

**2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option**  
**Section 9. Coordinating Benefits With Medicare and Other Coverage**  
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• **Medicare Advantage (Part C)**

If you are eligible for Medicare, you may choose to enroll in and get your Medicare benefits from a Medicare Advantage plan. These are private healthcare choices (like HMOs and regional PPOs) in some areas of the country. To learn more about Medicare Advantage plans, contact Medicare at 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), TTY: 711, or at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, the following options are available to you:

**This Plan and another plan's Medicare Advantage plan:** You may enroll in another plan's Medicare Advantage plan and also remain enrolled in our FEHB Plan. If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, tell us. We will need to know whether you are in the Original Medicare Plan or in a Medicare Advantage plan so we can correctly coordinate benefits with Medicare.

Under Standard Option, we will still provide benefits when your Medicare Advantage plan is primary, even out of the Medicare Advantage plan's network and/or service area. However, we will not waive any of our copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles, if you receive services from providers who do not participate in the Medicare Advantage plan.

Under Basic Option, we provide benefits for care received from Preferred providers when your Medicare Advantage plan is primary, even out of the Medicare Advantage plan's network and/or service area. However, we will not waive any of our copayments or coinsurance for services you receive from Preferred providers who do not participate in the Medicare Advantage plan. Please remember that you must receive care from Preferred providers in order to receive Basic Option benefits. See Section 3 for the exceptions to this requirement.

**Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan:** If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to your Medicare Advantage plan premium.) For information on suspending your FEHB enrollment, contact your retirement or employing office. If you later want to re-enroll in the FEHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season unless you involuntarily lose coverage or move out of the Medicare Advantage plan's service area.

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• **Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D)**

When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first. If you enroll in Medicare Part D and we are the secondary payor, we will review claims for your prescription drug costs that are not covered by Medicare Part D and consider them for payment under the FEHB plan.

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- **Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Employer Group Waiver Plan (PDP EGWP)**

If you are enrolled in Medicare, and are not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C), you will be automatically enrolled in the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP). The PDP EGWP is a prescription drug benefit for FEHB covered annuitants and their FEHB covered family members who are eligible for Medicare. This allows you to receive benefits that will never be less than your coverage that is available to members with only FEHB but more often you will receive benefits that are better than members with only FEHB.

**This Plan and our PDP EGWP:** You will be automatically enrolled in our PDP EGWP and continue to remain enrolled in our FEHB Plan. Participation in the PDP EGWP is voluntary, and **you have the choice to opt out of this enrollment at any time**. For additional information about how to opt out, visit us at [www.fepblue.org/medicarerx](http://www.fepblue.org/medicarerx), and look for the disenrollment form under the auto enrollment process and follow the instructions provided.

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- **Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part B)**

This health plan **does not** coordinate its prescription drug benefits with Medicare Part B.