Blue Cross. "This year, we are excited to offer several affordable Medicare options for beneficiaries to choose from."

Individuals with Medicare can choose the best Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plan for their health care needs during the Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2019, annual enrollment period, and enrollment is effective Jan. 1, 2020. A Blue Cross Medex or dental plan can be selected at any time of the year.

On the Medicare Advantage side, our $0 Medicare HMO Blue SaverRx (HMO) and $0 Medicare PPO Blue SaverRx (PPO) plans provide additional benefits that Medicare doesn't generally cover, and they also include Part D prescription drug coverage. Our Medicare Advantage plans may also include routine dental, hearing and vision coverage, as well as a fitness and weight loss reimbursement benefit up to $400 per calendar year. Our PPO plan provides seniors access to both in-network and out-of-network providers with no referral requirements, and both plans are good options for those who prefer coordinated care through their primary care physician.

For the fourth year in a row, our Blue MedicareRx Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) received 5 out of 5 stars[i] from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for 2020, once again making us the only PDP individual plan with a five-star rating in New England.[i] Our Medicare Advantage PPO and HMO plans are also high-rated plans at 4.5 and 4 stars out of 5, respectively, for 2020.[i]

To learn more about Blue Cross' broad suite of Medicare coverage options and a list of covered medications and to find the plan that's right for you:

- Visit our website, www.bluecrossma.com/medicare, to use the online comparison tool.
- Call our award-winning sales call center[iii] at 1-800-678-2265 (TTY: 711), from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time, seven days a week, Oct. 1 through Dec. 31. From Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, you can call us 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Medicare beneficiaries also can contact:

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.
- Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone (SHINE), 1-800-243-4636.

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This information is not a complete description of benefits. Contact the plan for more information. Limitations, copayments and restrictions may apply. Benefits, premiums and/or co-payments/co-insurance may change on January 1 of each year. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

[i] Every year, Medicare evaluates plans based on a 5-star rating system.

[ii] Represents Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplemental Individual and Group plan membership based on data from CMS (www.cms.gov) and Massachusetts DOI (www.mass.gov).

[iii] SQM Contact Center World Class CX Certification (Retail Sales and Retention) Award for 2018. SQM is not affiliated with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts or CMS, nor is the award given or endorsed by Medicare.

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