

# 2017 Retirees Medical Plans U of M Retirees Association

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Please check with your plan administrator for any specific questions about your coverage.

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# Agenda

- Current 65+ Retiree Medical Programs
- U of M Programs and Medicare
- 2018 Rates and Plan Facts



# Medical Options: Age 65 or Over

- Programs are fully insured
- University conducts RFPs and negotiates coverage and rates for retirees
- Retirees pay full cost of coverage
- 2,115 retirees participate, 899 carry family coverage



# Medical Options: Age 65 or Over

- U of M Retiree Program through BlueCross Blue Shield of Minnesota – **27%**
- HealthPartners Freedom and HealthPartners Retiree National Choice – **36%**
- Medica Group Prime Solution – **27%**
- UCare for Seniors – **10%**
- Plans (except BCBS and HealthPartners Retiree National Choice) require members to live in the plans' service areas



# Review of Medicare Benefits

- Part A — Hospital Insurance
- Part B — Supplemental Medical Insurance



# Medicare Part A: Hospital Insurance

- No monthly premium—part of Social Security tax while employed
- Limited coverage for:
  - Inpatient hospital care with deductible and coinsurance
  - Skilled nursing facility care with coinsurance
  - Home health services
  - Hospice care



# Medicare Part B: Supplemental Medical Insurance

- After the \$183 annual deductible for 2017 (subject to change for 2018), Medicare pays 80% of “reasonable cost”
- Covers eligible physician services, lab, diagnostic services, outpatient medical and surgical hospital services, certain home health services, and durable medical equipment





# Exclusions from Medicare

- Custodial care
- Doctor's charges above "reasonable cost"
- Routine dental care
- Routine checkups
- Eye exams, glasses
- Hearing aids and exams for fitting



# Medicare Part D

- Enrollment in Medicare Part D occurs automatically when you enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan
- Premiums paid to Medicare supplemental plan cover cost of Medicare Part D



# 2018 Medical Options: Age 65 or Over

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota
  - U of M Retiree Plan—Plan 1
  - Group Platinum Blue Plan C—Plan 2
- HealthPartners Freedom and HealthPartners Retiree National Choice—Plan 1 and Plan 2
- Medica Group Prime Solution—Plan 1 and Plan 2
- UCare for Seniors—Plan 1 and Plan 2



# 2018 Monthly Medical Rates:

## Age 65 or Over (includes premium for Medicare Part D)

Plan Options	Cost per Person
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN U of M Retiree Plan Group Platinum Blue Plan C	Plan 1: \$322.25 Plan 2: \$180.00
HealthPartners Freedom and HealthPartners Retiree National Choice	Plan 1: \$282.10 Plan 2: \$177.30
Medica Prime Solution	Plan 1: \$309.00 Plan 2: \$178.00
UCare for Seniors	Plan 1: \$306.00 Plan 2: \$173.00
<b>Note:</b> Same rates for surviving spouse age 65 or over and participants on disability status with Medicare Part A and Part B.	



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: BCBS U of M Retiree Plan, Plan 1

- Freedom to choose your doctor; primary care physician selection is not required
- Office Visit / Emergency / Ambulance / Urgent Care Service – 100% after \$183 Medicare Part B annual deductible for 2017 (subject to change for 2018)
- Inpatient Admission, Skilled Nursing, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 80% of first \$2,900 of total allowed amount following the \$100 annual inpatient deductible; 100% thereafter through end of calendar year
  - Your annual out-of-pocket expense is limited to \$680 per year including \$100 annual inpatient deductible



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: BCBS U of M Retiree Plan, Plan 1

- **Prescription Drug Coverage:**

**Note:** A separate card is provided for pharmacy coverage through Group MedicareBlue Rx

- \$10 copay for 31-day supply of generic drugs
- \$30 copay for 31-day supply of formulary brand and specialty drugs
- \$50 copay for 31-day supply of non-preferred formulary brand drugs
- \$50 copay for 31-day supply of specialty drugs
- 25% coinsurance above copays for supplemental drugs
- 3-month supply available for 2 copays through mail order or if using Preferred Extended Network (PXT) within Group MedicareBlue Rx Pharmacy network



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: BCBS U of M Retiree Plan, Plan 1

- **Catastrophic Pharmacy:**
  - If total prescription out-of-pocket drug expenses exceed \$5,000 per year, member will pay the *greater of*:
    - \$3.35 copay for covered generic or multisource preferred brand drugs and \$8.35 copay for all other covered drugs, or
    - 5% of drug cost
- **Travel Policy:**
  - No limitations
- **Application Requirement:**
  - Separate application required for Group MedicareBlue Rx coverage



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts:

## BCBS Group Platinum Blue Plan C, Plan 2

- Freedom to choose your doctor; primary care physician selection is not required
- Office Visit – 100% after \$20 copay / Emergency – 100% after \$50 copay / Ambulance – 100% after \$75 copay / Urgent Care Service – 100% after \$20 copay
- Inpatient Admission – 100% after \$200 copay for each Medicare-covered stay
- Skilled Nursing – 100% after 3-day hospitalization for up to 100 days per benefit period
- Mental Health – 100% after \$200 copay up to 190 days of inpatient psychiatric hospital care in a lifetime; does not apply to psychiatric care provided in a general hospital
- Chemical Dependency – 100% after \$200 copay





# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: BCBS Group Platinum Blue Plan C, Plan 2

- **Prescription Drug Coverage:**

**Note:** A separate card is provided for pharmacy coverage through Group MedicareBlue Rx

- \$10 copay for 31-day supply of generic drugs
- \$25 copay for 31-day supply of formulary brand drugs
- \$60 copay for 31-day supply of non-preferred formulary brand drugs
- 25% coinsurance above copays for supplemental drugs and specialty drugs
- 3-month supply available for 2 copays through mail order or if using Preferred Extended Network (PXT) within Group MedicareBlue Rx Pharmacy network



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: BCBS Group Platinum Blue Plan C, Plan 2

- **Catastrophic Pharmacy:**
  - If total prescription out-of-pocket drug expenses exceed \$5,000 per year, member will pay the *greater of*:
    - \$3.35 copay for covered generic drugs and multisource preferred brand drugs and \$8.35 copay for all other covered drugs, or
    - 5% of the cost of covered drugs
- **Travel Policy:**
  - May travel out of service area and within the U.S. for 9 months; no activation of benefits required
- **Application Requirement:**
  - Separate application required for Group MedicareBlue Rx coverage



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: HealthPartners Freedom, Plan 1

- Network of providers available to members who reside in Minnesota and western Wisconsin
- Open-access network — no referrals within network
- Members retain ownership of Medicare card
- Office Visit – 100% after \$15 copay / Emergency Services – 100% after \$50 copay / Ambulance – 100% / Urgent Care – 100% after \$15 copay
- Inpatient Admission, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 100% coverage
- Skilled Nursing – 100% after 3-day hospitalization for up to 100 days per benefit period



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: HealthPartners Retiree National Choice, Plan 1

- Members must permanently live outside of Minnesota and western Wisconsin service area
- No contracted network – can see any Medicare provider in the U.S. without a referral
- Members retain ownership of Medicare card
- Same benefits as HealthPartners Freedom Plan 1



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: HealthPartners Freedom & HealthPartners Retiree National Choice, Plan 1

- **Prescription Drugs Copay**
  - \$10 copay for 30-day supply of generic drugs
  - \$30 copay for 30-day supply of formulary brand/non-preferred formulary brand
  - \$50 copay for 30-day supply of specialty drugs
  - 3-month supply for 2 copays through mail order
- **Catastrophic Pharmacy**
  - If total prescription drug out-of-pocket expenses exceed \$5,000 per year, member will pay the **lesser of**:
    - 5%, or
    - Copays shown above



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: HealthPartners Freedom, Plan 2

- Network of providers available to members who reside in Minnesota and western Wisconsin
- Open-access network – no referrals within network
- Members retain ownership of Medicare card
- Office Visit – 100% after Primary Care \$20 copay/Specialist \$30 copay
- Emergency Services – 100% after \$100 copay / Ambulance – 80% / Urgent Care – 100% after \$30 copay
- Inpatient Admission, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 100% after \$200 copay per visit
- Skilled Nursing – 100% after 3-day hospitalization for up to 100 days per benefit period



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: HealthPartners Retiree National Choice, Plan 2

- Members must permanently **live outside** of Minnesota and western Wisconsin
- No contracted network — can see any Medicare provider in the U.S. without a referral
- Members retain ownership of Medicare card
- Same benefits as HealthPartners Freedom Plan 2



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: HealthPartners Freedom & HealthPartners Retiree National Choice, Plan 2

- **Prescription Drugs Coverage**
  - \$10 copay for 30-day supply of generic drugs
  - \$35 copay for 30-day supply of formulary brand drugs
  - \$70 copay for non-preferred formulary brand drugs
  - 75% coverage for specialty drugs
  - 3-month supply for 2 copays through mail order
- **Catastrophic Pharmacy**
  - If total prescription drug out-of-pocket expenses exceed \$5,000 per year, member will pay the **greater of**:
    - 5% of drug cost or
    - \$3.35 copay for generic drugs and \$8.35 copay for brand/formulary drugs





# Retiree Medical Plan Facts:

## HealthPartners Freedom & HealthPartners Retiree National Choice, Plans 1 & 2

- **Travel Policy**
  - May be out of service area for up to 9 consecutive months
  - Benefits must be activated by contacting Member Services
- **Application Required**



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts:

## Medica Group Prime Solution, Plan 1

- Network of providers in all of Minnesota's counties and selected counties in North and South Dakota and Wisconsin
- Open Access Network: no referrals needed when using network providers
- Members retain ownership of Medicare card
- Office Visit – 100% after \$15 copay
- Urgent Care – 100% after \$15 copay
- Emergency Services – 100% after \$50 copay
- Ambulance Services – 100%
- Inpatient Admission, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 100%
- Skilled Nursing – 100% after 3-day hospitalization for up to 100 days per benefit period



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: Medica Group Prime Solution, Plan 1

- **Prescription Drugs Copay**
  - \$10 copay for 30-day supply of preferred generic drugs and \$30 copay for non-preferred generic drugs
  - \$30 copay for 30-day supply of formulary brand drugs and non-preferred formulary brand drugs
  - \$30 copay for 30-day supply of specialty drugs
  - 90-day supply for 2 copays through mail order
- **Catastrophic Pharmacy:**
  - 100% coverage after \$10 generic copay or \$30 brand copay



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: Medica Group Prime Solution, Plan 2

- Network of providers in all of Minnesota's counties and selected counties in North and South Dakota and Wisconsin
- Open Access Network: no referrals needed when using network providers
- Members retain ownership of Medicare card
- Office Visit – Primary Care \$20 copay/Specialist \$30 copay
- Urgent Care – 100% after \$30 copay
- Emergency Services – 100% after \$65 copay
- Ambulance Services – 80% coinsurance
- Inpatient Admission, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 100% after \$200 copay
- Skilled Nursing – 100% after 3-day hospitalization for up to 100 days per benefit period



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: Medica Group Prime Solution, Plan 2

- **Prescription Drugs Copay**
  - \$10 copay for 30-day supply of preferred generic drugs and \$20 copay for non-preferred generic drugs
  - \$30 copay for 30-day supply of formulary brand and \$70 copay for non-preferred formulary brand drugs
  - 75% coverage for 30-day supply of specialty drugs
  - 90-day supply for 2 copays through mail order
- **Catastrophic Pharmacy:**
  - If total prescription drug out-of-pocket expenses exceed \$5,000 per year, member will pay the **greater of**:
    - 5% of drug cost or
    - \$3.35 copay for covered generic drugs and \$8.35 copay for brand/formulary drugs



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: Medica Group Prime Solution, Plans 1 & 2

- **Travel Policy**
  - May be out of service area for up to 9 consecutive months
- **Application required**



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: UCare for Seniors, Plan 1

- Network providers available to members who reside anywhere in Minnesota and 26 Wisconsin counties
- Must choose a primary care clinic/physician
- May see any specialist in the network without referral
- Cannot use your Medicare benefits outside of UCare network
- Office Visit – 100% after \$15 copay / Urgent Care – 100% after \$20 copay
- Emergency Services – 100% after \$50 copay
- Ambulance – 100%
- Inpatient Admission, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 100% coverage
- Skilled Nursing – 100% for up to 100 days per benefit period; no requirement for 3-day hospital stay



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: UCare for Seniors, Plan 1

- **Prescription Drugs Copay**

- \$10 copay for 34-day supply of generic drugs
- \$30 copay for 34-day supply of formulary brand
- \$50 copay for non-preferred formulary brand and specialty drugs
- 90-day supply for 2 copays at retail stores or through mail order

- **Catastrophic Pharmacy**

- 100% coverage after \$10 generic copay; \$30 preferred brand copay; \$50 non-preferred or specialty drug copay (counts toward the OOP max.)





# Retiree Medical Plan Facts:

## UCare for Seniors, Plan 2

- Network providers available to members who reside anywhere in Minnesota and 26 selected counties in Wisconsin
- Must choose a primary care clinic/physician
- May see any specialist in the network without referral
- Cannot use your Medicare benefits outside of UCare network
- Office Visit – \$20 copay / Urgent Care – \$35 copay
- Emergency Services – 100% after \$75 copay
- Ambulance – 100% after \$100 copay
- Inpatient Admission, Mental Health, and Chemical Dependency – 100% after \$200 copay
- Skilled Nursing – 100% for up to 100 days per benefit period; no requirement for 3-day hospital stay



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: UCare for Seniors, Plan 2

- **Prescription Drugs Copay**
  - \$10 copay for 34-day supply of generic drugs
  - \$30 copay for 34-day supply of formulary brand drugs
  - \$60 copay for non-preferred formulary brand drugs
  - 75% coverage for specialty drugs
  - 90-day supply for 2 copays through mail order only
- **Catastrophic Pharmacy**
  - If total prescription drug out-of-pocket expenses exceed \$5,000 per year, member will pay the **greater of**:
    - 5% of drug cost or
    - \$3.35 copay for covered generic drugs and \$8.35 copay for brand/formulary drugs



# Retiree Medical Plan Facts: UCare for Seniors, Plans 1 & 2

- **Travel Limitation**
  - May be out of service area for up to 6 consecutive months; after that, eligible for emergency services
  - No need to notify Member Services
- **Application Required**



# For More Information:

- **HealthPartners Freedom  
HealthPartners Retiree National Choice**
  - 952-883-7428 or 1-866-993-7428;
  - [www.healthpartners.com/uofm](http://www.healthpartners.com/uofm)
- **Medica Group Prime Solution**
  - 952-992-2330 or 1-800-575-2330
  - [www.medica.com](http://www.medica.com)
- **UCare for Seniors**
  - 612-676-6900 or 1-877-598-6574
  - [Groupsales@ucare.org](mailto:Groupsales@ucare.org)



# For More Information:

- **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota**
  - **U of M Retiree Plan – U of M Plan 1**
    - 1-800-262-0819
  - **Group Platinum Blue Plan C - U of M Plan 2**
    - 1-888-870-6297
    - [www.bluecrossmnonline.com](http://www.bluecrossmnonline.com)
- **Prescription Pharmacy for BCBS**
  - **Group MedicareBlue Rx**
    - 1-877-838-3827
    - [www.yourmedicareolutions.com](http://www.yourmedicareolutions.com)



# Individual Medicare Supplements

## For information, contact:

- Individual medical plan options
- State Department of Commerce Insurance Gateway
  - 651-296-2488
  - [www.insurance.mn.gov](http://www.insurance.mn.gov)
- Minnesota Senior Federation
  - 651-221-0261
  - [www.mnseniors.org](http://www.mnseniors.org)
- For more information on the eight U of M supplemental plans go to [z.umn.edu/retireesupp](http://z.umn.edu/retireesupp)



# Questions?

Contact an Employee Benefits counselor:

Phone: 4-UOHR (612-624-8647 or 800-756-2363) and  
select option 1

Email: [benefits@umn.edu](mailto:benefits@umn.edu)

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