BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime (HMO) offered by Florida Blue HMO

Annual Notice of Changes for 2017

You are currently enrolled as a member of BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime. Next year, there will be some changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

- **You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**

Additional Resources

- This information is available for free in other languages.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-800-926-6565 for additional information. (TTY users should call 1-800-955-8770.) Hours are 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. local time, seven days a week from October 1-February 14, except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. However, from February 15 through September 30, you will have to leave a message on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays. We will return your call within one business day.
- Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
- El departamento de Atención al Cliente ofrece servicios de interpretación de manera gratuita, disponibles para las personas que no hablan inglés.
- This information is available in an alternate format, including large print, audio tapes, CDs and Braille. Please call Member Services at the number listed above if you need plan information in another format.
- Minimum essential coverage (MEC): Coverage under this Plan qualifies as minimum essential coverage (MEC) and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at: https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families for more information on the individual requirement for MEC.

About BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime

- Florida Blue HMO is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Florida Blue HMO depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means Florida Blue HMO. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime.

Think about Your Medicare Coverage for Next Year

Each fall, Medicare allows you to change your Medicare health and drug coverage during the Annual Enrollment Period. It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.

Important things to do:

- ☐ **Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.** Do the changes affect the services you use? It is important to review benefit and cost changes to make sure they will work for you next year. Look in Sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.5 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.

- ☐ **Check the changes to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.** Will your drugs be covered? Are they in a different tier? Can you continue to use the same pharmacies? It is important to review the changes to make sure our drug coverage will work for you next year. Look in Section 1.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.

- ☐ **Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.** Are your doctors in our network? What about the hospitals or other providers you use? Look in Section 1.3 for information about our Provider Directory.

- ☐ **Think about your overall health care costs.** How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly? How much will you spend on your premium? How do the total costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?

- ☐ **Think about whether you are happy with our plan.**

If you decide to stay with BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime:

If you want to stay with us next year, it's easy - you don't need to do anything.

If you decide to change plans:

If you decide other coverage will better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. If you enroll in a new plan, your new coverage will begin on January 1, 2017. Look in Section 3.2 to learn more about your choices.

Summary of Important Costs for 2017

The table below compares the 2016 costs and 2017 costs for BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes**. **It is important to read the rest of this *Annual Notice of Changes*** and review the enclosed *Evidence of Coverage* to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* *Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. (See Section 1.1 for details.)	$0	$0
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	$6,500	$6,500
Doctor office visits	Primary care visits: $0 per visit Specialist visits: $50 per visit	Primary care visits: $0 per visit Specialist visits: $45 per visit
Inpatient hospital stays Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day**.**	Days 1-5: $325 copay per day (per Medicare-covered hospital stay). After the 5th day, the plan pays 100% of covered expenses.	Days 1-7: $225 copay per day (per Medicare-covered stay). After the 7th day, the plan pays 100% of covered expenses.

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.6 for details.)	Deductible: $0 Copay/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: **Drug Tier 1:** Standard cost-sharing: $19 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $14 copay **Drug Tier 2:** Standard cost-sharing: $20 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $15 copay **Drug Tier 3:** Standard cost-sharing: $47 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $42 copay **Drug Tier 4:** Standard cost-sharing: $100 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $95 copay **Drug Tier 5:** Standard cost-sharing: 33% of the total cost Preferred cost-sharing: 33% of the total cost	Deductible: $0 Copay/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: **Drug Tier 1:** Standard cost-sharing: $12 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $5 copay **Drug Tier 2:** Standard cost-sharing: $20 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $13 copay **Drug Tier 3:** Standard cost-sharing: $47 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $40 copay **Drug Tier 4:** Standard cost-sharing: $100 copay Preferred cost-sharing: $93 copay **Drug Tier 5:** Standard cost-sharing: 33% of the total cost Preferred cost-sharing: 33% of the total cost

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SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Monthly premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	$0	$0

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as "creditable coverage") for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving "Extra Help" with your prescription drug costs.

Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

To protect you, Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay "out-of-pocket" during the year. This limit is called the "maximum out-of-pocket amount." Once you reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	$6,500	$6,500 Once you have paid $6,500 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at **www.BlueMedicareFL.com.** You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2017 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network**.

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, Medicare requires that we furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- When possible we will provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider and managing your care.

Section 1.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies. Our network includes pharmacies with preferred cost-sharing, which may offer you lower cost-sharing than the standard cost-sharing offered by other pharmacies within the network.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at **www.BlueMedicareFL.com**. You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2017 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network**.

Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay),* in your *2017 Evidence of Coverage.*

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Dental – Medicare-covered services	You pay a $50 copay for Medicare-covered dental services.	You pay a $45 copay for Medicare-covered dental services.
Emergency services - Worldwide	Emergency transportation **is covered** when admitted to a hospital when out of the country.	Emergency transportation **is not covered** when admitted to a hospital when out of the country.
Health Education	Diabetes Prevention Program **is not covered**.	Diabetes Prevention Program **is covered**.
Hearing services	You pay a $50 copay for Medicare-covered visits to specialists. **Routine hearing exam is <u>not</u> covered.**	You pay a $45 copay for Medicare-covered visits to specialists. You pay a $45 copay for a routine hearing exam per year.
Hearing aids	**Hearing aid fittings/Evaluations are <u>not</u> covered.** **Hearing aids are <u>not</u> covered.**	You pay a $45 copay for one hearing evaluation and fitting per year. You pay a $699 copay for TruHearing Flyte 700 hearing aid per year (1 per ear, per year). You pay a $999 copay for TruHearing Flyte 900 hearing aid per year (1 per ear, per year).
Inpatient hospital care	You pay a $325 copay per day for days 1-5. After the 5th day, the plan pays 100% of covered expenses.	You pay a $225 copay per day for days 1-7. After the 7th day, the plan pays 100% of covered expenses.

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Inpatient hospital psychiatric	You pay a $ 295 copay per day for days 1-5.	You pay a $300 copay per day for days 1-5.
Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies	You pay a $50 copay when diagnostic procedures/tests are provided in an Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility.	You pay a $50 copay when diagnostic procedures/tests are provided at any location of service.
Outpatient rehabilitation services	You pay a $45 copay for Medicare-covered Occupational, Physical and Speech/Language Therapy services at an outpatient hospital. **A $1,960 yearly Medicare Limit applies to physical and speech therapy services.** **A separate $1,960 yearly Medicare Limit applies to occupational therapy services.**	You pay a $40 copay for Medicare-covered Occupational, Physical and Speech/Language Therapy services at an outpatient hospital. **A $1,960 yearly Medicare Limit applies to physical and speech therapy services. This limit is for 2016 and subject to change by Medicare in 2017.** **A separate $1,960 yearly Medicare Limit applies to occupational therapy services. This limit is for 2016 and subject to change by Medicare in 2017.**
Partial Hospitalization	You pay a $40 copay per day for partial hospitalization.	You pay a $55 copay per day for partial hospitalization.
Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits	You pay a $50 copay for a Specialist office visit.	You pay a $45 copay for a Specialist office visit.
Pulmonary rehabilitation services	You pay a $50 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehabilitation visits at a Specialist office.	You pay a $30 copay for Medicare-covered pulmonary rehabilitation visits at a Specialist office.

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Skilled Nursing Facility	**Days 21-100**: You pay a $160 copay per day (per benefit period) for Medicare-covered SNF care.	**Days 21-100**: You pay a $164.50 copay per day (per benefit period) for Medicare-covered SNF care.
Vision services	You pay a $50 copay for Medicare-covered vision care.	You pay a $45 copay for Medicare-covered vision care.
Additional vision services	Ultra-Progressive lenses **are not covered**.	You pay a $140 copay for Ultra-Progressive lenses.

Section 1.6 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or "Drug List." A copy of our Drug List is in this envelope.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug. **We encourage current members** to ask for an exception before next year.
    - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage* (*What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call Member Services.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Member Services to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a **one-time**, temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of coverage for the plan year. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage.*) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either

switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

To ensure your formulary exception will not expire please contact our Member Services number. Your doctor may have to submit another exception request.

Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

Note: If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs ("Extra Help"), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs does not apply to you.** We sent you a separate insert, called the "Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs" (also called the "Low Income Subsidy Rider" or the "LIS Rider"), which tells you about your drug costs. If you get "Extra Help" and haven't received this insert by September 30, 2016, please call Member Services and ask for the "LIS Rider." Phone numbers for Member Services are in Section 7.1 of this booklet.

There are four "drug payment stages." How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in the enclosed *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

Changes to Your Cost-sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Stage	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and **you pay your share of the cost.** The costs in this row are for a one-month (31-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy. For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 5 of your *Evidence of Coverage*. We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the Drug List.	Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy: **Tier 1- Preferred Generics** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $19 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $14 per prescription. **Tier 2 – Generics** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $20 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $15 per prescription. **Tier 3 –Preferred Brand** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $47 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $42 per prescription. **Tier 4 – Non-Preferred Brand** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $100 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $95 per prescription.	Your cost for a one-month supply at a network pharmacy: **Tier 1- Preferred Generics** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $12 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $5 per prescription. **Tier 2 –Generics** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $20 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $13 per prescription. **Tier 3 –Preferred Brand** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $47 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $40 per prescription. **Tier 4 – Non-Preferred Brand** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay $100 per prescription. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay $93 per prescription.

	Tier 5 – Specialty Drugs *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay 33% of the total cost. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay 33% of the total cost. _____ Once your total drug costs have reached $3,310 you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).	**Tier 5 – Specialty Drugs** *Standard cost-sharing*: You pay 33% of the total cost. *Preferred cost-sharing*: You pay 33% of the total cost. _____ Once your total drug costs have reached $3,700 you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage**. For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 2 Other Changes

Cost	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Mental Health Specialty	Prior Authorization will be required for **certain** mental health specialty services	Prior Authorization is required for **non-emergency** mental health specialty services.

SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime

To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything. If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2017.

Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2017 follow these steps:

Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- -- *OR*-- You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan and whether to buy a Medicare supplement (Medigap) policy.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read *Medicare & You 2017*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to **http://www.medicare.gov** and click "Find health & drug plans." **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To change **to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan,** enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan,** you must either:
    - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 7.1 of this booklet).
    - – *or* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 4 Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7.** The change will take effect on January 1, 2017.

Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid, those who get "Extra Help" paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area are allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage.*

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2017, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to Original Medicare between January 1 and February 14, 2017. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In Florida, the SHIP is called SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

SHINE is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. SHINE counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call SHINE at 1-800-963-5337 (TTY only, call 1-800-955-8770). You can learn more about SHINE by visiting their website at (**www.FLORIDASHINE.org**).

SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **"Extra Help" from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for "Extra Help" to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don't even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
    - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;

- The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); or
- Your State Medicaid Office (applications).

- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Florida Aids Drug Assistance Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call your local County Health Department office. To contact Florida's ADAP directly, call 1-850-245-4335, or mail them at: HIV/AIDS Section, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

SECTION 7 Questions?

Section 7.1 – Getting Help from BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-800-926-6565. (TTY only, call 1-800-955-8770.) We are available for phone calls 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. local time, seven days a week from October 1-February 14, except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. However, from February 15 through September 30, you will have to leave a message on Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays. We will return your call within one business day. Calls to these numbers are free.

Read your 2017 *Evidence of Coverage* (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2017. For details, look in the 2017 *Evidence of Coverage* for BlueMedicare HMO LifeTime. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is included in this envelope.

Visit Our Website

You can also visit our website at **www.BlueMedicareFL.com**. As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (Provider Directory) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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Read *Medicare & You 2017*

You can read *Medicare & You 2017* Handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website (**http://www.medicare.gov**) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.