

## **Summary of** Benefits 2026

**UC Medicare Choice** 

Group Name: UC Medicare Choice

Group Number: 15456

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Look inside to learn more about the plan and the health and drug services it covers. Contact us for more information about the plan.



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# **Summary of Benefits**

## January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

This is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. Review the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) for a complete list of covered services, limitations and exclusions. You can see it online at **retiree.uhc.com/uc** or you can call Customer Service for help. When you enroll in the plan, you will get more information on how to view your plan details online.

## **UC Medicare Choice**

Medical premium and limits		
	In-network and out-of-network	
Monthly plan premium	Contact your group plan benefit administrator or go to ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/oe prior to January 1. After January 1, you can go to ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu.	
Maximum out-of-pocket amount (does not include prescription drugs)	Your plan has an annual combined in-network and out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum of \$1,500 for this plan year.	
	If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you keep getting covered for hospital and medical services and we will pay the full cost for the rest of the plan year.	
	Please note that you will still need to pay your monthly premiums, if applicable, and cost-sharing for your Part D prescription drugs.	

Medical benefits		
		In-network and out-of-network
Inpatient hospital care <sup>1</sup>		\$350 copay per stay
		Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.
Outpatient hospital <sup>1</sup>	Ambulatory surgical center (ASC)	\$100 copay
Cost sharing for additional plan	Outpatient surgery	\$100 copay

Medical benefits			
		In-network and o	out-of-network
covered services will apply.	Outpatient hospital services, including observation	\$0 copay	
Doctor visits	Primary care provider (PCP)	\$30 copay	
	Virtual visit	\$0 copay for des \$30 copay for oth	ignated providers ner providers
	Specialist <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay	
Preventive	Routine physical	\$0 copay; 1 per p	olan year*
services	Medicare-covered	\$0 copay	
	<ul> <li>Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening</li> <li>Alcohol misuse counseling</li> <li>Annual wellness visit</li> <li>Bone mass measurement</li> <li>Breast cancer screening (mammogram)</li> <li>Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy)</li> <li>Cardiovascular screening</li> <li>Cervical and vaginal cancer screening</li> <li>Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy)</li> <li>Depression screening</li> <li>Diabetes screenings and monitoring</li> <li>Diabetes - Self-Management training</li> <li>Dialysis training</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Hepatitis C screening</li> <li>HIV screening</li> <li>Kidney disease education</li> <li>Lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) screening</li> <li>Medical nutrition therapy services</li> <li>Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)</li> <li>Obesity screenings and counseling</li> <li>Prostate cancer screenings (PSA)</li> <li>Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling</li> <li>Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobaccorelated disease)</li> <li>Vaccines, including those for the flu, Hepatitis B, pneumonia, or COVID-19</li> </ul>

#### **Medical benefits**

#### In-network and out-of-network

 "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit (one-time)

Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.

This plan covers preventive care screenings and annual physical exams at 100%.

#### **Emergency care**

\$100 copay (worldwide)

If you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours, you pay the inpatient hospital cost sharing instead of the emergency care copay. See the "Inpatient Hospital Care" section of this booklet for other costs.

#### **Urgently needed services**

Urgently needed services are provided to treat a non-emergency, unforeseen medical illness, injury, or condition that requires immediate medical care. Covered services include urgently needed services obtained at a retail walk-in clinic or an urgent care center. Worldwide coverage for urgently needed services when medical services are needed right away because of an illness, injury, or condition that you did not expect or anticipate, and you can't wait until you are back in our plan's service area to obtain services. There is no additional cost share if you get multiple services in a visit.

#### \$30 copay (worldwide)

If you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours, you pay the inpatient hospital cost sharing instead of the urgently needed services copay. See the "Inpatient Hospital Care" section of this booklet for other costs.

## Diagnostic tests, lab and radiology services, and Xrays

Diagnostic radiology services (e.g. MRI, CT scan)<sup>1</sup> \$0 copay

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Lab services <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Diagnostic tests and procedures <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Therapeutic radiology <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay

Medical benefits		
		In-network and out-of-network
	Outpatient X-rays <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Hearing services	Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Routine hearing exam	\$30 copay 1 exam per plan year*
	Hearing Aids	The plan pays up to a \$2,000 allowance for hearing aids (combined for both ears) every 3 years.*
Vision services	Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Eyewear after cataract surgery	\$0 copay
	Routine eye exam‡	\$0 copay, 1 exam every 12 months*
Mental health	Inpatient visit (including inpatient substance abuse services) <sup>1</sup>	\$350 copay per stay
		Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.
	Outpatient group therapy visit <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Outpatient individual therapy visit <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Outpatient therapy or office visit with a psychiatrist <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Virtual behavioral visits	\$30 copay
Skilled nursing fac	ility (SNF) <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay per day

Medical benefits		
		In-network and out-of-network
		Our plan covers unlimited days in a SNF per benefit period.
Outpatient Rehabilitation (physical, occupational, or speech/language therapy) <sup>1</sup>		\$30 copay
Ambulance <sup>2</sup>		\$0 copay
Routine transportation		Not covered
Medicare Part B Drugs	Chemotherapy drugs <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Part B drugs may be subject to Step Therapy. See your Evidence of Coverage for details.	Other Part B drugs <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay

Prescription drugs	
Deductible	\$100 for Tier 3 and 4 combined You pay the full cost for your drugs until you reach the combined deductible amount for Tier 3 and 4. Then you move to the Initial Coverage stage.
Initial coverage	In this stage, you'll pay your plan copays or coinsurance. The plan pays the rest. Once you, and others on your behalf, have paid a combined total of \$2,100, which includes the amount you paid towards your deductible, you move to the Catastrophic Coverage stage.

Prescription drugs		
Tier drug coverage	Retail Cost-Sharing <sup>†</sup> **	Mail Order or Retail Cost-Sharing <sup>†</sup> **
	30-day supply	90-day supply
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$10 copay	\$20 copay
Tier 2: Preferred Brand	\$30 copay	\$60 copay
Tier 3: Non-Preferred Drug	\$45 copay	\$90 copay
Tier 4: Specialty Tier ~	30% coinsurance, with a \$150 copay maximum (limited to a 30-day supply) per prescription	30% coinsurance, with a \$150 copay maximum (limited to a 30-day supply) per prescription
Catastrophic coverage  Once you're in this stage, you won't pay your Medicare-covered Part D drugs for plan year.		
	If your plan includes addition coverage, you will continue amounts from the Initial Contract	e to pay the cost-sharing

Subject to Medicare guidance, coinsurance may not apply to Part D insulin products. You will pay a maximum of \$35 for a 1-month supply of each Part D insulin product covered by our plan even if you haven't paid your Part D deductible. Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you.

If the actual cost for a drug is less than the normal cost-sharing amount for that drug, you will pay the actual cost, not the higher cost-sharing amount.

The University of California offers drug coverage in addition to your Part D prescription drug benefit. The drug copays in this section are for drugs that are covered by both your Part D benefit and your additional drug coverage. For more information, see your Additional Drug Coverage list. You can also view the Certificate of Coverage at **retiree.uhc.com/uc** or call Customer Service to have a hard copy sent to you.

If you reside in a long-term care facility, you will pay the same for a 31-day supply as a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please see the Additional Drug Coverage for the plan's \$0 copay drugs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Includes UC Medical Center pharmacies

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## You may qualify for Extra Help from Medicare

Extra Help is a program for people with limited incomes who need help paying Part D premiums, deductibles and copays. There's no penalty for applying, and you can reapply every year. To see if you qualify for Extra Help, call:

- The Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213, TTY 1-800-325-0778
- Your state Medicaid office



## The UnitedHealthcare Savings Promise

UnitedHealthcare is committed to keeping your prescription drug costs down. As a UnitedHealthcare member, you have our Savings Promise that you'll get the lowest price available. That low price may be your plan copay, the pharmacy's retail price or our contracted price with the pharmacy.

Additional benefi	ts	
		In-network and out-of-network
Acupuncture services	Medicare-covered acupuncture (for chronic low back pain)	\$30 copay
	Routine acupuncture services‡	\$30 copay, up to 24 visits per plan year*
Chiropractic services	Medicare-covered chiropractic care (manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation) <sup>1</sup>	\$20 copay
	Routine chiropractic services‡	\$20 copay, up to 24 visits per plan year*

Additional benefits		
		In-network and out-of-network
Diabetes	Diabetes	\$0 copay
manage- ment	monitoring supplies <sup>1</sup>	We only cover Contour® and Accu-Chek® brands. Other brands are not covered by your plan.
		Covered glucose monitors include: Contour Plus Blue, Contour Next EZ, Contour Next Gen, Contour Next One, Accu-Chek Guide Me and Accu-Chek Guide.
		Test strips: Contour, Contour Plus, Contour Next, Accu-Chek Guide and Accu-Chek Aviva Plus.
	Medicare covered Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) and supplies <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
	Diabetes self- management training	\$0 copay
	Therapeutic shoes or inserts <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies	Durable Medical Equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen) <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
	Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs) <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Fitness program Renew Active by UnitedHealthcare		\$0 copay for Renew Active by UnitedHealthcare, a Medicare fitness program. It includes a gym membership at a fitness location you select from our national network, plus online classes and fun activities outside of the gym, at no additional cost.
		Sign in to your member site, look for My Coverage and select Access gym code or call the number on your UnitedHealthcare member ID card to obtain your code.

Additional benefits		
		In-network and out-of-network
Podiatry services (Foot care)	Foot exams and treatment <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Routine foot care	\$30 copay, 12 visits per plan year*
UnitedHealthcare Healthy at Home Post-discharge program		\$0 copay for the following benefits for up to 30 days following each inpatient hospital and SNF stay:  •28 home-delivered meals, referral required •12 one-way trips to medically related appointments and the pharmacy, up to 50 miles per trip, referral required •6 hours of non-medical personal care services like companionship, meal prep, medication reminders and more with a professional caregiver, no referral required  Services must be provided by approved vendors. Call Customer Service for more information, to request a referral after each discharge and to use your benefits.
Home health care <sup>1</sup>		\$0 copay
Hospice		You pay nothing for hospice care from any Medicare- approved hospice. You may have to pay part of the costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered by Original Medicare, outside of our plan.
Opioid treatment p	rogram services <sup>1</sup>	\$0 copay
Outpatient substance use disorder services	Outpatient group therapy visit <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
	Outpatient individual therapy visit <sup>1</sup>	\$30 copay
Renal dialysis <sup>1</sup>		\$0 copay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Some of the network benefits listed may require your provider to obtain prior authorization. You never need approval in advance for plan covered services from out-of-network providers. Please refer to the Evidence of Coverage for a complete list of services that may require prior authorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Authorization is required for non-emergency Medicare-covered ambulance air transportation. Authorization is not required for non-emergency Medicare-covered ambulance ground transportation. Emergency ambulance (ground or air) does not require authorization.

<sup>‡</sup> Some services not covered by Original Medicare, such as routine eye exam, acupuncture and chiropractic services, will only be paid up to the Medicare allowable amount when services are from an out-of-network provider.

<sup>\*</sup>Benefits are combined in and out-of-network

### **About UC Medicare Choice**

The University of California (UC) has selected UnitedHealthcare® to offer UC Medicare Choice, a UnitedHealthcare® Group Medicare Advantage (PPO) which is a Medicare Advantage PPO plan with a Medicare contract.

To join this plan, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, live in our service area as listed below, be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States, and meet the eligibility requirements of the University of California (plan sponsor). Our plan is only available to Medicare-eligible retirees who reside in California. You can get services nationwide, but you must continue to live in California to remain a member of the plan.

Our service area includes the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and all US territories.

## About providers and network pharmacies

UC Medicare Choice has a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and other providers. You can see any provider (network or out-of-network) at the same cost share, as long as they accept the plan and have not opted out of or been excluded or precluded from the Medicare program.\* If you use pharmacies that are not in our network, the plan may not pay for those drugs, or you may pay more than you pay at a network pharmacy.

You can go to **retiree.uhc.com/uc** to search for a network provider or pharmacy using the online directories. You can also view the plan Drug List (Formulary) to see what drugs are covered and if there are any restrictions.

<sup>\*</sup>Outpatient licensed behavioral health providers do not need to participate in Medicare.

## **Required Information**

UC Medicare Choice (PPO) is insured through UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or one of its affiliated companies, a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in the plan depends on the plan's contract renewal with Medicare.

Plans may offer supplemental benefits in addition to Part C and Part D benefits.

If you want to know more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your current "Medicare & You" handbook. View it online at 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.

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This information is available for free in other languages. Please call our Customer Service number located on the first page of this book.

Benefits, features and/or devices vary by plan/area. Limitations and exclusions may apply.

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The Formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat UnitedHealthcare members, except in emergency situations. Please call our customer service number or see your Evidence of Coverage for more information, including the cost-sharing that applies to out-of-network services.

The Renew Active® Program and its gym network varies by plan/area and may not be available on all plans. Participation in the Renew Active program is voluntary. Consult your doctor prior to beginning an exercise program or making changes to your lifestyle or health care routine. Renew Active includes standard fitness membership at participating locations and other offerings. The participating locations and offerings may change at any time. Fitness membership equipment, classes and activities may vary by location. Certain services, classes, activities and online fitness offerings are provided by affiliates of UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or other third parties not affiliated with UnitedHealthcare. Participation in these third-party services is subject to your acceptance of their respective terms and policies. UnitedHealthcare is not responsible for the services or information provided by third parties. The information provided through these services is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for the advice of a doctor.

Participation in the fitness program is voluntary. Consult your doctor prior to beginning an exercise program or making changes to your lifestyle or health care routine. The fitness program includes standard fitness membership and other offerings. Fitness membership equipment, classes, activities and events may vary by location. Certain services, discounts, classes, activities, events and online fitness offerings are provided by affiliates of UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or other third parties not affiliated with UnitedHealthcare. Participation in these third-party services is subject to your acceptance of their respective terms and

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