

Arkansas Blue
MEDICARE

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2021 Summary of Benefits

BlueMedicare Premier Choice (PPO) H3554-010

Our service area for **BlueMedicare Premier Choice (PPO)** includes the following Arkansas counties:
Clark, Clay, Crittenden, Cross, Independence, Lawrence, Mississippi, Newton, Ouachita, Polk,
Randolph, Searcy, St. Francis, Woodruff.

Pre-Enrollment Checklist

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a customer service representative at **1-844-201-4934 (TTY: 711)**.

Understanding the Benefits

- Review the full list of benefits found in the Evidence of Coverage (EOC), especially for those services for which you routinely see a doctor. Visit **www.arkbluemedicare.com** or call **1-844-201-4934 (TTY: 711)** to view a copy of the EOC.
 - Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
 - Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicines is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
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Understanding Important Rules

- In addition to your monthly plan premium, you must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
 - Benefits, premiums and/or copayments/co-insurance may change on January 1, 2022.
 - Our plan allows you to see providers outside of our network (non-contracted providers). However, while we will pay for covered services provided by a non-contracted provider, the provider must agree to treat you. Except in an emergency or urgent situations, non-contracted providers may deny care. In addition, you will pay a higher co-pay for services received by non-contracted providers.
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The benefit information provided is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. To get a complete list of services we cover, call us and ask for the “**Evidence of Coverage**.” You may also view the “Evidence of Coverage” for this plan on our website, www.arkbluemedicare.com.

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

Who can join?

To join, you must:

- be entitled to Medicare Part A; and
- be enrolled in Medicare Part B; and
- live in **our service area**.

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Which doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies can I use?

We have a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other providers. If you use providers that are not in our network, the plan may not pay for these services.

- You can see our plan's provider and pharmacy directories at our website (www.arkbluemedicare.com), or you can call us and we will send you a copy of the provider and pharmacy directories.

Have questions? Call us

- If you are not a member of this plan, call us at **1-855-591-9794** (TTY: 711).
- If you are a member of this plan, call us at **1-844-201-4934** (TTY: 711).
 - We are available October 1 to March 31, 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central time, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - From April 1 to September 30, we are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central time.
- Or visit our website at www.arkbluemedicare.com



Monthly Premium, Deductible and Limits

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Monthly plan premium	\$49	
You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.		
Medical deductible	\$0	\$500
Pharmacy (Part D) deductible	\$195 for Tiers 3, 4 and 5	
Maximum out-of-pocket responsibility	\$7,500 in-network	\$11,300 combined in- and out-of-network
The most you pay for copays, coinsurance and other costs for medical services for the year.		



Covered Medical and Hospital Benefits

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Acute inpatient hospital care	\$340 copay per day for days 1-5 \$0 copay per day for days 6-90	40% of the cost
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		
Outpatient hospital coverage		
Outpatient surgery at Outpatient Hospital:	\$300 copay	40% of the cost
Outpatient surgery at Ambulatory Surgical Center:	\$275 copay \$0 copay diagnostic colonoscopy	40% of the cost
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Doctor visits	Primary care provider: \$5 copay Specialist: \$45 copay Telehealth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay primary care provider or urgently needed • \$0 copay mental health visit • \$45 copay specialist 	Primary care provider: \$20 copay Specialist: 40% of the cost
Preventive care	<p>Our plan covers many preventive services at no cost when you see an in-network provider including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening • Alcohol misuse counseling • Annual Wellness Visit • Barium enemas • Bone mass measurement • Breast cancer screening (mammogram) • Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy) • Cardiovascular screenings • Cervical and vaginal cancer screening • Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy) • Depression screening • Diabetes screenings • Diabetes self-management training • Digital rectal exam • Electrocardiogram • Glaucoma screening • HIV screening • Lung cancer screening • Medical nutrition therapy services 	40% of the cost

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Preventive care (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare diabetes prevention program • Obesity screening and counseling • Prostate cancer screenings (PSA) • Routine physical exam • Sexually transmitted infections screening and counseling • Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease) • Vaccines, including flu shots, hepatitis B shots, pneumococcal shots • "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit (one-time) 	40% of the cost


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

EMERGENCY CARE		
	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Emergency room	\$90 copay	\$90 copay
If you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours, you do not have to pay your share of the cost for the emergency care.	Worldwide emergency care services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% of the cost • \$15,000 annual limit 	Worldwide emergency care services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% of the cost • \$15,000 annual limit
Urgently needed services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5 copay at primary care physician office • \$40 copay at an urgent care facility • \$45 copay at specialist office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5 copay at primary care physician office • \$40 copay at an urgent care facility • \$45 copay at specialist office

OUTPATIENT CARE AND SERVICES

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Diagnostic services, labs and imaging	Diagnostic mammography: \$0 copay	40% of the cost
	Diagnostic radiology – MRI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay for DEXA scan • \$30 copay at an urgent care facility • \$45 copay at specialist or freestanding radiology clinic • \$300 copay in outpatient hospital facility 	40% of the cost
	Outpatient lab services: \$0 copay	40% of the cost
	Diagnostic tests and procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay for preventive services • \$5 copay at primary care provider • \$30 copay at an urgent care facility • \$45 copay at specialist • \$300 copay in outpatient hospital facility • \$0 copay for spirometry • \$0 copay for home-based sleep study 	40% of the cost
	X-Rays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay at primary care provider, urgent care facility, specialist or ER • \$25 copay at outpatient or freestanding facility 	40% of the cost
	Radiation therapy: 20% of the cost	40% of the cost

A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Hearing	Medicare-covered hearing exam: \$40 copay	40% of the cost
	Routine hearing exam: \$0 copay for routine hearing exams once per year	Not covered
	\$0 copay for hearing aid fitting/evaluation up to 3 times per year	Not covered
	TruHearing provider must be used.	
 Comprehensive hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$1,500 allowance toward the cost of 2 non-implantable hearing aids from the TruHearing Choice catalogue every 3 years (includes 48 batteries per aid and 3 year warranty) TruHearing provider must be used.	Not covered
Dental	Medicare-covered dental services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$45 copay 	40% of the cost
	Routine dental: Comprehensive oral evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0 copay for comprehensive oral evaluation, 1 per lifetime per dentist 	50% of the cost
	Oral exam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0 copay (up to 2 per year) 	50% of the cost
	Prophylaxis (cleaning): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0 copay (up to 2 per year) 	50% of the cost
	X-Rays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$0 copay (limits vary per service) 	50% of the cost

 **Comprehensive dental**

Maximum benefit	Arkansas Blue Medicare pays up to \$2,000 per calendar year		
Covered Dental Services	In-Network* You Pay:	Out-of-Network** You Pay:	Benefit Limitations Per Calendar Year
Basic Dental Services (Minor Restorative)			
Amalgam restorations (silver fillings)	20%	50%	2 per year
Composite resin restorations (white fillings)	20%	50%	
Extractions	50%	50%	2 per year
Major Dental Services (Endodontics, Periodontics and Oral Surgery)			
Periodontal scaling and root planning (deep cleaning)	50%	50%	1 per quadrant every 2 years
Periodontal maintenance	50%	50%	2 per year
Complete or Partial dentures	50%	50%	1 set every 5 years
Complete denture adjustments	50%	50%	1 per year
Denture reline	50%	50%	1 per year
Removal of impacted tooth	50%	50%	2 per year

Covered dental services are subject to conditions, limitations, exclusions, and maximums. Please see your Evidence of Coverage for details.

*Network dentists have agreed to provide services at a negotiated rate. If you see a network dentist, you cannot be billed more than that rate.


**Benefits received out-of-network are subject to any in-network benefit maximums, limitations, and/or exclusions. You may be billed by the out-of-network provider for any amount greater than the payment made by Arkansas Blue Medicare to the provider.

To find an in-network dental provider, please visit www.arkbluemedicare.com.

Arkansas Blue Medicare members also have access to **Dental Xtra**, a program for members who are pregnant, have diabetes, coronary artery disease, have suffered a stroke or have been diagnosed with oral cancer, head and neck cancers or Sjögren's syndrome. It provides qualifying members with additional dental benefits, which are paid 100% when using a participating dentist. It won't count toward the maximum dollar amount your dental plan will cover for the calendar year and requires no copayment, coinsurance or deductible. To learn more, visit www.arkansasdentalblue.com.



Covered Medical and Hospital Benefits

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Vision	Medicare-covered eye exam: \$40 copay Routine eye exam: \$0 copay (1 per year) Diabetic retinopathy: \$0 copay Glaucoma screening: \$0 copay	40% of the cost 50% of the cost 40% of the cost 40% of the cost
 Comprehensive vision	Eye glasses (lenses and frames): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass or plastic single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal, or lenticular lenses are covered in full • Covered in full* up to the retail allowance of \$200 every 2 years (\$25 copay may apply) Contact lenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All contact lenses are in lieu of glasses (lenses and frames). Allowance up to \$100 (\$0 - \$25 copay may apply). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenses: 50% of the cost • Frames: \$200 allowance • Contact lenses: \$100 allowance • Medically necessary contacts: 50% of the cost

*Covered in full materials and services are less any applicable copay. Based on applicable laws, benefits and savings may vary by location.

To find an in-network vision provider, please visit www.arkbluemedicare.com.



Covered Medical and Hospital Benefits

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Mental health services	Inpatient:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$335 copay per day for days 1-5 • \$0 copay per day for days 6-90 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of the cost • 40% of the cost
	Outpatient:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40 copay for individual therapy sessions • \$30 copay for group therapy sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual therapy sessions: 40% of the cost • Group therapy sessions: 40% of the cost
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)	Your plan covers up to 100 days in a SNF per benefit period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay per day for days 1-20 • \$184 copay per day for days 21-100 	40% of the cost for days 1-100
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		
Rehabilitation services	Physical therapy: \$40 copay	40% of the cost
	Occupational therapy: \$40 copay	40% of the cost
	Speech therapy: \$40 copay	40% of the cost
	Opioid treatment services: \$40 copay	40% of the cost
	Cardiac rehabilitation: \$25 copay	40% of the cost
	Pulmonary rehabilitation: \$20 copay	40% of the cost
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		
Ambulance (ground)	\$265 copay	\$265 copay
Ambulance (air)	20% of the cost	20% of the cost
Transportation	Not covered	Not covered
Medicare Part B drugs	Chemotherapy/Radiation drugs: 20% of the cost	40% of the cost
	Other Medicare Part B drugs: 20% of the cost	40% of the cost



Prescription Drug Benefits

Pharmacy (Part D) Deductible

This plan has a \$195 deductible for Tier 3, 4 and 5 drugs. You pay the full cost of these drugs until you reach \$195. Then, you only pay your share of the cost. You begin in this stage when you fill your first prescription of the year in Tiers 3, 4, and 5.

Initial coverage stage (after you pay your deductible, if applicable)

During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and you pay your share of the cost.

You remain in this stage until your total yearly drug costs (total drug costs paid by you and our plan) reach **\$4,130**. Once you reach this amount, you will enter the Coverage Gap.

You may get your drugs at network retail pharmacies and mail order pharmacies.

	Retail		Mail order	
	30-day supply	Up to 100-day supply	30-day supply	Up to 100-day supply
Tier 1: Preferred Generic	\$3	\$6	\$3	\$0
Tier 2: Generic	\$10	\$20	\$10	\$0
Tier 3: Preferred Brand	\$47	\$141	\$47	\$141
Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drug	\$100	\$300	\$100	\$300
Tier 5: Specialty Tier	29%	29%	29%	29%
Tier 6: Select Care Drugs Tier	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Coverage gap stage

Most Medicare drug plans have a coverage gap (also called the "donut hole"). In the coverage gap, there's a temporary change in what you will pay for your drugs. The coverage gap begins after the total yearly drug cost (including what you have paid and our plan has paid) reaches **\$4,130**. You stay in this stage until your total year drug costs reach **\$6,550**.

During the coverage gap:

- You pay the same copays that you paid in the initial coverage stage for drugs in Tier 6 (Select Care Drugs Tier)
- For drugs in all other tiers, you pay 25% of the cost

Catastrophic coverage stage

After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through your retail pharmacies and mail order) reach **\$6,550**, you pay the greater of:

- 5% of the cost, or
- \$3.70 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and a \$9.20 copay for all other drug

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



Additional Drug Coverage

Tier 6 Drug Benefit

\$0 copays for specialized drugs aimed at improving medication adherence for certain chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes. This tier also includes coverage for typically non-covered Medicare drugs for erectile dysfunction and weight loss.



Additional Medical Benefits

	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Chiropractic services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15 copay for Medicare-covered service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of the cost
Diabetic supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay for diabetic supplies • \$0 copay for diabetic therapeutic shoes or inserts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% of the cost for diabetic supplies • 20% of the cost for diabetic therapeutic shoes or inserts
Medical equipment / supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable medical equipment (like wheelchairs or oxygen): 20% of the cost • Medical supplies: 20% of the cost • Prosthetics (artificial limbs or braces): 20% of the cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable medical equipment (like wheelchairs or oxygen): 20% of the cost • Medical supplies: 20% of the cost • Prosthetics (artificial limbs or braces): 20% of the cost
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		
Outpatient substance abuse services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual therapy sessions: \$45 copay • Group therapy sessions: \$35 copay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual therapy sessions: 40% of the cost • Group therapy sessions: 40% of the cost
Podiatry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35 copay for each Medicare-covered visit • \$35 copay for routine foot care (up to 6 visits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of the cost • 40% of the cost
Acupuncture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay (up to 6 visits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40% of the cost
<i>A referral is not needed. Prior authorization may be required. See Evidence of Coverage for details.</i>		
Therapeutic massage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0 copay (up to 6 visits) 	Not covered



Get More with Arkansas Blue Medicare

Healthy Blue Rewards

You take care of your health, and we take care of you. When you complete select healthcare activities like getting your annual wellness visit or a flu shot, we'll send you gift card rewards.



Comprehensive hearing benefits

Your plan features expanded hearing benefits in addition to the hearing benefits covered by Original Medicare.



Comprehensive dental benefits

Your plan features expanded dental benefits in addition to the dental benefits covered by Original Medicare.



Comprehensive vision benefits

Your plan features expanded vision benefits in addition to the vision benefits covered by Original Medicare.

Nurse24

Arkansas Blue Medicare members get access to the Nurse24 nurse line, which gives you access to a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Nurses can provide information on home treatment of minor illnesses and injuries, how to prepare for doctor visits, understanding your prescription drugs and much more.

SilverSneakers® Fitness Program

You get a basic fitness center membership, including fitness classes, with no additional cost to you.

My Blueprint

As an Arkansas Blue Medicare member, you get access to My Blueprint, our digital member portal. With My Blueprint you can view claims information, find a doctor, view policy information, find a pharmacy or check prescription drug costs and access your SilverSneakers account.

The Wire

Sign up for the Wire, and we'll send you text messages that link you to your own personalized member feed. We'll tell you about cost-saving methods, preventive reminders, ways to maximize your benefits and much more. It's secure, HIPAA-compliant and there's nothing to download.

Over-the-counter benefit

Each quarter, we'll give you a \$25 allowance to spend on over-the-counter drugs.

Part D Senior Savings Model

Select insulin is available at a maximum \$35 copay for a 30-days' supply in the deductible, initial coverage, and coverage gap phases of the Part D benefit.

Meal benefit

Immediately following surgery or discharge from a Skilled Nursing Facility or inpatient hospital stay, maximum of two (2) meals a day for up to seven (7) days for a maximum of fourteen (14) meals, per enrollee per year as appropriate.

Disclaimers

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ATTENTION: If you speak Spanish, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-844-662-2276 (TTY: 711).
