



# 2023 Summary of Benefits

Aetna Medicare Essential Plan (PPO)  
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Here's a summary of the services we cover from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Keep in mind: This is just a summary. Need a complete list of what we cover and any limitations? Just visit [AetnaMedicare.com](https://www.aetna.com) where you'll find the plan's Evidence of Coverage (EOC) or you may call us to request a copy.

## We're here to help

You may have questions as you read through this information. And that's OK — we're here to help.

### Not a member yet?

**Call 1-833-859-6031 (TTY: 711)**

October 1–March 31: 8 AM–8 PM local time, 7 days a week

April 1–September 30: 8 AM–8 PM local time, Monday–Friday

An Aetna® team member will answer your call.

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# Are you eligible to enroll?

## To join Aetna Medicare Essential Plan (PPO), you must:

- Be entitled to Medicare Part A
- Be enrolled in Medicare Part B
- Live in the plan's service area

**Service area: North Carolina:** Durham, Wake

**Plan type:** Aetna Medicare Essential Plan (PPO) is a PPO plan. This is a Medicare Advantage plan that covers prescription drugs. You can use in-network and out-of-network providers. You will typically pay more for out-of-network care.

## Compare our plan to Medicare

To learn more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your “*Medicare & You*” handbook. View it online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or get a copy 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**.

### What you should know

- **Primary Care Physician (PCP):** You have the option to choose a PCP. When we know who your doctor is, we can better support your care.
- **Referrals:** Aetna Medicare Essential Plan (PPO) doesn’t require a referral from a PCP to see a specialist. Keep in mind, some providers may require a recommendation or treatment plan from your doctor in order to see you.
- **Prior authorizations:** Your provider will work with us to get approval before you receive certain services or drugs. Benefits that may require a prior authorization are listed with an asterisk (\*) in the benefits grid.

You can find more details on each benefit listed below in the Evidence of Coverage (EOC).

Plan costs & information	In-network	Out-of-network
Monthly plan premium	\$0 You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.	
Part B premium reduction	\$30 Reduction of the monthly premium you pay to the Social Security Administration.	
Plan deductible	\$0	\$0
Maximum out-of-pocket amount (does not include prescription drugs)	\$6,800 for in-network services.	\$11,300 for in- and out-of-network services combined.
	The most you pay for copays, coinsurance and other costs for medical services for the year. Once you reach the maximum out-of-pocket, our plan pays 100% of covered medical services. Your premium and prescription drugs don’t count toward the maximum out-of-pocket.	

Primary benefits	Your costs for in-network care	Your costs for out-of-network care
<b>Hospital coverage*</b>		
Inpatient hospital coverage	\$390 per day, days 1-5; \$0 per day, days 6-90.	50% per stay
	You pay \$0 for days 91 and beyond.	
Our plan covers an unlimited number of days, subject to medical necessity.		
Outpatient hospital observation services	\$275 per stay	50% per stay
Outpatient hospital services	\$40–\$275	50%
	\$40 for outpatient hospital services other than surgery \$275 for each outpatient hospital surgery	
Ambulatory surgical center	\$275	50%
<b>Doctor visits</b>		
Primary care physician (PCP)	\$0	\$55
Specialists	\$40	\$60
Preventive care (e.g., certain vaccines, breast cancer screenings, diabetes screenings, etc.)	\$0 For a full list of other preventive services available, see the EOC. Some covered services may have a cost associated.	\$0
<b>Emergency &amp; urgent care</b>		
Emergency care in the United States	\$90	
Urgently needed services in the United States	\$0–\$40	
	\$0 for services provided by your primary care physician in their office \$40 for services performed by a provider other than your primary care physician	
Emergency & urgently needed services worldwide	Emergency services: \$90 Urgently needed services: \$90 Ambulance (ground and air): \$250  \$250,000 maximum benefit for worldwide emergency and urgent care combined.	

Primary benefits	Your costs for in-network care	Your costs for out-of-network care
<b>Diagnostic testing*</b>		
Diagnostic tests & procedures	\$0–\$75	50%
	\$0 for services provided by your primary care physician in their office \$75 for services performed by a provider other than your primary care physician	
Lab services	\$0	50%
Diagnostic radiology (e.g., MRI & CT scans)	\$0–\$120	50%
	\$0 for services provided by your primary care physician in their office \$120 for services performed by a provider other than your primary care physician	
Outpatient x-rays	\$14	50%
<b>Hearing, dental, &amp; vision</b>		
Diagnostic hearing exam	\$40	\$60
Routine hearing exam	\$0	\$60
	We cover one exam every year.	
Hearing aids	Not covered	
Dental services (in addition to Original Medicare coverage)	Our plan pays up to \$1,400 every year for covered services. Cosmetic procedures such as teeth whitening are not covered.  You are responsible for any costs over this amount.  This plan uses the Aetna Dental PPO Network. You can see in- or out-of-network providers for dental services (out-of-network providers must be licensed in the U.S.). Note: All in-network and most out-of-network providers will bill us directly. If you use one who won't bill us, you can pay for covered services and ask us to reimburse you.	
Glaucoma screening	\$0	50%
Diagnostic eye exams (including diabetic eye exams)	\$0–\$40	\$60
	\$0 for diabetic eye exams \$40 for all other eye exams	
Routine eye exam (eye refraction)	\$0	\$60
	We cover one exam every year.	

Primary benefits	Your costs for in-network care	Your costs for out-of-network care
Contacts, eyeglasses and upgrades (in addition to Original Medicare coverage)	\$200 reimbursement every year.  You can see any licensed vision provider in the U.S. If you choose to receive services through EyeMed, your EyeMed provider will apply your allowance at the point of service and bill us directly. This eliminates the need for you to submit a reimbursement request.	
<b>Mental health services*</b>		
Inpatient psychiatric stay	\$390 per day, days 1-4; \$0 per day, days 5-90	50% per stay
Outpatient mental health therapy (individual)	\$40	50%
Outpatient psychiatric therapy (individual)	\$40	50%
<b>Skilled nursing*</b>		
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)	\$0 per day, days 1-20; \$196 per day, days 21-100	50% per stay
	Our plan covers up to 100 days per benefit period.  Prior authorization is required and patient must meet CMS criteria for medically necessary skilled care to be covered.	
<b>Therapy*</b>		
Physical and speech therapy	\$35	50%
Occupational therapy	\$35	50%
<b>Ambulance &amp; routine transportation</b>		
Ground ambulance (one-way trip)	\$250	\$250
Air ambulance* (one-way trip)	\$250	\$250
Routine transportation (non-emergency)	Not Covered	Not Covered
<b>Medicare Part B drugs*</b>		
Medicare Part B only covers certain medicines for certain conditions. These medicines are often given to you in your doctor's office. They can include things like vaccines, injections, and nebulizers, among others. They can also include medicines you take at home through special medical equipment.		
Chemotherapy drugs	20%	50%
Other Part B drugs	20%	50%

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**Aetna Medicare Essential Plan (PPO) includes extra benefits. Learn more about these benefits after the prescription drug information.**

## Prescription drugs

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<b>Prescription drugs</b> (Your costs may be lower if you qualify for Extra Help)					
Formulary name	B2 (You can use this when referencing our list of covered drugs.)				
Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines	Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you, even if you haven't paid your deductible.				
Important Message About What You Pay for Insulins	You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on, even if you haven't paid your deductible.				
<b>Stage 1: Deductible</b>					
You pay the full cost of drugs until you reach your deductible.					
The deductible applies to drugs on Tiers 3, 4, and 5	\$150				
<b>Stage 2: Initial coverage</b>					
You pay the costs below until your total drug costs reach \$4,660. You pay the copay listed below or the cost of the drug, whichever is lower. These cost shares may also apply to Home Infusion drugs when obtained through your Part D benefit.					
	30-day supply through Retail or Mail		100-day supply through Retail or Mail		31-day supply through Long-Term Care
	Preferred	Standard	Preferred	Standard	Standard
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$45	\$15
Tier 2: Generic	\$0	\$20	\$0	\$60	\$20
Tier 3: Preferred Brand	\$47	\$47	\$141	\$141	\$47
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug	\$100	\$100	\$300	\$300	\$100
Tier 5: Specialty	30%	30%	N/A	N/A	30%
<b>Stage 3: Coverage gap</b>					
Our plan offers some coverage in this stage. The coverage gap lasts until your out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$7,400.					
	30-day supply through Retail or Mail				
	Preferred			Standard	
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$0			\$15	
Tier 2: Generic	\$0			\$20	
All other Brand Name and Generic Drugs	25% of the plan's cost				

**Prescription drugs** (Your costs may be lower if you qualify for Extra Help)

**Stage 4: Catastrophic coverage**

You pay a small cost share for each drug.

Generic Drugs	You pay the greater of 5% of the cost of the drug or \$4.15.
Brand Name Drugs	You pay the greater of 5% of the cost of the drug or \$10.35.

Other benefits	Your costs for in-network care	Your costs for out-of-network care
<b>Equipment, prosthetics, &amp; supplies*</b>		
Diabetic supplies	0%–20%	0%–20%
	We only cover OneTouch/Lifescan supplies, including test strips, glucose monitors, solutions, lancets and lancing devices for \$0.  Note: In case of an approved prior authorization, other brands or types of devices may be covered at 20%.	
Durable medical equipment (e.g., wheelchair, oxygen, continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP))	20%	40%
Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs)	20%	40%
<b>Substance abuse*</b>		
Outpatient substance abuse (individual therapy)	\$40	50%

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Additional benefits and services provided by Aetna Medicare Essential Plan (PPO)	Benefit information	
	Your costs for in-network care	Your costs for out-of-network care
24-Hour Nurse Line	Speak with a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to discuss medical issues or wellness topics.	
Chiropractic care*	Medicare-covered services: \$20  Routine chiropractic care isn't covered. Medicare coverage is limited to fixing a subluxation. This is when one or more of the bones in your spine move out of place.	Medicare-covered services: 50%
Physical fitness program	Physical fitness program: Basic membership at participating	



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	Your costs for in-network care	Your costs for out-of-network care
	SilverSneakers® facilities. Or, if you prefer to exercise at home, you can also get an at-home fitness kit. Additionally, through the SilverSneakers program, you have access to classes and workshops taught by instructors trained in senior fitness, workout videos, a mobile app, and online fitness nutrition tips. You will have access to online enrichment classes to support your health and wellness, as well as your mental fitness.	
Meals	When you get home after an inpatient hospital or skilled nursing stay, we cover up to 14 home-delivered meals over 7 days. You will be contacted to schedule delivery (if eligible) and meals will be provided through GA Foods®.	
Over-the-counter items (OTC)	Get over-the-counter health and wellness products by phone, online, or at select participating stores.	
	Our plan pays up to a maximum amount of \$45 quarterly.	
	OTC Health Solutions will manage your OTC benefit. See the OTC catalog for a list of eligible items. You can find the catalog at <a href="https://www.cvs.com/otchs/MyOrder">CVS.com/otchs/MyOrder</a> .	
Resources For Living®	Resources For Living helps connect you to resources in your community such as senior housing, adult daycare, meal subsidies, community activities and more.	
Telehealth*	This plan covers certain Telehealth services (a cost share may apply). Members should contact their doctor for information on what telehealth services they offer and how to schedule a telehealth visit. Depending on location, members may also have the option to schedule a telehealth visit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via Teladoc, MinuteClinic Video Visit, or other providers that offer telehealth services covered under your plan.	
Visitor/travel benefit	<p>Allows you to remain in your plan for up to 12 months when you are outside of our plan's service area.</p> <p>You can see an Aetna Medicare participating provider anywhere in the United States who accepts PPO members and pay in-network cost shares. Not all providers participate in the multi-state network. You also have the option of seeing a non-participating provider and paying the out-of-network cost for the visit. Contact us for help finding a participating provider in the area you're traveling to.</p> <p>Plan rules continue to apply. Prior authorizations are required for certain services.</p>	

\* Prior authorization may be required for these benefits. See the EOC for details.

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See Evidence of Coverage for a complete description of plan benefits, exclusions, limitations and conditions of coverage. Plan features and availability may vary by service area. Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat Aetna members, except in emergency situations. Please call our member services number or see your Evidence of Coverage for more information, including the cost-sharing that applies to out-of-network services. The formulary, provider and/or pharmacy network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary. Aetna Medicare's pharmacy network includes limited lower cost, preferred pharmacies in: Suburban Arizona, Suburban Illinois, Urban Kansas, Suburban Michigan, Rural Michigan, Urban Michigan, Urban Missouri, Rural North Dakota, Suburban Utah, Suburban West Virginia and Suburban Wyoming. The lower costs advertised in our plan materials for these pharmacies may not be available at the pharmacy you use. For up-to-date information about our network pharmacies, including whether there are any lower-cost preferred pharmacies in your area, members please call the number on your ID card, non-members please call 1-833-859-6031 (TTY: 711) or consult the online pharmacy directory at [AetnaMedicare.com/findpharmacy](https://www.aetna.com/medicare/findpharmacy). For mail-order, you can get prescription drugs shipped to your home through the network mail-order delivery program. Typically, mail-order drugs arrive within 10 days. You can call the number on your ID card if you do not receive your mail-order drugs within this timeframe. Members may have the option to sign-up for automated mail-order delivery. Members who get "Extra Help" are not required to fill prescriptions at preferred network pharmacies in order to get Low Income Subsidy (LIS) copays. Participating physicians, hospitals and other health care providers are independent contractors and are neither agents nor employees of Aetna. The availability of any particular provider cannot be guaranteed, and provider network composition is subject to change.

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# Pre-enrollment checklist

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a customer service representative at **1-833-859-6031 (TTY: 711)**. From October 1 to March 31, you can call us 7 days a week from 8 AM to 8 PM local time. From April 1 to September 30, we're here Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 8 PM local time.

## Understanding the benefits

- The Evidence of Coverage (EOC), provides a complete list of all coverage and services. It is important to review plan coverage, costs, and benefits before you enroll. Visit [AetnaMedicare.com](https://www.aetna.com) or call **1-833-859-6031 (TTY: 711)** to view a copy of the EOC.
- Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
- Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicine is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
- Review the formulary to make sure your drugs are covered.

## Understanding important rules

- You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
- Benefits may change on January 1, 2024.
- Our plan allows you to see providers outside of our network (non-contracted providers). However, while we will pay for covered services, the provider must agree to treat you. Except in an emergency or urgent situations, non-contracted providers may deny care. In addition, you will pay a higher co-pay for services received by non-contracted providers.

## Multi-Language Insert Multi-language Interpreter Services

**English:** We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at 1-833-570-6670. Someone who speaks English can help you. This is a free service.

**Spanish:** Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al 1-833-570-6670. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

**Chinese Mandarin:** 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 1-833-570-6670。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

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**Tagalog:** Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggagamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa 1-833-570-6670. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

**French:** Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 1-833-570-6670. Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

**Vietnamese:** Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi 1-833-570-6670. sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí .

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