Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO) offered by Independent Health

Annual Notice of Change for 2027

You're enrolled as a member of Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO).

This material describes changes to our plan's costs and benefits next year.

- **Ask your Group Benefit Administrator for the deadline to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**
- To change to a **different plan**, visit Medicare.gov or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2027* handbook.
- Note this is only a summary of changes. More information about costs, benefits, and rules is in the *Evidence of Coverage*. Get a copy at independenthealth.com/Medicare or call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 (TTY users call 711) to get a copy by mail.

More Resources

- Member Services has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers (phone numbers are in back cover of this booklet).
- Call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711). Hours are October 1 - March 31, Monday - Sunday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and April 1 - September 30 Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. This call is free.
- Verbal translation of written materials is available via free interpreter services. For those with special needs, accessibility to benefit information or alternate formats of written materials are available upon request.

About Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO)

- Independent Health is a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract offering HMO, HMO-SNP, HMO-POS and PPO plans. Enrollment in Independent Health depends on contract renewal.
- When this material says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Independent Health. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO).
- **If you do nothing, you’ll automatically be enrolled in Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport.** Starting January 1, 2027, you’ll get your medical and drug coverage through Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport.

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Summary of Important Costs for 2027

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Monthly plan premium* * Your premium can be higher or lower than this amount. Go to Section 1.1 for details.	Refer to your employer or union group benefit administrator for what you may pay for this plan.	**Refer to your employer or union group benefit administrator for what you may pay for this plan.**
Maximum out-of-pocket amount This is the most you'll pay out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services. (Go to Section 1.2 for details.)	From network providers: $3,000 From network and out-of-network providers combined: $3,000	**From network providers: $3,000 From network and out-of-network providers combined: $3,000**
Primary care office visits	**In-Network** $5 copayment per visit **Out-of-Network** $20 copayment per visit	**In-Network $5 copayment per visit Out-of-Network $20 copayment per visit**
Specialist office visits	**In-Network** $15 copayment per visit **Out-of-Network** $20 copayment per visit	**In-Network $15 copayment per visit Out-of-Network $20 copayment per visit**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Inpatient hospital stays Includes various inpatient hospital stays such as acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care. An inpatient hospital stay starts the day you're formally admitted with a doctor's order and ends the day before you're discharged.	**In-Network:** $0 copayment per admission. Unlimited days for Medicare covered stays. **Out-of-Network:** $250 Copay per admission.	**In-Network:** **$0 copayment per admission** **Unlimited days for Medicare covered stays.** **Out-of-Network:** **$250 Copay per admission.**
Part D drug coverage (Go to Section 1.7 for details, including Yearly Deductible, Initial Coverage, and Catastrophic Coverage Stages.)	Part D drug coverage deductible Deductible: $0 Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage: Drug Tier 1: $0 Drug Tier 2: $1 Drug Tier 3: $7 Drug Tier 4: $20 Drug Tier 5: $20 Catastrophic Coverage Stage: During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs. You can have cost sharing for drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.	**Part D drug coverage deductible** **Deductible: $0** **Copayment/Coinsurance during the Initial Coverage Stage:** **Drug Tier 1: $0** **Drug Tier 2: $1** **Drug Tier 3: $7** **Drug Tier 4: $20** **Drug Tier 5: $20** **Catastrophic Coverage Stage:** **During this payment stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs.** **You can have cost sharing for drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit.**

SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits & Costs for Next Year

Section 1.1 Changes to the Monthly Plan Premium

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Monthly plan premium (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	Refer to your employer or union group benefit administrator for what you may pay for this plan.	**Refer to your employer or union group benefit administrator for what you may pay for this plan.**

Factors that could change your Part D Premium Amount

- Late Enrollment Penalty - Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you're required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without Part D or other drug coverage that's at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as creditable coverage) for 63 days or more.
- Higher Income Surcharge - If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for Medicare drug coverage.
- Extra Help - Your monthly plan premium will be *less* if you get Extra Help with your drug costs. Go to Section 3 for more information about Extra Help from Medicare.

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

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay out of pocket for the year. This limit is called the maximum out-of-pocket amount. Once you've paid this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services (and other health services not covered by Medicare) for the rest of the calendar year.

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
In-network maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) from network providers **count** toward your in-network maximum out-of-pocket amount. Our plan premium and your costs for prescription drugs **don't count** toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	$3,000	**$3,000** **Once you've paid $3,000 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network providers for the rest of the calendar year.**
Combined maximum out-of-pocket amount Your costs for covered medical services (such as copayments) from in-network and out-of-network providers **count** toward your combined maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your plan premium and costs for outpatient prescription drugs **don't count** toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount for medical services.	$3,000	**$3,000** **Once you've paid $3,000 out of pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you'll pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services from network or out-of-network providers for the rest of the calendar year.**

Section 1.3 Changes to the Provider Network

There are no changes to our network of providers for next year.

Here's how to get an updated *Provider Directory*:

- Visit our website at independenthealth.com.
- Call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) to get current provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider Directory*.

We can make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) for help. You may have a special enrollment period if your provider leaves the plan network.

Section 1.4 Changes to the Pharmacy Network

Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs can 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.

There are no changes to our network of pharmacies for next year.

Review the 2027 *Pharmacy Directory* independenthealth.com/medicare to see which pharmacies are in our network. Here's how to get an updated *Pharmacy Directory*:

- Visit our website at independenthealth.com/medicare.
- Call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) to get current pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a *Pharmacy Directory*.

We can make changes to the pharmacies that are part of our plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our pharmacies affects you, call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) for help.

Section 1.5 There are no changes to your benefits or amounts you pay for medical services

Our benefits and what you pay for these covered medical services will be the same in 2027 as they are in 2026.

Section 1.6 Changes to Part D 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 posted online at independenthealth.com/DrugList.

You can get the *complete* Drug List by calling Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 (TTY users call 711) or visiting our website at (independenthealth.com/DrugList).

We made changes to our Drug List, which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs, or moving them to a different

cost-sharing tier. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions, or if your drug has been moved to a different cost-sharing tier.**

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules that will affect you during the calendar year. We update our online Drug List at least monthly to provide the most up-to-date list of drugs. If we make a change that will affect your access to a drug you're taking, we'll send you a notice about the change.

If you're affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, review Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage* and talk to your prescriber to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception, and/or working to find a new drug. Call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 (TTY users call 711) for more information.

Section 1.7 Changes to Prescription Drug Benefits & Costs

Do you get Extra Help to pay for your drug coverage costs?

If you're in a program that helps pay for your drugs (Extra Help), **the information about costs for Part D drugs may not apply to you**. We sent you a separate material, called the *Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs*, which tells you about your drug costs. If you get Extra Help and you don't get this material by December 30, 2026, call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) and ask for the *LIS Rider*.

Drug Payment Stages

There are **3 drug payment stages:** the Yearly Deductible Stage, the Initial Coverage Stage, and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

- ***Stage 1: Yearly Deductible***

  We have no deductible, so this payment stage doesn't apply to you.

- ***Stage 2: Initial Coverage***

  In this stage, our plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and you pay your share of the cost. You generally stay in this stage until your year-to-date Out-of-Pocket costs reach $2,400.

- ***Stage 3: Catastrophic Coverage***

  This is the third and final drug payment stage. In this stage, you pay nothing for your covered Part D drugs. You may have cost sharing for excluded drugs that are covered under our enhanced benefit. You generally stay in this stage for the rest of the calendar year.

Drug Costs in Stage 1: Yearly Deductible

The table shows your cost per prescription during this stage

	2026 (this year)	**2027 (next year)**
Yearly Deductible	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage doesn't apply to you.	**Because we have no deductible, this payment stage doesn't apply to you.**

Drug Costs in Stage 2: Initial 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. Most adult Part D vaccines are covered at no cost to you. For more information about the costs of vaccines, or information about the costs for a long-term supply; or for mail-order prescriptions, go to Chapter 6 of your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Once you've paid $2,400 out of pocket for covered Part D drugs, you'll move to the next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Tier 1 – Preferred Generic: 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.	$0	**$0**
Tier 2 – Generic: 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.	$1	**$1**
Tier 3 – Preferred Brand: 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.	$7	**$7**
Tier 4 – Non-Preferred Drug: 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.	$20	**$20**

	2026 (this year)	2027 (next year)
Tier 5 – Specialty Tier: 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.	$20	**$20**

SECTION 2 How to Change Plans

Since you currently have group health coverage from an employer or union, joining an individual Independent Health Medicare Advantage Plan or Original Medicare could affect your employer or union health benefits. If you leave your group plan, you may not be able to rejoin it. If you have questions, contact your group benefits administrator.

To stay in Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO), you don't need to do anything. Unless you sign up for a different type of Medicare health plan or change to Original Medicare, you'll automatically be enrolled in our Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO).

If you want to change plans for 2027, follow these steps:

- **To change to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You'll be automatically disenrolled from Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO). Remember, not all Medicare health plans cover prescription drugs. Also, be aware that for many plans, you can't join a Medicare health plan and simultaneously purchase a prescription drug plan.
- **To change to Original Medicare with separate Medicare drug coverage,** you can enroll in a Part D plan, and you'll automatically be disenrolled from Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO).
- **To change to Original Medicare without a drug plan,** you can send us a written request to disenroll. Call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) for more information on how to do this. Or call **Medicare** at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users can call 1-877-486-

2048. If you don't enroll in a Medicare drug plan, you may pay a Part D late enrollment penalty (Go to Section 1.1).

- **To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans**, visit Medicare.gov, check the *Medicare & You 2027* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). As a reminder, Independent Health offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans can have different coverage, monthly plan premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Section 2.1 Deadlines for Changing Plans

People with Medicare can make changes to their coverage each year. Ask your group benefits administrator for the deadline to change plans.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2027, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without separate Medicare drug coverage) between January 1 – March 31, 2027.

Section 2.2 Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, people can have other chances to change their coverage during the year. Examples include people who:

- Have Medicaid
- Get Extra Help paying for their drugs
- Have or are leaving employer coverage
- Move out of our plan's service area

If you recently moved into or currently live in, an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can change your Medicare coverage **at any time**. You can change to any other Medicare health plan (with or without Medicare drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (with or without separate Medicare drug coverage) at any time. If you recently moved out of an institution, you have an opportunity to switch plans or switch to Original Medicare for 2 full months after the month you move out.

SECTION 3 Get Help Paying for Prescription Drugs

You can qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Different kinds of help are available:

- **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 drug plan premiums, yearly deductibles, and coinsurance. Also, people who qualify won't have a late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:

- 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday - Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users call 1-800-325-0778.
- Your State Medicaid Office.

- **Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program (SPAP).** New York has a program called New York State Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). To get the phone number for your state, visit shiphelp.org, or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible people living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. To be eligible for the ADAP operating in your state, you 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 drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing help through the New York State Department of Health. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, how to enroll in the program, or, if you're currently enrolled, how to continue getting help, call
  HIV Uninsured Care Programs
  Empire Station
  P.O. Box 2052
  Albany, NY 12220-0052
  1-800-542-2437 or adap@health.ny.gov.

  Be sure, when calling, to inform them of your Medicare Part D plan name or policy number.

- **The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan.** The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a payment option that works with your current drug coverage to help you manage your out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by our plan by spreading them across the calendar year (January – December). Anyone with a Medicare drug plan or Medicare

health plan with drug coverage (like a Medicare Advantage plan with drug coverage) can use this payment option. If you're participating in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan and stay in the same Part D plan, your participation will be automatically renewed for 2027 you do not need to submit a new election request to continue participating in 2027. **This payment option might help you manage your expenses, but it doesn't save you money or lower your drug costs.**

Extra Help from Medicare and help from your SPAP and ADAP, for those who qualify, is more advantageous than participation in the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. To learn more about this payment option, call us at 1-800-665-1502 (TTY users should call 711 or visit Medicare.gov.

SECTION 4 Questions?

Get Help from Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO)

- **Call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 716-250-4401. (TTY users call 711.)**

  We're available for phone calls

  October 1 – March 31: Monday - Sunday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

  April 1 - September 30: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

  Calls to these numbers are free.

- **Read your 2027 *Evidence of Coverage***

  This *Annual Notice of Change* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2027. For details, go to the 2027 *Evidence of Coverage* for Independent Health's Buffalo City School District Medicare Passport (PPO). The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of our plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. Get the *Evidence of Coverage* on our website at IndependentHealth.com/Medicare or call Member Services at 1-800-665-1502 or 1-716-250-4401 (TTY users call 711) to ask us to mail you a copy.

- **Visit IndependentHealth.com/Medicare**

Our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider Directory/Pharmacy Directory*) and our *List of Covered Drugs* (formulary/Drug List).

Get Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In New York, the SHIP is called Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP).

Call HIICAP to get free personalized health insurance counseling. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. Call HIICAP at 1-800-701-0501. Learn more about HIICAP by visiting aging.ny.gov.

Get Help 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 can call 1-877-486-2048.

- **Chat live with Medicare.gov**

  You can chat live at Medicare.gov/talk-to-someone.

- **Write to Medicare**

  You can write to Medicare at PO Box 1270, Lawrence, KS 66044

- **Visit Medicare.gov**

  The official Medicare website has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area.

- **Read *Medicare & You* 2027**

  The *Medicare & You 2027* handbook is mailed to people with Medicare every fall. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. Get a copy at Medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

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Evidence of Coverage (EOC)

Your EOC will not be mailed to you this year. **Your EOC will be available by December 15th.** You can access your EOC one of two ways.

1. **Visit or create a secure account to view your EOC online:**

   - Visit myih.com/.
   - Have your member ID card handy during account setup, as you will need to provide your member ID number to create an account.
   - Choose a username and password – and then use it to sign into your account whenever you visit us online.
   - Once you have registered and logged in, click on "Documents" to view your ANOC and EOC.

   Plus, once you have created an account, you can select **Go Paperless** to receive your ANOC electronically moving forward, instead of receiving it in the mail. To let us know you would like to go paperless, follow these steps:

   - Once you are logged in to your online account, select "Manage Preferences" from the "Go Paperless" section on your account home.
   - Under "Paperless Preferences" select "Electronic".

   Please note that you always have the option to change your preferences in the future.

2. **If you prefer to receive a copy of your EOC by mail, please contact Member Services:**
   (716)250-4401 or 1-800-665-1502 (TTY users call 711)
   October 1 – March 31: Monday – Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
   April1 – September 30: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
   Or email us at: medicareservice@servicing.independenthealth.com

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Medicare Advantage Provider Directories and Prescription Drug Formularies

At Independent Health, we're dedicated to helping you get the right care, at the right time, and in the right setting. That's why we offer a comprehensive network of health care providers, giving you choice and flexibility as to where you receive care.

To help you understand who participates in our network, we've compiled the names of our health care providers and wellness partners into the following directories and listings:

- Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Physician/Provider Directory
- Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Pharmacy Directory
- EyeMed® "Insight Network" Directory (for routine/refractive eye exam providers)
- SilverSneakers® Fitness Program participating facility listing
- Independent Health's Medicare Advantage Part D Formulary (Drug List)

All of this information is available online at **independenthealth.com/Medicare**.

If you prefer to receive a copy by mail, please contact Member Services:

PHONE: (716) 250-4401 or 1-800-665-1502; (TTY users call 711)

October 1 – March 31: Monday – Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

April 1 – September 30: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

EMAIL:medicareservice@servicing.independenthealth.com

For the most up-to-date information on our provider listings, call Member Services or use our "Find a Doctor" tool online at **independenthealth.com/findadoc.** This tool gives you the option to search for providers or facilities by name, location or specialty, and print your results.

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If you have a question about covered drugs, please call 1-800-665-1502 or visit independenthealth.com/DrugList to access our online formulary. If you would like a formulary mailed to you, you may call the number above, request one at the website link provided above, or email medicareservice@servicing.independenthealth.com.

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Notice of Availability of Language Assistance Services and Auxiliary Aids and Services

English: ATTENTION: Free language assistance services are available to you. Appropriate auxiliary aids and services to provide information in accessible formats are also available free of charge. Call 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) or speak to your provider.

Español (Spanish): ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, hay servicios de asistencia lingüística disponibles para usted de forma gratuita. También están disponibles, sin cargo adicional, los auxilios y servicios apropiados para proporcionar información en formatos accesibles. Llame al 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) o hable con su proveedor.

中文 (Simplified Chinese): 注意：如果您说[中文]，我们将免费为您提供语言协助服务。我们还免费提供适当的辅助工具和服务，以无障碍格式提供信息。致电 1-800-665-1502（文本电话：711）或咨询您的服务提供商。

台語 (Traditional Chinese): 注意：如果您說[台語]，我們可以為您提供免費語言協助服務。也可以免費提供適當的輔助工具與服務，以無障礙格式提供資訊。請致電 1-800-665-1502（TTY：711）或與您的提供者討論。

РУССКИЙ (Russian): ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русский, вам доступны бесплатные услуги языковой поддержки. Соответствующие вспомогательные средства и услуги по предоставлению информации в доступных форматах также предоставляются бесплатно. Позвоните по телефону 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) или обратитесь к своему поставщику услуг.

ייִדיש (Yiddish): נאטיץ: אויב איר רעדט יידיש, שפראך הילף סערוויסעס זענען בארעבטיגט פאר דיר פריי. צונעמען אידס און באַדינונגס פֿאַר פּראַווייַדינג אינפֿאָרמאַציע אין צוטריטלעך פֿאָרמאַטירונגען זענען אויך בנימצא פריי. רופן 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) אָדער רעדן מיט דיין טרעגער.

বাংলা (Bengali): মনোযোগ দিন: যদি আপনি বাংলা বলেন তাহলে আপনার জন্য বিনামূল্যে ভাষা সহায়তা পরিষেবাদি উপলব্ধ রয়েছে। অ্যাক্সেসযোগ্য ফরম্যাটে তথ্য প্রদানের জন্য উপযুক্ত সহায়ক সহযোগিতা এবং পরিষেবাদিও বিনামূল্যে উপলব্ধ রয়েছে। 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) নম্বরে কল করুন অথবা আপনার প্রদানকারীর সাথে কথা বলুন।

Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole): ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd aladispozisyon w gratis pou lang ou pale a. Èd ak sèvis siplemantè apwopriye pou bay enfòmasyon nan fòma aksesib yo disponib gratis tou. Rele nan 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) oswa pale avèk founisè w la.

한국어 (Korean): 주의: [한국어]를 사용하시는 경우 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 이용 가능한 형식으로 정보를 제공하는 적절한 보조 기구 및 서비스도 무료로

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Italiano (Italian): ATTENZIONE: Se parli italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti per te. Sono disponibili gratuitamente anche ausili e servizi appropriati per fornire informazioni in formati accessibili. Chiama il 1-800-665-1502 (TTY: 711) o parla con il tuo fornitore.

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200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
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Method	Member Services – Contact Information
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FAX	**716-631-1039**
WRITE	511 Farber Lakes Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221 medicareservice@servicing.independenthealth.com
WEBSITE	independenthealth.com/

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Method	Contact Information
CALL	HIICAP Hot Line: 1-800-701-0501
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WRITE	Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program New York State Office for the Aging 2 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1251
WEBSITE	aging.ny.gov