

Claims for prescription drugs and supplies purchased outside the United States and Puerto Rico must include receipts that show the patient's name, prescription number, name of drug or supply, prescribing provider's name, date of fill, total charge, metric quantity, days' supply, name of pharmacy and if available, the currency used and country where purchased. Complete the short-term prescription claim form, attach the drug receipts and mail to the NALC HBP Prescription Drug Program.

NALC HBP Prescription Drug Program
P.O. Box 52192
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2192

Claims for overseas (foreign) services must include an English translation. Charges will be converted to U.S. dollars using exchange rate at the time the expenses were incurred. Services performed outside of the United States are paid at out-of-network rates and are subject to the calendar year deductible. You are responsible for the difference between the billed amount and our payment.

When we need more information

Please reply promptly when we ask for additional information. We may delay processing or deny benefits for your claim if you do not respond. Our deadline for responding to your claim is stayed while we await all of the additional information needed to process your claim.

The Plan, its medical staff and/or an independent medical review determines whether services, supplies and charges meet the coverage requirements of the Plan (subject to the disputed claims procedure described in Section 8. *The Disputed Claims Process*). We are entitled to obtain medical or other information - including an independent medical examination - that we feel is necessary to determine whether a service or supply is covered.

Authorized Representative

You may designate an authorized representative to act on your behalf for filing a claim or to appeal claims decisions to us. For urgent care claims, a healthcare professional with knowledge of your medical condition will be permitted to act as your authorized representative without your express consent. For the purposes of this section, we are also referring to your authorized representative when we refer to you.

Notice Requirements

The Secretary of Health and Human Services has identified counties where at least 10% of the population is literate only in certain non-English languages. The non-English languages meeting this threshold in certain counties are Spanish, Chinese, Navajo and Tagalog. If you live in one of these counties, we will provide language assistance in the applicable non-English language. You can request a copy of your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement, related correspondence, oral language services (such as telephone customer assistance), and help with filing claims and appeals (including external reviews) in the applicable non-English language. The English versions of your EOBs and related correspondence will include information in the non-English language about how to access language services in that non-English language.

Any notice of an adverse benefit determination or correspondence from us confirming an adverse benefit determination will include information sufficient to identify the claim involved (including the date of service, the healthcare provider, and the claim amount, if applicable), and a statement describing the availability, upon request, of the diagnosis and procedure codes and its corresponding meaning, and the treatment code and its corresponding meaning).

Section 8. The Disputed Claims Process

You may appeal directly to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) if we do not follow required claims processes. For more information or to make an inquiry about situations in which you are entitled to immediately appeal to OPM, including additional requirements not listed in Sections 3, 7 and 8 of this brochure please call your plan’s customer service representative at the phone number found on your enrollment card, plan brochure, or plan website. If you are a Postal Service annuitant, or their covered Medicare-eligible family member, enrolled in our Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) and you disagree with our **pre-service or post-service** decision about your prescription drug benefits, please, follow Medicare's appeals process outlined in Section 8a. Medicare PDP EGWP Disputed Claims Process.

Please follow this Postal Service Health Benefits Program disputed claims process if you disagree with our decision on your post-service claim (a claim where services, drugs or supplies have already been provided). In Section 3 *If you disagree with our pre-service claim decision*, we describe the process you need to follow if you have a claim for services, referrals, drugs or supplies that must have prior Plan approval, such as inpatient hospital admissions.

To help you prepare your appeal, you may arrange with us to review and copy, free of charge, all relevant materials and Plan documents under our control relating to your claim, including those that involve any expert review(s) of your claim. To make your request, please contact our Customer Service Department by writing NALC Health Benefit Plan, 20547 Waverly Court, Ashburn, VA 20149 or calling 888-636-NALC (6252).

Our reconsideration will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by you relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

When our initial decision is based (in whole or in part) on a medical judgment (i.e., medical necessity, experimental/investigational), we will consult with a healthcare professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment and who was not involved in making the initial decision.

Our reconsideration will not take into account the initial decision. The review will not be conducted by the same person, or their subordinate, who made the initial decision.

We will not make our decisions regarding hiring, compensation, termination, promotion, or other similar matters with respect to any individual (such as a claims adjudicator or medical expert) based upon the likelihood that the individual will support the denial of benefits.

Disagreements between you and the CDHP fiduciary regarding the administration of a PCA are not subject to the disputed claims process.

Step	Description
1	<p>Ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write to us within 6 months from the date of our decision; and• Send your request to us at: NALC Health Benefit Plan, 20547 Waverly Court, Ashburn, VA 20149; and• Include a statement about why you believe our initial decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure; and• Include copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms.• Include your email address (optional for member), if you would like to receive our decision via email. Please note that by giving us your email, we may be able to provide our decision more quickly. <p>We will provide you, free of charge and in a timely manner, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by us or at our direction in connection with your claim and any new rationale for our claim decision. We will provide you with this information sufficiently in advance of the date that we are required to provide you with our reconsideration decision to allow you a reasonable opportunity to respond to us before that date. However, our failure to provide you with new evidence or rationale in sufficient time to allow you to timely respond shall not invalidate our decision on reconsideration. You may respond to that new evidence or rationale at the OPM review stage described in step 4.</p>

Step	Description
2	<p>In the case of a post-service claim, we have 30 days from the date we receive your request to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay the claim; or • Write to you and maintain our denial; or • Ask you or your provider for more information. <p>You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 more days.</p> <p>If we do not receive the information within 60 days we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.</p>
3	<p>If you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it.</p> <p>You must write to OPM within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 days after the date of our letter upholding our initial decision; or • 120 days after you first wrote to us -- if we did not answer that request in some way within 30 days; or • 120 days after we asked for additional information. <p>Write to OPM at: United States Office of Personnel Management, Healthcare and Insurance, Postal Service Insurance Operations (PSIO), 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3443, Washington, DC 20415.</p> <p>Send OPM the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statement about why you believe our decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure; • Copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms; • Copies of all letters you sent to us about the claim; • Copies of all letters we sent to you about the claim; and • Your daytime phone number and the best time to call. • Your email address, if you would like to receive OPM's decision via email. Please note that by providing your email address, you may receive OPM's decision more quickly. <p>Note: If you want OPM to review more than one claim, you must clearly identify which documents apply to which claim.</p> <p>Note: You are the only person who has a right to file a disputed claim with OPM. Parties acting as your representative, such as medical providers, must include a copy of your specific written consent with the review request. However, for urgent care claims, a healthcare professional with knowledge of your medical condition may act as your authorized representative without your express consent.</p> <p>Note: The above deadlines may be extended if you show that you were unable to meet the deadline because of reasons beyond your control.</p>
4	<p>OPM will review your disputed claim request and will use the information it collects from you and us to decide whether our decision is correct. OPM will send you a final decision or notify you of the status of OPM's review within 60 days. There are no other administrative appeals.</p> <p>If you do not agree with OPM's decision, your only recourse is to sue. If you decide to file a lawsuit, you must file the suit against OPM in Federal court by December 31 of the third year after the year in which you received the disputed services, drugs, or supplies or from the year in which you were denied precertification or prior approval. This is the only deadline that may not be extended.</p>

	<p>OPM may disclose the information it collects during the review process to support their disputed claim decision. This information will become part of the court record.</p> <p>You may not file a lawsuit until you have completed the disputed claims process. Further, Federal law governs your lawsuit, benefits, and payment of benefits. The Federal court will base its review on the record that was before OPM when OPM decided to uphold or overturn our decision. You may recover only the amount of benefits in dispute.</p>
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Note: **If you have a serious or life threatening condition** (one that may cause permanent loss of bodily functions or death if not treated as soon as possible), and you did not indicate that your claim was a claim for urgent care, then call us at 888-636-NALC (6252). We will expedite our review (if we have not yet responded to your claim); or we will inform OPM so they can quickly review your claim on appeal. You may call OPM’s PSIO at 202-936-0002 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Please remember that we do not make decisions about plan eligibility issues. For example, we do not determine whether you or a family member is covered under this plan. You must raise eligibility issues with your Agency personnel/payroll office if you are an employee, your retirement system if you are an annuitant or the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs if you are receiving Workers’ Compensation benefits.

Reminder: If you are a Postal Service annuitant, or their covered Medicare-eligible family member, enrolled in our Medicare Part D PDP EGWP you may appeal an adverse pre-service or post-service determination through Medicare's appeals process. See Section 8a.

Section 8(a). Medicare PDP EGWP Disputed Claims Process

When a claim is denied in whole or in part, you may appeal the denial. SilverScript PDP follows all Medicare-approved policies and procedures for member coverage determinations, exceptions, and appeals.

All PDP EGWP appeals must be submitted directly to SilverScript Insurance Company. To start the appeal process, you, your representative, or prescriber must request a redetermination within 60 days of receiving the plan's initial denial notice. If you miss the deadline, you must provide a reason for filing late. The Medicare appeal process has 5 levels.

Level 1 – Redetermination:

You, your representative, doctor, or other prescriber must contact us and make your Level 1 appeal.

Level 2 – Independent Review Entity (IRE):

You, your representative, doctor, or other prescriber must contact us and make your Level 2 appeal.

Level 3 – An Administrative Law Judge or attorney adjudicator who works for the Federal government:

The written response you receive to your Level 2 appeal will explain who to contact and what to do to ask for a Level 3 appeal.

Level 4 – The Medicare Appeals Council:

The written response you receive to your Level 3 appeal will explain who to contact and what to do to ask for a Level 4 appeal.

Level 5 – A judge at the Federal District Court:

The written response you receive to your Level 4 appeal will explain who to contact and what to do to ask for a Level 5 appeal. A judge will review all of the information and decide *yes* or *no* to your request. This is a final answer. There are no more appeal levels after the Federal District Court.

At each level, you will receive a decision letter with instructions on how to proceed.

To start your PDP EGWP appeal you must:

1. Write to SilverScript Insurance Company within 60 days of the denial notice date;
2. Send your request to: **SilverScript Insurance Company** Prescription Drug Plans, Coverage Decisions and Appeals Department, P.O. Box 52000, MC 109, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2000; and
3. Include a your name, address, Medicare number, drug you are appealing, and the reason(s) for your appeal ; and
4. Include copies of supporting documentation, such as a statement from the prescriber/physician.

You should receive a response within 60 days for each appeal level. If your appeal is denied, you can move to the next level of appeal.

To help you prepare your appeal, you may arrange with us to review and copy, free of charge, all relevant materials and Plan documents under our control relating to your claim, including those that involve any expert review(s) of your claim. To make your request, please contact our Customer Service Department by writing NALC Health Benefit Plan, 20547 Waverly Court, Ashburn, VA 20149 or calling 888-636-NALC (6252).

We will not make our decisions regarding hiring, compensation, termination, promotion, or other similar matters with respect to any individual (such as a claims adjudicator or medical expert) based upon the likelihood that the individual will support the denial of benefits.

Disagreements between you and the CDHP or HDHP fiduciary regarding the administration of an HSA or HRA are not subject to the disputed claims process.

You may appeal directly to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) if we do not follow required claims processes. For more information or to make an inquiry about situations in which you are entitled to immediately appeal to OPM, including additional requirements not listed in Sections 3, 7 and 8 of this brochure please call your plan's customer service representative at the phone number found on your enrollment card, plan brochure, or plan website.

Note: **If you have a serious or life threatening condition** (one that may cause permanent loss of bodily functions or death if not treated as soon as possible), and you did not indicate that your claim was a claim for urgent care, then call us at 888-636-NALC (6252). We will expedite our review (if we have not yet responded to your claim); or we will inform OPM so they can quickly review your claim on appeal. You may call OPM's PSIO at 202-936-0002 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Section 9. Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage

When you have other health coverage

You must tell us if you or a covered family member has coverage under any other health plan or has automobile insurance that pays healthcare expenses without regard to fault. This is called “double coverage”.

When you have double coverage, one plan normally pays its benefits in full as the primary payor and the other plan pays a reduced benefit as the secondary payor. We, like other insurers, determine which coverage is primary according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ (NAIC) guidelines. For more information on NAIC rules regarding the coordinating of benefits, visit our website at www.nalchbp.org.

When we are the primary payor, we will pay the benefits described in this brochure.

High Option: When we are the secondary payor, we usually pay what is left after the primary plan pays, up to our Plan allowance for each claim. If the balance after the primary carrier payment is higher than our Plan allowance, we will not pay more than our Plan allowance.

The Plan limits some benefits, such as physical therapy and home health visits. If the primary plan processes the benefit, we may pay over these limits as long as our payment on the claim does not exceed our Plan allowance.

Consumer Driven Health Plan: When we are the secondary payor, we limit benefits to the difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the primary carrier payment. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the primary carrier payment, you will receive no benefit.

Please see Section 4, *Your Costs for Covered Services*, for more information about how we pay claims.

- **TRICARE and CHAMPVA**

TRICARE is the healthcare program for eligible dependents of military persons, and retirees of the military. TRICARE includes the CHAMPUS program. CHAMPVA provides health coverage to disabled Veterans and their eligible dependents. IF TRICARE or CHAMPVA and this Plan cover you, we pay first. See your TRICARE or CHAMPVA Health Benefits Advisor if you have questions about these programs.

Suspended PSHB coverage to enroll in TRICARE or CHAMPVA: If you are an annuitant, you can suspend your PSHB coverage to enroll in one of these programs, eliminating your PSHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to any applicable plan premiums.) For information on suspending your PSHB enrollment, contact your retirement or employing office. If you later want to re-enroll in the PSHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season unless you involuntarily lose coverage under TRICARE or CHAMPVA.

- **Workers’ Compensation**

Every job-related injury or illness should be reported as soon as possible to your supervisor. Injury also means any illness or disease that is caused or aggravated by the employment as well as damage to medical braces, artificial limbs and other prosthetic devices. If you are a federal or postal employee, ask your supervisor to authorize medical treatment by use of form CA-16 before you obtain treatment. If your medical treatment is accepted by the Dept. of Labor Office of Workers’ Compensation (OWCP), the provider will be compensated by OWCP. If your treatment is determined not job-related, we will process your benefit according to the terms of this plan, including use of in-network providers. Take form CA-16 and form OWCP-1500/HCF-1500 to your provider, or send it to your provider as soon as possible after treatment, to avoid complications about whether your treatment is covered by this plan or by OWCP.

We do not cover services that:

- You (or a covered family member) need because of a workplace-related illness or injury that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) or a similar federal or state agency determines they must provide; or
- OWCP or a similar agency pays for through a third-party injury settlement or other similar proceeding that is based on a claim you filed under OWCP or similar laws.

• **Medicaid**

When you have this Plan and Medicaid, we pay first. The Plan does not coordinate benefits with Medicaid and will always be the primary payor. Claims processed by Medicaid as the primary payor will require Medicaid to submit a reimbursement request to the Plan. No payment will be made to Medicaid if we previously processed the rendering provider claim.

Suspended PSHB coverage to enroll in Medicaid or a similar state-sponsored program of medical assistance: If you are an annuitant, you can suspend your PSHB coverage to enroll in one of these state programs, eliminating your PSHB premium. For information on suspending your PSHB enrollment, contact your retirement or employing office. If you later want to re-enroll in the PSHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season unless you involuntarily lose coverage under the State program.

When other Government agencies are responsible for your care

We do not cover services and supplies when a local, state, or federal government agency directly or indirectly pays for them.

When others are responsible for injuries

Subrogation/Reimbursement guidelines: Our right to pursue and receive subrogation and reimbursement recoveries is a condition of and a limitation on the nature of benefits or benefit payments and on the provision of benefits under our coverage. By accepting Plan benefits, you agree to the terms of this provision.

If you or your dependent have received benefits or benefit payments as a result of an injury or illness and you (or your dependent) or your representatives, heirs, administrators, successors, or assignees (or those of your dependent) receive payment from any party that may be liable or a third party's insurance policies you must reimburse us out of that payment. "Third party" means another person or entity. Our right of reimbursement extends to any payment received by settlement, judgment, or otherwise. We will pay benefits for your illness or injury provided you do not interfere with or take any action to prejudice our attempts to recover the amounts we have paid in benefits, and that you cooperate with us in obtaining reimbursement or in subrogation.

You must include all benefits paid by the Plan related to the illness or injury in your claim for recovery. We are entitled to reimbursement to the extent of the benefits we have paid or provided or will pay or provide in connection with your injury or illness. However, we will cover the cost of treatment that exceeds the amount of the payment you received.

Reimbursement to us out of the payment shall take first priority (before any of the rights of any other parties are honored) and is not impacted by how the judgment, settlement, or other recovery is characterized, designated, or apportioned or characterized (i.e., pain and suffering). Our right of reimbursement is not subject to reduction based on attorney fees or costs under the "common fund" doctrine and is fully enforceable regardless of whether you are "made whole" or fully compensated for the full amount of damages claimed. You must reimburse us to the full extent we paid benefits, unless we agree to a reduction in writing. If you receive any recovery, you or your legal representative agree to hold any funds you receive in trust until you have confirmed the amount we are owed and make arrangement to reimburse us. You have the right to retain any recovery that exceeds the amount of the Plan's claim.

We may, at our option, choose to exercise our right of subrogation and pursue a recovery from any liable party as successor to your rights. We may require you to assign the proceeds of your claim or the right to take action against the third party in your name, and we may withhold payment of benefits until the assignment is provided. If you do pursue a claim or case related to your injury or illness (whether in court or otherwise), you must promptly notify us and cooperate with our reimbursement or subrogation efforts. You or your legal representative must keep the Plan advised of developments in your claim and promptly notify us of any recovery you receive, whether in or out of court. You must sign our subrogation/reimbursement agreement and provide us with any other relevant information about the claim if we ask you to do so. However, a subrogation/reimbursement agreement is not necessary to enforce the Plan's rights.

We may reduce subsequent benefit payments to you or your dependents if we are not reimbursed for the benefits we paid pursuant to this subrogation and reimbursement provision.

When you have Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Plan (FEDVIP)

Some PSHB plans already cover some dental and vision services. When you are covered by more than one vision/dental plan, coverage provided under your PSHB plan remains as your primary coverage. FEDVIP coverage pays secondary to that coverage. When you enroll in a dental and/or vision plan on www.BENEFEDS.com or by phone at 877-888-3337, (TTY 877-889-5680), you will be asked to provide information on your PSHB plan so that your plans can coordinate benefits. Providing your PSHB information may reduce your out-of-pocket cost.

Clinical trials

An approved clinical trial includes a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition, and is either Federally-funded; conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or is a drug trial that is exempt from the requirement of an investigational new drug application.

If you are a participant in a clinical trial, this health Plan will provide related care as follows, if it is not provided by the clinical trial:

- Routine care costs—costs for routine services such as doctor visits, lab tests, x-rays and scans, and hospitalizations related to treating the patient's condition, whether the patient is in a clinical trial or is receiving standard therapy. This Plan only covers:
 - Items or services that are typically provided absent a clinical trial such as conventional care;
 - Items or services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of an investigational item or service such as additional charges incurred for the diagnosis or treatment of complications resulting from patient participation in a clinical trial.
- Extra care costs—costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of the trial, but not as part of the patient's routine care. This Plan does not cover these costs.
- Research costs—costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as research physician and nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for research purposes. These costs are generally covered by the clinical trials. This Plan does not cover these costs.

When you have Medicare

For more detailed information on “What is Medicare?” and “When do I Enroll in Medicare?” please contact Medicare at 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), (TTY 877-486-2048) or at www.medicare.gov.

Important Note: Subject to limited exceptions, Postal Service annuitants entitled to Medicare Part A and their eligible family members who are entitled to Medicare Part A are required to enroll in Medicare Part B to maintain eligibility for the PSHB Program in retirement.

If you are required to enroll in Medicare Part B and fail to do so at your first opportunity, you may be disenrolled (annuitants) and/or your family members removed from coverage.

For more information on these requirements, please contact the Plan at 888-636-NALC (6252).

The Original Medicare Plan (Part A or Part B)

The Original Medicare Plan (Original Medicare) is available everywhere in the United States. It is the way everyone used to get Medicare benefits and is the way most people get their Medicare Part A and Part B benefits now. You may go to any doctor, specialist, or hospital that accepts Medicare. The Original Medicare Plan pays its share and you pay your share.

All physicians and other providers are required by law to file claims directly to Medicare for members with Medicare Part B, when Medicare is primary. This is true whether or not they accept Medicare.

When you are enrolled in Original Medicare along with this Plan, you still need to follow the rules in this brochure for us to cover your care.

Claims process when you have the Original Medicare Plan—You probably will not need to file a claim form when you have both our Plan and the Original Medicare Plan.

- When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first.
- When Original Medicare is the primary payor, Medicare processes your claim first. In most cases, your claim will be coordinated automatically and we will then provide secondary benefits for covered charges. To find out if you need to do something to file a claim, call us at 888-636-NALC (6252) or see our website at www.nalchbp.org.

High Option: We waive some costs if the Original Medicare Plan is your primary payor. We will waive some out-of-pocket costs as follows:

- If you have Medicare Part A as primary payor, we waive:
 - The copayment for a hospital admission.
 - The coinsurance for a hospital admission.
 - The deductible for inpatient care in a treatment facility.
- If you have Medicare Part B as primary payor, we waive:
 - The copayments for office or outpatient visits.
 - The copayments for allergy injections.
 - The coinsurance for services billed by physicians, other healthcare professionals, and facilities.
 - All calendar year deductibles.

When Medicare is the primary payor and is not covering a service or supply that is covered by the Plan, we will review the Medicare Summary Notice or Medicare Remittance Advice Statement to see if the charge is a contractual obligation (CO) or if it is the patient's responsibility (PR). When the service or supply is the patient's responsibility, we will pay either the charge or our Plan allowance, whichever is less, at 100%.

If we believe Medicare may have incorrectly denied a service or supply, we will ask the provider or facility to refile to Medicare.

Note: If you have Medicare Part B as primary payor, we will not waive the copayments for mail order drugs, or the coinsurance for retail prescription drugs.

Please review the following examples which illustrate your cost share if you are enrolled in Medicare Part B and our High Option Plan. If you purchase Medicare Part B, and your provider participates in Medicare, we will waive some costs because Medicare will be the primary payor.

Deductible

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: \$300 per person/\$600 per family
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: \$300 per person/\$600 per family
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: \$0
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: \$0

Catastrophic Protection Out-of-pocket maximum

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: \$3,500 per person/\$7,000 per family
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: \$5,000 per person/\$10,000 per family
PPO/Non-PPO combined
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: \$0
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: Non-PPO: \$0

Part B premium reimbursement offered

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: N/A
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: N/A
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: N/A
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: Non-PPO: N/A

Primary care provider

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: \$25 copay
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: 35% after deductible
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: \$0
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: Non-PPO: \$0

Specialist

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: \$25 copay
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: 35% after deductible
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: \$0
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: \$0

Inpatient hospital

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: \$350 per admission
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: \$450 per admission and 35%
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: \$350 per admission
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: Non-PPO: \$450 per admission and 35%

Outpatient hospital

High Option: You pay without Medicare: PPO: 15% after deductible or \$350 observation
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Non-PPO: 35% after deductible
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: PPO: \$0
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: Non-PPO: \$0

Rewards offered

High Option: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: N/A
High Option: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: N/A
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: N/A
High Option: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: N/A

*When we are the secondary payor, we usually pay what is left after the primary plan, up to our regular benefit for each claim. We will not pay more than our allowance.

Consumer Driven Health Plan: When Original Medicare (either Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B) is the primary payor, we will not waive any out-of-pocket costs.

When we are the secondary payor, we limit benefits to the difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the Medicare payment. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will receive no benefit.

Note: We do not waive our deductible, copayments or coinsurance for prescription drugs or for services and supplies that Medicare does not cover. Also, we do not waive benefit limitations, such as the 12-visit limit for chiropractic services or the 50-visit limit for physical, occupational or speech therapy.

You can find more information about how our plan coordinates benefits with Medicare in Medicare and You, and Medicare Benefits at a Glance at www.nalchbp.org.

Please review the following examples which illustrate your cost share if you are enrolled in Medicare Part B and our CDHP Option. If you purchase Medicare Part B, you are still responsible for applicable deductibles, and coinsurance for charges billed by In-Network or Out-of-Network providers.

Deductible

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network:\$2,000 Self only/\$4,000 Self Plus One/\$4,000 Self and Family

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: \$4,000 Self only/\$8,000 Self Plus One/\$8,000 Self and Family

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: \$2,000 Self only/\$4,000 Self Plus One/\$4,000 Self and Family

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: \$4,000 Self only/\$8,000 Self Plus One/\$8,000 Self and Family

Catastrophic Protection Out-of-pocket maximum

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: \$6,600 per person/\$12,000 per family

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: \$12,000 per person/\$24,000 per family

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In Network: \$6,600 per person/\$12,000 per family

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: \$12,000 per person/\$24,000 per family

Part B premium reimbursement offered

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: N/A

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: N/A

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: N/A

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: N/A

Primary care provider

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: 20% of the Plan allowance

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: 50% of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part B, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part B, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges.

Specialist

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: 20% of the Plan allowance

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: 50% of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part B, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part B, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

Inpatient hospital

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: 20% of the Plan allowance

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: 50% of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part A, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part A, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

Outpatient hospital

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: 20% of the Plan allowance

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: 50% of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part B, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: The difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part B, regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare payment, you will pay all charges

Rewards offered

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: In-Network: N/A

CDHP: You pay without Medicare: Out-of-Network: N/A

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: In-Network: N/A

CDHP: You pay with Medicare Part B: Out-of-Network: N/A

• Tell us about your Medicare coverage

You must tell us if you or a covered family member has Medicare coverage and let us obtain information about services denied or paid under Medicare if we ask. You must also tell us about other coverage you or your covered family members may have, as this coverage may affect the primary/secondary status of this Plan and Medicare.

• Private contract with your physician

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, a physician may ask you to sign a private contract agreeing that you can be billed directly for services ordinarily covered by Original Medicare. Should you sign an agreement, Medicare will not pay any portion of the charges, and we will not increase our payment. We will still limit our payment to the amount we would have paid after Original Medicare's payment. You may be responsible for paying the difference between the billed amount and the amount we paid.

- **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: 877-486-2048 or at www.medicare.gov.

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

This Plan and our Medicare Advantage Plan: You may enroll in our High Option and our nation-wide NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage if you are an annuitant with Medicare Parts A and B primary. Enrollment in the NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage is voluntary. Members may opt in or out of the NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage during Open Season. Our Medicare Advantage plan will enhance your PSHB coverage by lowering/eliminating cost-sharing for services and/or adding benefits at no additional cost. NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage is subject to Medicare rules. You can enroll in our Medicare Advantage plan with no additional premium. If you are already enrolled and would like to understand your additional benefits in more detail, please call us at 866-241-0262 (TTY: 711) (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday EST.), go to www.AetnaRetireeHealth.com/NALCHBP, or you may also refer to your Medicare plan's Evidence of Coverage. Once you enroll in our NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage, we will send you additional information.

When you are enrolled in our High Option Plan under the PSHB Program **and choose to enroll** in the NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage, you receive the following enhanced benefits.

- No deductible
- No copays or coinsurance for covered services (office visits or telehealth, preventive care, surgical care, inpatient/outpatient hospital care, emergency room/urgent care, etc.)
- Additional benefits such as dental, vision, non-emergency transportation, SilverSneakers® (a registered trademark of Tivity Health Inc.), Resources for Living, and meal benefit delivery program following inpatient hospitalization, etc.

Part B Premium Reduction

NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage: We will reduce the Part B premium that you pay to the Social Security Administration by \$75 per month. If you pay your Part B premium on a monthly basis, you will see this dollar amount credited in your Social Security check. If you pay your Part B premium quarterly, you will see an amount equaling three months of reductions credited on your quarterly Part B premium statement. It may take a few months to see these reductions credited to either your Social Security check or premium statement, but you will be reimbursed for any credits you did not receive during this waiting period. The Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is an amount you pay in addition to your Part B and D premium if your income is above a certain level. Social Security makes this determination based on your income. For additional information concerning the IRMAA, contact the Social Security Administration.

Important Information about your enrollment in our NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage

NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage is a separate Medicare contract from the PSHB NALC Health Benefit Plan contract and depends on contract renewal with CMS. Contact Aetna at 866-241-0262 (TTY: 711) for a copy of the Evidence of Coverage for the NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage. You may also obtain a copy of the Evidence of Coverage at www.AetnaRetireeHealth.com/NALCHBP. The Evidence of Coverage contains a complete description of plan benefits, exclusions, limitations and conditions of coverage under NALC High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage.

The High Option and Another Plan’s Medicare Advantage: You may enroll in another plan’s Medicare Advantage plan and also remain enrolled in our PSHB plan. We will still provide benefits when your Medicare Advantage plan is primary, even when you receive services from providers who are not in the Medicare Advantage plan’s network and/or service area. However, we will not waive any of our copayments, coinsurance, or deductible. We will waive coinsurance, deductibles, and most copayments when you use a participating provider with your Medicare Advantage 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.

The Consumer Driven Health Plan and Another Plan’s Medicare Advantage: You may enroll in another plan’s Medicare Advantage plan and also remain enrolled in our PSHB plan. We will still provide benefits when your Medicare Advantage plan is primary, even when you receive services from providers who are not in the Medicare Advantage plan’s network and/or service area. When a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan is the primary payor we will **not waive any out-of-pocket costs**.

When we are the secondary payor, we limit benefits to the difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the Medicare Advantage payment. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare Advantage payment, you will receive no benefit.

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.

Suspended PSHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan: If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your PSHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, eliminating your PSHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to your Medicare Advantage plan premium.) For information on suspending your PSHB enrollment, contact your retirement or employing office. If you later want to re-enroll in the PSHB 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.

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

When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first. If you (as an active employee eligible for Medicare Part D or their covered Medicare Part D-eligible family member) enroll in any open market Medicare Part D plan and we are the secondary payor, we will review claims for your prescription drug costs that are not covered by that Medicare Part D plan and consider them for payment under the PSHB plan.

High Option: When we are the secondary payor, we limit benefits to the amounts shown in Section 5(f). *Prescription Drug Benefits*. If the balance after Medicare Part D’s payment is less than or equal to our prescription drug benefit, the Plan will make no payment.

Consumer Driven Health Plan: When we are the secondary payor, we limit benefits to the difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the Medicare Part D payment. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the Medicare Part D payment, you will receive no benefit.

Note: If you are a Postal Service annuitant or their covered Medicare-eligible family member enrolled in our Medicare Part D PDP EGWP, this does not apply to you because you may not be enrolled in more than one Medicare Part D plan at the same time. If you opt out of or disenroll from our PDP EGWP you do not have our PSHB Program prescription drug coverage and we are not a secondary payor for prescription drug benefits.

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

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part A and/or Part B, and are not enrolled in our Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MAPD), you will be automatically group enrolled into our Medicare PDP EGWP. Our PDP EGWP is a prescription drug benefit for Postal Service annuitants and their covered Medicare-eligible family members.

This allows you to receive benefits that will never be less than the standard prescription drug coverage that is available to members with non-PDP EGWP prescription drug coverage. But more often you will receive benefits that are better than members with standard non-PDP EGWP prescription drug coverage. **Note: You have the choice to opt out of or disenroll from our PDP EGWP at any time and may obtain prescription drug coverage outside of the PSHB Program.**

When you are enrolled in our Medicare PDP EGWP for your prescription drug benefits you continue to have our medical coverage.

Members with higher incomes may have a separate premium payment for their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) benefit. Please refer to the Part D-IRMAA section of the Medicare website: <https://www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/costs-for-medicare-drug-coverage/monthly-premium-for-drug-plans> to see if you would be subject to an additional premium.

For people with limited income and resources, Extra Help is a Medicare program to help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. Information regarding this program is available through the Social Security Administration (SSA) online at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call the SSA at 800-772-1213 TTY 800-325-0778. You may also contact the Plan at 888-636-NALC (6252).

This Plan and our Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP)

We offer a prescription drug plan called SilverScript PDP to our Medicare-eligible annuitants and Medicare-eligible family members covered under the NALC Health Benefit Plan. This drug plan is sponsored by NALC Health Benefit Plan, which is a Medicare Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP). SilverScript® Insurance Company is affiliated with CVS Caremark.

An EGWP combines a standard Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage with a union or employer's prescription drug plan. The SilverScript PDP sponsored by NALC Health Benefit Plan combines Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage with additional coverage provided by the NALC Health Benefit Plan to close the gaps between the standard Part D plan and our current coverage. The EGWP meets requirements applicable to Medicare Part D. Members will pay lesser or equal copay or coinsurance which means benefits will never be lesser than your coverage that is available to members with only PSHB coverage. More often, you will receive benefits that are better than members with only PSHB. Members enrolled in the SilverScript PDP will receive the following enhancements:

- A \$2,000 maximum prescription out-of-pocket
- Equal to or lower copay/coinsurance structure
- Plan will pay your Medicare Part D premium (excluding IRMAA)
- High Option members can get up to a \$600 annual Medicare Part B reimbursement.
- Retail pharmacy coordination with Medicare and NALC Health Benefit Plan

If you are an annuitant or an annuitant's family member who is enrolled in Medicare Part A or Medicare Parts A and B, you will be automatically enrolled in the SilverScript PDP on January 1, 2025, or later once you become Medicare eligible.

The PDP EGWP opt out process:

If you were automatically group enrolled into our PDP EGWP and choose to opt out call SilverScript at 833-272-9886.

The PDP EGWP disenrollment process:

To disenroll from our PDP EGWP after enrolled, you must submit request in writing. Complete the Disenrollment form located on https://www.nalchbp.org/high-option-plan/providers/body/Disenrollment_Form.pdf

Warning: If you opt out of or disenroll from our High Option PDP EGWP, you will not have any PSHB Program prescription drug coverage. However, you can enroll in our High Option Plan - Aetna Medicare Advantage during Open Season or for a **qualifying life event (QLE)** and receive PSHB Program Prescription Drug Coverage. For more information or to enroll in our Medicare Advantage program call Aetna at 866-241-0262 or go to <https://www.nalchbpretiree.org/>

Note: If you choose to opt out of or disenroll from our PDP EGWP, your premium will not be reduced, and you may have to wait to re-enroll during Open Season or for a QLE. If you do not maintain creditable coverage, re-enrollment in our PDP EGWP may be subject to a late enrollment penalty. Contact us for assistance at 888-636-NALC (6252).

Only High Option annuitants or annuitant's family members enrolled in SilverScript PDP and Medicare Part B are eligible to receive a Medicare Part B premium reimbursement of up to \$600 per enrollee from the NALC Health Benefit Plan, administered by Health Equity®. To learn more about Health Equity and how to create your Medicare Reimbursement Account, please visit www.healthequity.com/wageworks or call 844-768-5644.

The NALC Health Benefit Plan will pay the Medicare premium for Part D drug plan coverage, i.e., the EGWP, except for certain additional Medicare premium charges to which you may be subject, explained below.

The NALC Health Benefit Plan will not pay any additional premium imposed due to an enrollee exceeding the income threshold as defined by the Social Security Administration, which is known as the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA). As with Medicare Part D plans, EGWP enrollees with higher income may be assessed IRMAA. (Failure to pay an assessed IRMAA amount for three months will result in automatic disenrollment by Medicare from the EGWP.)

Medicare always makes the final determination as to whether they are the primary payor. The following chart illustrates whether Medicare or this Plan should be the primary payor for you according to your employment status and other factors determined by Medicare. It is critical that you tell us if you or a covered family member has Medicare coverage so we can administer these requirements correctly. **(Having coverage under more than two health plans may change the order of benefits determined on this chart.)**

Primary Payor Chart		
A. When you - or your covered spouse - are age 65 or over and have Medicare and you...	The primary payor for the individual with Medicare is...	
	Medicare	This Plan
1) Have PSHB coverage on your own as an active employee		✓
2) Have PSHB coverage on your own as an annuitant or through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
3) Have PSHB through your spouse who is an active employee		✓
4) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Postal Service and your position is excluded from the PSHB (your employing office will know if this is the case) and you are not covered under PSHB through your spouse under #3 above	✓	
5) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Postal Service and your position is not excluded from the PSHB (your employing office will know if this is the case) and...		
• You have PSHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an active employee		✓
• You have PSHB coverage through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
6) Are enrolled in Part B only, regardless of your employment status	✓ for Part B services	✓ for other services
7) Are a Postal employee receiving Workers' Compensation		✓*
8) Are a Postal employee receiving disability benefits for six months or more	✓	
B. When you or a covered family member...		
1) Have Medicare solely based on end stage renal disease (ESRD) and...		
• It is within the first 30 months of eligibility for or entitlement to Medicare due to ESRD (30-month coordination period)		✓
• It is beyond the 30-month coordination period and you or a family member are still entitled to Medicare due to ESRD	✓	
2) Become eligible for Medicare due to ESRD while already a Medicare beneficiary and...		
• This Plan was the primary payor before eligibility due to ESRD (for 30-month coordination period)		✓
• Medicare was the primary payor before eligibility due to ESRD	✓	
3) Have Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) and...		
• Medicare based on age and disability	✓	
• Medicare based on ESRD (for the 30-month coordination period)		✓
• Medicare based on ESRD (after the 30-month coordination period)	✓	
C. When either you or a covered family member are eligible for Medicare solely due to disability and you...		
1) Have PSHB coverage on your own as an active employee or through a family member who is an active employee		✓
2) Have PSHB coverage on your own as an annuitant or through a family member who is an annuitant	✓	

*Workers' Compensation is primary for claims related to your condition under Workers' Compensation.

When you are age 65 or older and do not have Medicare

Under the FEHB law, which includes the PSHB Program, we must limit our payments for **inpatient hospital care and physician care** to those payments you would be entitled to if you had Medicare. Your physician and hospital must follow Medicare rules and cannot bill you for more than they could bill you if you had Medicare. You and the PSHB benefit from these payment limits. Outpatient hospital care and non-physician based care are not covered by this law; regular Plan benefits apply. The following chart has more information about the limits.

If you:

- are age 65 or older; and
- do not have Medicare Part A, Part B, or both; and
- have this Plan as an annuitant or as a former spouse, or as a family member of an annuitant or former spouse; and
- are not employed in a position that gives FEHB coverage. (Your employing office can tell you if this applies.)

Then, for your inpatient hospital care:

- The law requires us to base our payment on an amount—the “equivalent Medicare amount”—set by Medicare’s rules for what Medicare would pay, not on the actual charge.
- You are responsible for your applicable deductibles, coinsurance, or copayments under this Plan.
- You are not responsible for any charges greater than the equivalent Medicare amount; we will show that amount on the explanation of benefits (EOB) statement that we send you.
- The law prohibits a hospital from collecting more than the "equivalent Medicare amount".

And, for your physician care, the law requires us to base our payment and your coinsurance or copayment on:

- an amount set by Medicare and called the “Medicare approved amount,” or
- the actual charge if it is lower than the Medicare approved amount.

If your physician:

Participates with Medicare or accepts Medicare assignment for the claim—whether the physician participates in our PPO network or not,

Then you are responsible for:

your deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, and the balance up to the Medicare approved amount.

If your physician:

Does not participate with Medicare,

Then you are responsible for:

your deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, and any balance up to 115% of the Medicare approved amount.

If your physician:

Does not participate with Medicare and is not a member of our PPO network,

Then you are responsible for:

your out-of-network deductibles, coinsurance, and any balance up to 115% of the Medicare approved amount.

If your physician:

Opts-out of Medicare via private contract,

Then you are responsible for:

your deductibles, coinsurance, copayments and any balance your physician charges.

It is generally to your financial advantage to use a physician who participates with Medicare. Such physicians are permitted to collect only up to the Medicare approved amount.

Physicians Who Opt Out of Medicare

A physician may have opted-out of Medicare and may or may-not ask you to sign a private contract agreeing that you can be billed directly for services ordinarily covered by Original Medicare. This is different than a non-participating doctor, and we recommend you ask your physician if they have opted-out of Medicare. Should you visit an opt-out physician, the physician will not be limited to 115% of the Medicare approved amount. You may be responsible for paying the difference between the billed amount and our regular in-network/out-of-network benefits.

Charges are subject to our calendar year deductible, and you may be responsible for paying the amount Medicare would have paid if the charges were billed by a Medicare participating provider. Before we can process charges, we require the signed private contract between you and the provider and the provider's opt out confirmation letter from Medicare.

Our explanation of benefits (EOB) statement will tell you how much the physician or hospital can collect from you. If your physician or hospital tries to collect more than allowed by law, ask the physician or hospital to reduce the charges. If you have paid more than allowed, ask for a refund. If you need further assistance, call us.

Providers Not Eligible to Enroll in Medicare

Providers not eligible to enroll with Medicare cannot bill or accept Medicare payments. In this situation, our standard benefits apply, and you are responsible for applicable deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments.

When you have the Original Medicare Plan (Part A, Part B, or both)

High Option: We limit our payment to an amount that supplements the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part A (Hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical insurance), regardless of whether Medicare pays.

When you are covered by Medicare Part A and it is primary, you pay no out-of-pocket expenses for services Medicare Part A covers.

When you are covered by Medicare Part B and it is primary, you pay no out-of-pocket expenses for services Medicare Part B covers.

- If your physician accepts Medicare assignment, you pay nothing.
- If your physician does not accept Medicare assignment, you pay nothing because we supplement Medicare's payment up to the limiting charge.

Consumer Driven Health Plan: We limit our payment to the difference between our liability (as the primary carrier) and the benefits that Medicare would pay under Medicare Part A (Hospital insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical insurance), regardless of whether Medicare pays. When our liability is equal to, or less than, the (estimated) Medicare payment, you will receive no benefit.

We use the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medicare-equivalent Remittance Advice (MRA) when the statement is submitted to determine our payment for covered services provided to you if Medicare is primary since Medicare does not pay the VA facility.

When Original Medicare (either Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B) is the primary payor, we will **not waive any out-of-pocket costs**.

It is important to know that a physician who does not accept Medicare assignment may not bill you for more than 115% of the amount Medicare bases its payment on, called the “limiting charge”. The Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) that Medicare will send you will have more information about the limiting charge. If your physician tries to collect more than allowed by law, ask the physician to reduce the charges. If the physician does not, report the physician to the Medicare carrier that sent you the MSN form. Call us if you need further assistance.

Note: Under the High Option and Consumer Driven Health Plan, when Medicare benefits are exhausted, or services are not covered by Medicare, our benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure. In these instances, our payment will be based on our non-PPO Plan allowance.

Section 10. Definitions of terms we use in this brochure

Admission	The period from entry (admission) into a hospital or other covered facility until discharge. In counting days of inpatient care, the date of entry and the date of discharge are counted as a single day.
Assignment	<p>An authorization by you (the enrollee or covered family member) that is approved by us (the Carrier), for us to issue payment of benefits directly to the provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We reserve the right to pay you directly for all covered services. Benefits payable under the contract are not assignable by you to any person without express written approval from us, and in the absence of such approval, any assignment shall be void.• Your specific written consent for a designated authorized representative to act on your behalf to request reconsideration of a claim decision (or, for an urgent care claim, for a representative to act on your behalf without designation) does not constitute an Assignment.• OPM's contract with us, based on federal statute and regulation, gives you a right to seek judicial review of OPM's final action on the denial of a health benefits claim but it does not provide you with authority to assign your right to file such a lawsuit to any other person or entity.? Any agreement you enter into with another person or entity (such as a provider, or other individual or entity) authorizing that person or entity to bring a lawsuit against OPM, whether or not acting on your behalf, does not constitute an Assignment, is not a valid authorization under this contract, and is void.
Calendar year	January 1 through December 31 of the same year. For new enrollees, the calendar year begins on the effective date of their enrollment and ends on December 31 of the same year.
Certified Doula	A professional who has met the education, training and experience requirements of a doula certifying organization to provide non-clinical emotional, physical and informational support before, during and after labor.
Clinical trials cost categories	<p>An approved clinical trial includes a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition, and is either Federally-funded; conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or is a drug trial that is exempt from the requirement of an investigational new drug application.</p> <p>If you are a participant in a clinical trial, this health plan will provide related care as follows, if it is not provided by the clinical trial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine care costs – costs for routine services such as doctor visits, lab tests, X-rays and scans, and hospitalizations related to treating the patient's condition, whether the patient is in a clinical trial or is receiving standard therapy• Extra care costs – costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of the trial, but not as part of the patient's routine care• Research costs – costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as research physician and nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for research purposes. These costs are generally covered by the clinical trials. This plan does not cover these costs.
Coinsurance	See Section 4 (page 27)

Congenital anomaly	A condition that existed at or from birth and is a significant deviation from the common form or norm. For purposes of this Plan, congenital anomalies include protruding ear deformities, cleft lips, cleft palates, birthmarks, webbed fingers or toes, and other conditions that the Plan may determine to be congenital anomalies. In no event will the term congenital anomaly include conditions relating to teeth or intra-oral structure supporting the teeth.
Copayment	See Section 4 (page 26)
Cosmetic surgery	Any operative procedure or any portion of a procedure performed primarily to improve physical appearance and/or treat a mental condition through change in bodily form.
Cost-sharing	See Section 4 (page 26)
Covered services	Services we provide benefits for, as described in this brochure.
Custodial care	<p>Treatment or services that help the patient with daily living activities, or can safely and reasonably be provided by a person that is not medically skilled, regardless of who recommends them or where they are provided. Custodial care, sometimes called “long term care,” includes such services as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring for personal needs, such as helping the patient bathe, dress, or eat; • Homemaking, such as preparing meals or planning special diets; • Moving the patient, or helping the patient walk, get in and out of bed, or exercise; • Acting as a companion or sitter; • Supervising self-administered medication; or • Performing services that require minimal instruction, such as recording temperature, pulse, and respirations; or administration and monitoring of feeding systems. <p>The Plan determines whether services are custodial care.</p>
Deductible	See Section 4 (page 26)
Definitive (quantitative) drug test	A urine test that measures the quantity of a substance present in a specimen.
Experimental or investigational services	<p>A drug, device, or biological product that cannot lawfully be marketed without approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that approval has not been given at the time the drug, device, or biological product is furnished. “Approval” means all forms of acceptance by the FDA.</p> <p>A medical treatment or procedure, or a drug, device, or biological product is considered experimental or investigational if reliable evidence shows that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the subject of ongoing phase I, II, or III clinical trials or under study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, safety, effectiveness, or effectiveness as compared with the standard means of treatment or diagnosis; or • The consensus of opinion among experts is that further studies or clinical trials are necessary to determine its toxicity, safety, effectiveness, or effectiveness as compared with the standard means of treatment or diagnosis. <p>Our Medical Director reviews current medical resources to determine whether a service or supply is experimental or investigational. We will seek an independent expert opinion if necessary.</p>
Group health coverage	Coverage through employment (including benefits through COBRA) or membership in an organization that provides payment for hospital, medical, or other healthcare services or supplies, or that pays more than \$200 per day for each day of hospitalization.

Healthcare professional	A physician or other healthcare professional licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law. See Section 3. <i>How You Get Care</i> for a listing of covered providers.
Iatrogenic infertility	Medical treatment with a likely side effect of infertility as established by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Typically, this occurs in oncology patients as the result of chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and/or surgery; but can also occur as an adverse effect of treatment for other conditions.
Infertility	A disease or medical condition of the reproductive system. The Plan covers the diagnosing and treatment of infertility as well as treatment needed to conceive, including covered artificial insemination procedures. Infertility may also be established through an evaluation based on medical history and diagnostic testing.
Medical necessity	<p>Services, drugs, supplies, or equipment provided by a hospital or covered provider of the healthcare services that we determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are appropriate to diagnose or treat your condition, illness, or injury; • Are consistent with standards of good medical practice in the United States; • Are not primarily for the personal comfort or convenience of you, your family, or your provider; • Are not related to your scholastic education or vocational training; and • In the case of inpatient care, cannot be provided safely on an outpatient basis. <p>The fact that a covered provider has prescribed, recommended, or approved a service, supply, drug, or equipment does not, in itself, make it medically necessary.</p>
Medicare Part A	Part A helps cover inpatient hospital stays, skilled nursing facility care, hospice care, and some home health care.
Medicare Part B	Part B covers medically necessary services like doctors' services and tests, outpatient care, home health services, durable medical equipment, and other medical services.
Medicare Part C	Part C is a Medicare Advantage plan that combines the coverage of Medicare Part A and Part B. Part C typically also covers additional benefits like, dental, vision, and hearing services. Some Part C plans also include Medicare Part D coverage.
Medicare Part D	Medicare Part D plans provide coverage for prescription drugs. Private insurers contract with CMS on an annual basis for the right to offer Part D plans. Part D can be offered as a standalone Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or as part of a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MAPD).
Medicare Part D EGWP	A Medicare Part D Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) is a type of Medicare prescription drug plan that can be offered to employees and retirees of certain companies, unions, or government agencies, which allows for flexibility and enhanced coverage of traditional Medicare pharmacy benefits. Examples of Medicare Part D EGWPs are Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan EGWPs that include both health and drug benefits, as well as Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) EGWPs, which only cover the prescription drug benefit.
Mental health and substance use disorder	Conditions and diseases listed in the most recent edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) as psychoses, neurotic disorders, or personality disorders; other nonpsychotic mental disorders listed in the ICD, to be determined by the Plan; or disorders listed in the ICD requiring treatment for abuse of or dependence upon substances such as alcohol, narcotics, or hallucinogens.

Minor acute conditions Common, non-emergent medical conditions. Examples of common conditions include allergies, cold and flu symptoms, sinus problems, skin disturbances, and minor wounds and abrasions.

Partial Hospitalization A structured outpatient program designed to actively manage/treat a mental disorder or substance use disorder as an alternative to inpatient care. The program may be freestanding or hospital-based and provides services for at least 20 hours per week.

Plan allowance Our Plan allowance is the amount we use to determine our payment and your coinsurance for covered services. Fee-for-service plans determine their allowances in different ways. We determine our allowance as follows:

High Option PPO benefits:

For services rendered by a covered provider that participates in the Plan's PPO network, our allowance is based on a negotiated rate agreed to under the provider's network agreement. These providers accept the Plan allowance as their charge.

High Option In-Network mental health and substance use disorder benefits:

For services rendered by a covered provider that participates in the Plan's mental health and substance use disorder network, our allowance is based on a negotiated rate agreed to under the provider's network agreement. These providers accept the Plan allowance as their charge.

High Option Non-PPO benefits:

When you do not use a PPO provider, we may use one of the following methods:

- Our Plan allowance is based on the 80th percentile of data gathered from healthcare sources that compare charges of other providers for similar services in the same geographic area; or
- For facility charges (such as hospitals, dialysis facilities, and ambulatory surgical centers), our allowance is based on two and one-half times the Medicare reimbursement rate.
- For medication charges, our allowance is based on the suggested wholesale price or an alternative pricing benchmark.

Note: If you purchase prescriptions at a non-network pharmacy, foreign/overseas pharmacy, or elect to purchase additional 30-day refills at a network pharmacy, CVS Caremark will base its allowance on the average wholesale price. For medication charges, our allowance is based on the average wholesale price or an alternative pricing benchmark.

High Option Out-of-Network mental health and substance use disorder benefits:

Our allowance is based on the 80th percentile of data gathered from healthcare sources that compare charges of other providers for similar services in the same geographic area.

Note: A reduction is applied to the physician level reimbursement for certain licensed health care professionals consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This reduction is applied to all out-of-network outpatient professional services.

High Option Non-PPO medical emergency services:

Our Plan allowance for non-PPO emergency services is determined by taking the greatest of:

- The median PPO rate;
- The usual, customary and reasonable rate (or similar rate determined using the Plan's formula for determining payments for non-PPO services);
- The Medicare rate; or

- For facility charges (such as hospitals, dialysis facilities, and ambulatory surgical centers), our allowance is based on two and one-half times the Medicare reimbursement rate.

CDHP In-Network benefits: For services rendered by a covered provider that participates in the Plan’s PPO network, our allowance is based on a negotiated rate agreed to under the providers’ network agreement. These providers accept the Plan allowance as their charge.

CDHP Out-of-Network benefits: Our allowance is based on two times the Medicare reimbursement rate.

Note: For other categories of benefits and for certain specific services within each of the above categories, exceptions to the usual method of determining the Plan allowance may exist under the High Option and Consumer Driven Health Plan. At times, we may seek an independent expert opinion to determine our Plan allowance. In the absence of seeking an expert opinion to determine Plan allowance, our allowance will be based on 80% of the billed amount, including foreign claims.

For more information, see Section 4. *Differences between our allowance and the bill.*

You should also see Important Notice About Surprise Billing – Know Your Rights in Section 4 that describes your protections against surprise billing under the No Surprises Act.

Post-service claims	Any claims that are not pre-service claims. In other words, post-service claims are those claims where treatment has been performed and the claims have been sent to us in order to apply for benefits.
Preadmission testing	Routine tests ordered by a physician and usually required prior to surgery or hospital inpatient admission that are not diagnostic in nature.
Pre-service claims	Those claims (1) that require precertification, prior approval, or a referral and (2) where failure to obtain precertification, prior approval, or a referral results in a reduction of benefits.
Presumptive (qualitative) drug test	A urine test that confirms if a substance is present in a specimen.
Reimbursement	A carrier's pursuit of a recovery if a covered individual has suffered an illness or injury and has received, in connection with that illness or injury, a payment from any party that may be liable, any applicable insurance policy, or a workers' compensation program or insurance policy, and the terms of the carrier's health benefits plan require the covered individual, as a result of such payment, to reimburse the carrier out of the payment to the extent of the benefits initially paid or provided. The right of reimbursement is cumulative with and not exclusive of the right of subrogation.
Subrogation	A carrier's pursuit of a recovery from any party that may be liable, any applicable insurance policy, or a workers' compensation program or insurance policy, as successor to the rights of a covered individual who suffered an illness or injury and has obtained benefits from that carrier's health benefits plan.
Surprise bill	An unexpected bill you receive for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency care – when you have little or no say in the facility or provider from whom you receive care, or for • non-emergency services furnished by nonparticipating providers with respect to patient visits to participating health care facilities, or for • air ambulance services furnished by nonparticipating providers of air ambulance services.

Urgent care claims

A claim for medical care or treatment is an urgent care claim if waiting for the regular time limit for non-urgent care claims could have one of the following impacts:

- Waiting could seriously jeopardize your life or health;
- Waiting could seriously jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function; or
- In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, waiting would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

Urgent care claims usually involve Pre-service claims and not Post-service claims. We will determine whether or not a claim is an urgent care claim by applying the judgment of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine.

High Option Urgent Care Claims: If you believe your claim qualifies as an urgent care claim, please contact our Customer Service Department at 888-636-NALC (6252). You may also prove that your claim is an urgent care claim by providing evidence that a physician with knowledge of your medical condition has determined that your claim involves urgent care.

Consumer Driven Health Plan Urgent Care Claims: If you believe your claim qualifies as an urgent care claim, please contact the NALC CDHP Customer Service Department at 855-511-1893. You may also prove that your claim is an urgent care claim by providing evidence that a physician with knowledge of your medical condition has determined that your claim involves urgent care.

Us/We

Us and We refer to the NALC Health Benefit Plan High Option and CDHP.

You

You refers to the enrollee and each covered family member.

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Summary of Benefits for the NALC Health Benefit Plan High Option - 2025

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If you want to enroll or change your enrollment in this Plan, be sure to put the correct enrollment code from the cover on your enrollment form.

Below, an asterisk (*) means the item is subject to the \$300 calendar year deductible. And, after we pay, you generally pay any difference between our allowance and the billed amount if you use a non-PPO physician or other healthcare professional.

High Option Benefits	You pay	Page
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	PPO: \$25 copayment per office visit Non-PPO: 35%* of our allowance	35
Services provided by a hospital: Inpatient	PPO: Nothing when services are related to the delivery of a newborn. \$350 copayment per admission for all other admissions. Non-PPO: \$450 copayment per admission and 35% of our allowance	69
Services provided by a hospital: Outpatient	PPO: 15%* of our allowance Non-PPO: 35%* of our allowance	71
Emergency benefits: Accidental injury	Within 72 hours: Nothing for nonsurgical outpatient care, simple repair of laceration and immobilization of sprain, strain, or fracture After 72 hours: PPO: Regular cost-sharing Non-PPO: Regular cost-sharing	76
Emergency benefits: Medical emergency	PPO: 15%* of our allowance Non-PPO: 15%* of our allowance	76
Mental health and substance use disorder treatment:	In-Network: Regular cost-sharing	78
	Out-of-Network: Regular cost-sharing	78
Prescription drugs: Non-Medicare	Network retail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic: 20% of Plan allowance • Formulary brand: 30% of Plan allowance • Non-formulary brand: 50% of Plan allowance Mail Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60-day supply: \$10 generic/\$60 Formulary brand/ \$84 Non-formulary brand • 90-day supply: \$15 generic/\$90 Formulary brand/ \$125 Non-formulary brand (Lower generic cost for hypertension, asthma, and diabetes)	95

High Option Benefits	You pay	Page
Prescription drugs: Medicare PDP EGWP	<p>Network Medicare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic: 10% of cost; (5% for hypertension, diabetes, and asthma) • Formulary brand: 20% of cost • Non-formulary brand: 40% of cost • Non-network: 50% of our allowance <p>Mail Order Medicare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60-day supply: \$7 generic/\$50 Formulary brand/ \$75 Non-formulary brand • 90-day supply: \$10 generic/\$75 Formulary brand/ \$110 Non-formulary brand <p>(Lower generic cost for hypertension, asthma, and diabetes)</p>	95
Prescription drugs: Specialty drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVS Specialty Non-Medicare/Medicare Mail Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 30-day supply: \$200 specialty drug - 60-day supply: \$300 specialty drug - 90-day supply: \$400 specialty drug 	87
Prescription medications for tobacco cessation: Retail pharmacy	Network retail, Nothing	87
Prescription medications for tobacco cessation: Mail Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60-day supply, Nothing • 90-day supply, Nothing 	87
Dental care:	All charges except as listed in Section 5(g). under the <i>Accidental dental injury benefit</i> .	100
Special features:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-hour help line for mental health and substance use • 24-hour Health Information Line • Behavioral Health Coaching Program • Caremark Plan Enhancement for Non-Covered Drugs (PENCD) • Childhood Weight Management Resource Center • Complex and Chronic Disease Management Program • Disease management programs - Gaps in Care • Disease management program - Transform Care • Disease management program - Your Health First • Flexible benefits option • Health Assessment • Healthy Pregnancies, Healthy Babies Program • Healthy Rewards Program 	101

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hello Heart • Maven (Women and family health platform) • Musculoskeletal (MSK) Program • NALC HBP Member Access Portal (mobile application) • Personal Health Notes • Services for deaf and hearing impaired • Solutions for Caregivers • Specialty Connect • Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Program • Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care Management Program • Telehealth services • Weight Management Program • Wellness Reward Programs • Worldwide coverage 	
<p>Protection against catastrophic costs (out-of-pocket maximum):</p>	<p>Services with coinsurance (including mental health and substance use disorder care), nothing after your coinsurance expenses total:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,500 per person and \$7,000 per family for PPO providers/facilities • \$5,000 per person and \$10,000 per family for Non-PPO providers/facilities. When you use a combination of PPO and Non-PPO providers your out-of-pocket expense will not exceed \$5,000 per person or \$10,000 per family. • \$3,100 per person or \$5,000 per family for coinsurance for prescription drugs dispensed by a CVS Caremark National Network pharmacy and mail order copayment amounts. (Only SilverScript PDP members have a \$2,000 per person prescription out-of-pocket maximum) <p>Some costs do not count toward this protection.</p>	29

Summary of Benefits for the Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) - 2025

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If you want to enroll or change your enrollment in this Plan, be sure to put the correct enrollment code from the cover on your enrollment form.

Below, an asterisk (*) means the item is subject to the \$2,000 calendar year deductible per person and \$4,000 per family. And, after we pay, you generally pay any difference between our allowance and the billed amount if you use an Out-of-Network physician or other healthcare professional. You are responsible for the remaining balance after you exhaust your PCA funds.

CDHP Benefits	You pay CDHP	Page
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	In-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance Out-of-Network: 50%* of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount	123
Services provided by a hospital: Inpatient	In-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance Out-of-Network: 50%* of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount	69
Services provided by a hospital: Outpatient	In-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance Out-of-Network: 50%* of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount	151
Emergency benefits: Accidental injury	In-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance Out-of-Network: 50%* of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount	154
Emergency benefits: Medical emergency	In-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance Out-of-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount	155
Mental health and substance use disorder treatment:	In-Network: 20%* of the Plan allowance Out-of-Network: 50%* of the Plan allowance and the difference, if any, between our allowance and the billed amount	157
Prescription drugs: Retail pharmacy	Network retail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generic: \$10 • Formulary brand: \$40 • Non-formulary brand: \$60 Mail Order:	165

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90-day supply: \$20 generic/\$90 Formulary brand/\$125 Non-formulary brand <p>(Lower generic cost for hypertension, asthma, and diabetes)</p>	
Prescription drugs: Specialty drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVS Specialty Non-Medicare/Medicare Mail Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-day supply: \$250 specialty drug 90-day supply: \$450 specialty drug 	165
Prescription drugs: Medicare PDP EGWP	<p>Network Medicare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic: \$10 Formulary brand: \$40 Non-formulary brand: \$60 <p>Mail Order Medicare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90-day supply: \$20 generic/\$90 Formulary brand/\$125 Non-formulary brand <p>(Lower generic cost for hypertension, asthma, and diabetes)</p>	174
Prescription medications for tobacco cessation: Retail pharmacy	Network retail, Nothing	165
Prescription medications for tobacco cessation: Mail Order	90-day supply: Nothing (No deductible)	165
Dental care:	No benefit.	179
Wellness and Other Special Features:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care support Complex and Chronic Disease Management Program Consumer choice information Diabetes care management program - Transform Care Disease management program - Gaps in Care Disease management program - Your Health First Enhanced CaremarkDirect Retail Program Flexible benefits option Health Assessment Healthy Pregnancies, Healthy Babies® Program Healthy Rewards Program Hello Heart Musculoskeletal (MSK) Program 	180

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC HBP Member Access Portal (mobile application) • Online tools and resources • Specialty Connect • Telehealth services • Weight Management Program • Wellness Reward Programs • Worldwide coverage 	
<p>Protection against catastrophic costs (out-of-pocket maximum):</p>	<p>In-Network providers/facilities, preferred network pharmacies or mail order pharmacy out-of-pocket maximum:</p> <p>Per person: \$6,600 Per family: \$12,000</p> <p>Out-of-Network providers/facilities out-of-pocket maximum:</p> <p>Per person: \$12,000 Per family: \$24,000</p>	29

2025 Rate Information for NALC Health Benefit Plan

To compare your PSHB health plan options please go to <https://health-benefits.opm.gov/pshb/>.

To review premium rates for all PSHB health plan options please go to <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/pshb/premiums/>.

Type of Enrollment	Enrollment Code	Premium Rate			
		Biweekly		Monthly	
		Gov't Share	Your Share	Gov't Share	Your Share
High Option Self Only	77A	\$286.09	\$109.98	\$619.86	\$238.29
High Option Self Plus One	77C	\$618.40	\$266.08	\$1,339.87	\$576.50
High Option Self and Family	77B	\$672.95	\$238.42	\$1,458.06	\$516.58
CDHP Option Self Only	77D	\$177.38	\$59.13	\$384.33	\$128.11
CDHP Option Self Plus One	77F	\$401.66	\$133.88	\$870.26	\$290.08
CDHP Option Self and Family	77E	\$434.78	\$144.92	\$942.02	\$314.00