

MEDICARE PART D CREDITABLE COVERAGE NOTICE

Dear Valley Township Participant:

If you or a covered dependent are eligible for Medicare, either because you are at least age 65 or because of a disability, then **THIS LETTER AND THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU.**

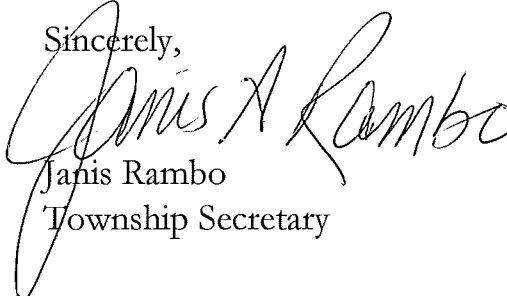
IF NEITHER YOU NOR ANY COVERED DEPENDENT IS MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE, YOU MAY DISREGARD THIS LETTER AND THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE, AS THEY DO NOT DIRECTLY APPLY TO YOU.

On October 15, 2019, our plan of benefits provides prescription drug coverage equal to or greater than the standard Medicare Part D program, as defined by the Federal Government. This means that if you remain covered by our plan of benefits, you will not be subject to a financial penalty should you later choose to enroll in a qualified Medicare Part D program.

The attached Certificate of Creditable Coverage will serve as written documentation of the fact that our plan's coverage meets the appropriate requirements. Please retain this document in your records. We will issue Certificates each year to advise you of the continuing status of our plan. This is being done to protect all Medicare-eligible individuals from having to pay the late enrollment penalty if they later enroll in an approved Medicare Part D program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Janis Rambo
Township Secretary

Enclosures

Creditable Coverage Disclosure Notice

Important Notice from Valley Township About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Valley Township and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage — including which drugs are covered at what cost — with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current prescription drug coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone who has Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. Valley Township has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by United Healthcare is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and therefore is considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15 to December 7. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Valley Township coverage will not be affected. The prescription drug coverage that is offered through the Valley Township does not have an annual deductible. Participants are responsible for copayments that vary by the drug type and whether the prescription is filled at a retail pharmacy or through mail order.

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For prescriptions obtained at a participating retail pharmacy (up to a 31-day supply), the copayments are: \$5.00 for Low-Cost Generic Drugs; \$15.00 for Generic Drugs; \$25.00 for Brand-Name Formulary Drugs. For prescriptions obtained at a participating mail-order pharmacy (up to a 90-day supply), the copayments are: \$10.00 for Low-Cost Generic Drugs; \$30.00 for Generic Drugs; \$50.00 for Brand-Name Formulary Drugs.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Valley Township prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will be able to get this coverage back.

When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Valley Township and don't join a Medicare prescription drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage

Contact the person listed on the following page for further information. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through the Valley Township changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

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For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the “Medicare & You” handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained Creditable Coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are not required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Medicare Eligible Individual’s Name: [Full Name of Medicare Eligible Individual]
Individual’s DOB or Unique Member ID: [Date of Birth or Member ID]

This individual stated above has been covered under creditable prescription drug coverage for the following date ranges that occurred after May 15, 2006:

From: [Enter MM/DD/YY] **To:** [Enter MM/DD/YY]

Date: 10/1/2019
Name of Entity/Sender: Valley Township
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