

Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan (HMO D-SNP) offered by Central Health Plan of California

Annual Notice of Changes for 2022

You are currently enrolled as a member of Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

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 2.1 and 2.5 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 2022 Drug List and look in Section 2.6 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 [go.medicare.gov/drugprices](https://www.go.medicare.gov/drugprices) and click the "dashboards" link in the middle of the second Note toward the bottom of the page. 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, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
 - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?

- Look in Section 2.3 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 www.medicare.gov/plan-compare website.
- Review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2022* handbook.
- Look in Section 4.2 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 don't join another plan by December 7, 2021, you will be enrolled in Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.
- If you want to **change to a different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Look in section 4.2, page 13 to learn more about your choices.

4. **ENROLL:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2021**

- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, you will be enrolled in Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.
- If you join another plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2021**, your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2022**. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-866-314-2427 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (PT), 7 days a week.
- This document may be available in other formats such as braille, large print or other alternate formats.

- **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 www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families for more information.

About Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan

- Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan is a HMO D-SNP plan with a Medicare and Medi-Cal (Medicaid) contract. Enrollment in Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan depends on contract renewal.
 - When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Central Health Plan of California. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.
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Summary of Important Costs for 2022

The table below compares the 2021 costs and 2022 costs for Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at www.centralhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*. If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medi-Cal (Medicaid), you pay \$0 for your deductible, doctor office visits, and inpatient hospital stays.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 2.1 for details.	\$31.50	\$33.20
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: You pay \$0 per visit Specialist visits: You pay \$0 per visit	Primary care visits: You pay \$0 per visit Specialist visits: You pay \$0 per visit
Inpatient hospital stays 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.	You pay \$0.	You pay \$0.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 2.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Deductible: \$445</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: You pay \$0. • Drug Tier 2: You pay \$0. • Drug Tier 3: You pay 25% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 4: You pay 25% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 5: You pay 25% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 6: You pay \$10. 	<p>Deductible: \$480</p> <p>Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: You pay \$0. • Drug Tier 2: You pay \$0. • Drug Tier 3: You pay 25% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 4: You pay 25% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 5: You pay 25% of the total cost. • Drug Tier 6: You pay \$10.
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 2.2 for details.)</p>	<p>\$0</p> <p>If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medi-Cal (Medicaid), you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p>	<p>\$0</p> <p>If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medi-Cal (Medicaid), you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p>

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SECTION 1 Unless You Choose Another Plan, You Will Be Automatically Enrolled in Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan in 2022

If you do nothing to change your Medicare coverage in 2021, we will automatically enroll you in our Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan. This means starting January 1, 2022, you will be getting your medical and prescription drug coverage through Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan. If you want to, you can change to a different Medicare health plan. You can also switch to Original Medicare and get your prescription drug coverage through a Prescription Drug Plan. If you want to change plans, you can do so between October 15 and December 7. The change will take effect on January 1, 2022.

The information in this document tells you about the differences between your current benefits in Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan and the benefits you will have on January 1, 2022, as a member of Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.

SECTION 2 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 2.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium unless it is paid for you by Medi-Cal (Medicaid).)	\$31.50	\$33.20

Section 2.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

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.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</p> <p>Because our members also get assistance from Medi-Cal (Medicaid), very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum.</p> <p>If you are eligible for Medi-Cal (Medicaid) assistance with Part A and Part B copays, you are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$0</p> <p>There is no change for the upcoming benefit year.</p> <p>Once you have paid \$0 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.</p>

Section 2.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated *Provider Directory* is located on our website at www.centralhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*. **Please review the 2022 *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, we must 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.

- 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 to manage your care.

Section 2.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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 www.centralhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2022 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

Section 2.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

Please note that the *Annual Notice of Changes* tells you about changes to your Medicare benefits and costs.

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, *Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your *2022 Evidence of Coverage*. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at www.centralhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Opioid treatment program services

Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can receive coverage of services to treat OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) which includes the following services:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications.
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable)
- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Comprehensive Dental Services	Comprehensive Dental Services are not covered.	<p>Restorative Services: You pay \$0 for amalgams and resin-based composites, crowns range from \$0-\$295 depending on material.</p> <p>Diagnostic services: You pay \$0</p> <p>Endodontic services: You pay \$0</p> <p>Periodontic services: You pay \$0</p> <p>Extractions: You pay \$0</p> <p>Prosthodontics, Other Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery: You pay \$0-\$295 for dentures depending on material and procedure. You pay \$0 for amalgams and resin-based composites, crown resin with predominantly base metal or crown - full cast predominantly base metal.</p>
Fitness Benefit	You are reimbursed up to \$40 per month for monthly gym membership, general access to public sports facilities, or group fitness classes.	You are reimbursed up to \$50 per month for monthly gym membership, general access to public sports facilities, group fitness classes, or new purchase of qualifying exercise equipment. In lieu of reimbursement, you can order fitness equipment from our mail order catalog.
Glaucoma Screening	Services do not require prior authorization or a referral.	Services may require prior authorization and a referral.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Health Education	You pay \$0 for in-person, interactive educational sessions with health professionals (e.g., nurses, physician assistants) to provide health information and encourage you to adopt healthy behaviors.	You pay \$0 for in-person or virtual interactive educational sessions with health professionals to provide health information and encourage you to adopt healthy behaviors.
Hearing Aids	You receive a \$2,000 allowance for up to one hearing aid per year.	You receive a \$3,000 allowance for hearing aids for one or both ears per year.
Meal Benefit	Grocery delivery is not covered.	Members with cardiovascular disorders, chronic heart failure, dementia, diabetes, chronic lung disorders, and stroke pay \$0 for one box of groceries delivered per month.
Over-the-Counter Items	<p>\$30 maximum benefit per quarter. Unused amounts carry over to the next quarter.</p> <p>Bathroom scales are not covered.</p>	<p>\$150 maximum benefit per quarter. Unused amounts do not carry over to the next quarter.</p> <p>Members with Chronic Heart Failure pay \$0 for one bathroom scale per year.</p>
Preventive Dental Services	<p>You pay \$0 for 2 oral exams per year.</p> <p>Fluoride treatment is not covered.</p>	<p>You pay \$0 for unlimited oral exams per year.</p> <p>You pay \$0 for 2 fluoride treatments per year.</p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Transportation Services	<p>You pay a \$0 for 24 one-way trips to a plan-approved health-related location (up to 25 miles).</p> <p>Chronically ill members may use 12 of these trips to travel to grocery stores, fitness clubs, and senior centers.</p>	<p>You pay a \$0 for unlimited round-trips to a plan-approved health-related location (up to 50 miles).</p> <p>Members with cardiovascular disorders, chronic heart failure, dementia, diabetes, chronic lung disorders, and stroke may use 24 of these trips to travel to grocery stores, fitness clubs, and senior centers.</p>
Worldwide Emergency Coverage	There is a maximum plan benefit coverage amount of \$15,000.	There is a maximum plan benefit coverage amount of \$50,000.

Section 2.6 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

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 Member Services.
- **Work with your doctor (or prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Member Services 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. (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.

If you have a current formulary exception, it will be covered for a full 12 months from the date the request was granted. You will need to submit a new request for exception upon expiration of your currently approved medication.

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.

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 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. Because you receive “Extra Help” and didn’t receive this insert with this packet, please call Member Services and ask for the “LIS Rider.”

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 in your *Summary of Benefits* or at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</p> <p>During this stage, you pay the full cost of your Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5, and Tier 6 drugs until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>Your deductible amount is either \$0 or \$92, depending on the level of “Extra Help” you receive. (Look at the separate insert, the “LIS Rider,” for your deductible amount.)</p> <p>During this stage, you pay \$0 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 and Tier 2 and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5, and Tier 6 until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>	<p>Your deductible amount is either \$0 or \$99, depending on the level of “Extra Help” you receive. (Look at the separate insert, the “LIS Rider,” for your deductible amount.)</p> <p>During this stage, you pay \$0 cost sharing for drugs on Tier 1 and Tier 2 and the full cost of drugs on Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5, and Tier 6 until you have reached the yearly deductible.</p>

Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

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	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage 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>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; at a network pharmacy; or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</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>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</p> <p>Tier 1 Preferred Generic: You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2 Generic: You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 3 Preferred Brand: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 5 Specialty Tier: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 6 Select Care Drugs: You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,130, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</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 \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 2 Generic: You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <p>Tier 3 Preferred Brand: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 4 Non-Preferred Drug: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 5 Specialty Tier: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Tier 6 Select Diabetic Drugs: You pay \$10 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage are two other drug coverage stages for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach either stage.**

For information about your costs in these stages, look at your *Summary of Benefits* or at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 3 Administrative Changes

Description	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Long Term Retail and Mail Order Drug Supply	You receive a 90 day supply for long term retail and mail order drug supply.	You receive a 100 day supply for long term retail and mail order drug supply.
Over-the-Counter (OTC) Provider	Over the Counter (OTC) items are provided by Medline.	Over the Counter (OTC) items are provided by NationsBenefit.
Tier 6 Name	Tier 6 is called Select Care Drugs	Tier 6 is called Select Diabetic Drugs

SECTION 4 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 4.1 – If you want to stay in Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan

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 be enrolled in our Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.

Section 4.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2022 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 the *Medicare & You 2022* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 6), or call Medicare (see Section 8.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to www.medicare.gov/plan-compare. **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

As a reminder, Central Health Plan of California offers other Medicare health 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 Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.
- **To change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan.
- **To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 8.1 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.

If you switch to Original Medicare and do **not** enroll in a separate Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare may enroll you in a drug plan unless you have opted out of automatic enrollment.

SECTION 5 Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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 Medi-Cal (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.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2022, 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, 2022. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 6 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare and Medi-Cal (Medicaid)

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In California, the SHIP is called Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

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. 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 HICAP at 1-800-434-0222. You can learn more about HICAP by visiting their website ([https://aging.ca.gov/Programs and Services/Medicare Counseling/](https://aging.ca.gov/Programs_and_Services/Medicare_Counseling/)).

For questions about your Medi-Cal (Medicaid) benefits, contact the Department of Health Care Services at 1-800-541-5555 (if you are outside of California, please call 1-916-636-1980) (TTY, please call 1-916-635-6491). The Telephone Service Center is available 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except holidays. If you are enrolled in a Medi-Cal (Medicaid) HMO Plan, you may contact your plan using the phone number on your Medi-Cal (Medicaid) HMO Plan membership ID card. Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your Medi-Cal (Medicaid) coverage.

SECTION 7 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs.

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** Because you have Medi-Cal (Medicaid), you are already enrolled in “Extra Help,” also called the Low Income Subsidy. “Extra Help” pays some of your prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles and coinsurance. Because you qualify, you do not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. If you have questions about “Extra Help”, 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 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
- Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **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 California Department of Public Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call 1-844-421-7050, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (excluding holidays).

SECTION 8 Questions?

Section 8.1 – Getting Help from Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-866-314-2427. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (PT), 7 days a week. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2022 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2022. For details, look in the *2022 Evidence of Coverage* for Central Health Ventura Medi-Medi Plan. 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 located on our website at www.centralhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Visit our Website

You can also visit our website at www.centralhealthplan.com. 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).

Section 8.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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 (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 www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

Read *Medicare & You 2022*

You can read the *Medicare & You 2022* 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 (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.

Section 8.3 – Getting Help from Medi-Cal (Medicaid)

To get information from Medi-Cal (Medicaid) you can call the Department of Health Care Services at 1-800-541-5555 (if you are outside of California, please call 1-916-636-1980). TTY users should call 1-916-635-6491. If you are enrolled in a Medi-Cal (Medicaid) HMO Plan, you may contact your plan using the phone number on your Medi-Cal (Medicaid) HMO Plan membership ID card.