

A&M System Benefits Administration Transitioning to the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO)

For retirees/spouses age 65 or older and enrolled in Medicare Part A&B or otherwise eligible for Medicare Parts A&B

STEP 1 Contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield

If you have questions about the plan offerings, contact our Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage line at (855) 476-4149.

STEP 2 Receive your welcome packet and new ID Cards

- You should receive a confirmation letter, welcome packet, and a new ID card from BCBS Medicare Advantage. Each will arrive separately.
- You should also receive an ESI Welcome Packet which includes new prescription drug ID cards and other important information.
- You and your spouse will receive your own Medicare Advantage ID cards and Medicare Part D prescription drug ID cards.

STEP 3 Using your new benefits

- At your first medical appointment after enrolling in the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage (PPO) plan inform your medical provider that you are part of the Texas A&M University System 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO) and provide the The Texas A&M University System provider insert and Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO) ID card to the billing representative.
- The next time you fill a prescription after receiving the new ESI Prescription Drug ID card, you must present the new ID card and request that your coverage be updated in the pharmacy database.
- If not, it will be processed under the Commercial Plan, which has been canceled by ESI and replaced with the Medicare Part D Plan. In that case, your coverage will be denied at the pharmacy due to “no coverage”.

Important Things To Know-

The 65 Plus Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO) is designed for A&M System retirees:

- It has a same \$0 deductible and has a much lower out-of-pocket maximum and includes the Express Scripts Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan.
- The \$1,150 out-of-pocket maximum is split between the medical plan (\$750) and the Express Scripts Medicare Part D prescription drug plan (\$400). The 65 Plus MA Plan runs on the calendar year (January-December). This means your out-of-pocket maximum will restart January 1.
- If you choose to enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan, outside of the 65 Plus Medicare Advantage plan, at any time during the year, you are no longer eligible for the plan. The plan will be notified by Medicare that you/your spouse have enrolled in another Medicare Advantage Plan.
- Medicare will automatically cancel the coverage for you/your spouse at the end of the month prior to the Advantage Plan becoming effective.
- The System Benefits Administration will send correspondence to notify you of the cancellation of coverage for all A&M System medical coverage. Information will also be included on your options for re-enrollment in the 65 Plus Plan. You can re-enroll in the 65 Plus Plan during any Open Enrollment period.