

## Virginia Premier Advantage Elite (HMO D-SNP) offered by Virginia Premier

# Annual Notice of Changes for 2023

You are currently enrolled as a member of Virginia Premier Advantage Elite. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. **Please see page 4 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.**

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at [www.virginiapremier.com](http://www.virginiapremier.com) You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

### What to do now

#### 1. ASK: Which changes apply to you

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
  - Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital).
  - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including authorization requirements and costs.
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing.
- Check the changes in the 2023 Drug List to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- Think about whether you are happy with our plan.

#### 2. COMPARE: Learn about other plan choices

- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2023* handbook.
- Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

### 3. **CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2022, you will stay in Virginia Premier Advantage Elite.
- To **change to a different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2023**. This will end your enrollment with Virginia Premier Advantage Elite.
- If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-877-739-1370 for additional information. TTY users should call the Virginia Relay Service at 1-800-828-1120 or 711. Our hours are from October 1 – March 31, you can call us 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET. From April 1 – September 30, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET. Outside of these times, our interactive voice response system allows you to obtain information on many topics related to your plan.
- This information is available in large print and audio.
- **Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC)** and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information.

#### **About Virginia Premier Advantage Elite**

- Virginia Premier is an HMO D-SNP with a Medicare Contract. Enrollment in Virginia Premier Plan depends on contract renewal. The plan also has a written agreement with the Virginia Medicaid program to coordinate your Medicaid benefits.
- When this document says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Virginia Premier. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means Advantage Elite.

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2023

The table below compares the 2022 costs and 2023 costs for Advantage Elite in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs.** If you are eligible for Medicare cost-sharing assistance under Medicaid, you pay \$0 for your deductible, doctor office visits, and inpatient hospital stays.

These are 2022 cost-sharing amounts and may change for 2023. Advantage Elite will provide updated rates as soon as they are released.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<b>Monthly plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits:\$0 copay per visit	Primary care visits: \$0 copay per visit Specialist visits:\$0 copay per visit
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.5 for details.)	Deductible: \$0 Copayment during the Initial Coverage Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: You pay \$0-\$3.95 per prescription</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: You pay \$0-\$9.85 per prescription</li> </ul>	Deductible: \$0 Copayment during the Initial Coverage Stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: You pay \$0-\$4.15 per prescription</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: You pay \$0-\$10.35 per prescription</li> </ul>
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part	\$7,550 You are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for	\$8,300 You are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for

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<b>Cost</b>	<b>2022 (this year)</b>	<b>2023 (next year)</b>
A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)	covered Part A and Part B services.	covered Part A and Part B services.

## SECTION 1 Changes to Benefits and Costs for Next Year

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<b>Monthly premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium unless it is paid for you by Medicaid.)	\$0	\$0

### 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 reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> <b>Because our members also get assistance from Medicaid, very few members ever reach this out-of-pocket maximum.</b> You are not responsible for paying any out-of-pocket costs toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount for covered Part A and Part B services. Your costs for covered medical services (such as copays) count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount. Your costs for prescription drugs do not count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount.	\$7,550  Once you have paid \$7,550 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year	\$8,300  Once you have paid \$8,300 out-of-pocket for covered Part A and Part B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.

## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are also located on our website at [virginiapremier.com/members/medicare-plan-documents/](https://virginiapremier.com/members/medicare-plan-documents/). You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a directory.

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

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. **Please review the 2023 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers), and pharmacies that are a part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Member Services so we may assist.

## Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

Please note that the *Annual Notice of Changes* tells you about changes to your Medicare benefits and costs.

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Bathroom Safety Devices	This is not a covered service.	You pay \$0 copay for up to two covered bathroom devices per year. See your Evidence of Coverage for specific details.
Chiropractic Services	Routine Chiropractic Services are limited to 6 visits per year.	Routine Chiropractic Services are limited to 12 visits per year.
Diabetes Supplies and Services	Diabetic supplies and Services are not limited to specified manufacturers.	Diabetic supplies are limited to Abbott and Lifescan manufacturers.

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Enhanced Disease Management	<p>COPD360 is a home-based enhanced disease management program for members with a diagnosis of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Prior authorization is required.</p> <p>The AccordantCare™ Program is designed to help members better manage their clinical conditions and improve their overall health status. This specialized education and support program is offered to members with complex conditions.</p>	<p>COPD360 is no longer a covered benefit.</p> <p>AccordantCare™ is no longer a covered benefit.</p> <p>We offer a program designed to help members better manage their clinical conditions and improve their overall health status. This specialized education and support program is offered to members with complex conditions.</p> <p>No Authorizations are required for Enhanced Disease Management.</p>
In-Home Support Services	This is not a covered benefit.	<p>You will pay \$0 copay for help with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living. Some of the services include but are not limited to assisting members with transportation to include grocery shopping, medication pick up, and doctor's appointments, technical guidance, care gap reminders, light house help, light exercise and activity. Members are eligible for 90 hours per year of In-Home Support Services.</p>

Cost	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) - Grocery Card	You pay \$0 copay for Special Supplemental Benefits for Chronically Ill (SSBCI) - Grocery Card.  You have \$75 allowance every month to spend on plan-approved grocery products. If you do not use all your monthly grocery benefit amount when you order, the remaining balance will not accumulate to the next grocery benefit period.	You pay \$0 copay for Special Supplemental Benefits for Chronically Ill (SSBCI) - Grocery Allowance.  You have \$100 allowance every month to spend on plan-approved grocery products. If you do not use all your monthly grocery benefit amount when you order, the remaining balance will not accumulate to the next grocery benefit period.

## Section 1.5 – Changes to Part D Prescription 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 provided electronically.

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs. **Review the Drug List to make sure your drugs will be covered next year and to see if there will be any restrictions.**

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes that are allowed by Medicare rules. For instance, we can immediately remove drugs considered unsafe by the FDA or withdrawn from the market by a product manufacturer. We update our online Drug List to provide the most up to date list of drugs.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage and talk to your doctor to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception and/or working to find a new drug. You can also contact Member Services for more information.

## Changes to Prescription Drug Costs

**Note:** If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs (“Extra Help”), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.** We sent you a separate insert, called the “Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs” (also called the “Low Income Subsidy Rider” or the “LIS Rider”), which tells you about your drug costs. If you receive “Extra Help” and you haven’t received this insert by September 30, 2022, please call Member Services and ask for the “LIS Rider.”

There are four “drug payment stages.”

The information below shows the changes to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.)

**Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines** - Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you even if you haven’t paid your deductible. Call Member Services for more information.

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<b>Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage</b>	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.	Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.

### Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
<p><b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</b></p> <p>During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs, and <b>you pay your share of the cost.</b></p> <p>The costs in this row are for a one-month (31-day) supply when you fill your prescription at a network pharmacy that provides standard cost sharing. For information about the costs for a long-term supply or for mail-order prescription, look in</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p><b>Cost-share Tier 1:</b> You pay \$0 to \$3.95 copay per prescription.</p> <p><b>Cost-share Tier 2:</b> You pay \$0 to \$9.85 copay per prescription.</p> <p>Once you have paid \$7,050 out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the next</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p><b>Cost-share Tier 1:</b> You pay \$0 to \$4.15 copay per prescription.</p> <p><b>Cost-share Tier 2:</b> You pay \$0 to \$10.35 copay per prescription.</p> <p>Once you have paid \$7,400 out-of-pocket for Part D drugs, you will move to the</p>

Stage	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Chapter 6, Section 5 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> .	stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).	next stage (the Catastrophic Coverage Stage).

**SECTION 2 Administrative Changes**

We want to let you know about an upcoming change to our Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM). A PBM is a company that is contracted to administer drug benefit programs including processing of prescription drug claims.

Description	2022 (this year)	2023 (next year)
Change of Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)	Elixir Rx Solutions®	Express Scripts®, Inc.
The Plan’s mail-order services will change. For more information about the plan’s mail-order services review the Evidence of Coverage section 2.3 Using the plan’s mail-order service.	Elixir Pharmacy	Express Scripts® Pharmacy

**SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose**

**Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in *Virginia Premier Advantage Elite***

**To stay in our plan, you don’t need to do anything.** If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in our Virginia Premier Advantage Elite.

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## Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

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We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change plans for 2023 follow these steps:

### Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- --OR-- You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder ([www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)), read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

### Step 2: Change your coverage

- To change **to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Virginia Premier Advantage Elite.
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Virginia Premier Advantage Elite.
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
  - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
  - – *or* – Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

## SECTION 4 Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7**. The change will take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Example include people with Medicaid, those who get “Extra Help” paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2023, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) between January 1 and March 31, 2023.

If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of 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 (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

## **SECTION 5 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare and Medicaid**

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

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. VICAP counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call VICAP at 1-800-552-3402 (TTY 711). You can learn more about VICAP by visiting their website ([www.vda.virginia.gov/vicap.htm](http://www.vda.virginia.gov/vicap.htm)).

For questions about your Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) benefits, contact DMAS at 1-804-786-7933 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Ask how joining another plan or returning to Original Medicare affects how you get your DMAS coverage.

## **SECTION 6 Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs**

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

- **“Extra Help” from Medicare.** Because you have Medicaid, you are already enrolled in “Extra Help” also called the Low Income Subsidy. “Extra Help” pays some of your prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles and coinsurance. Because you qualify, you do not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. If you have questions about “Extra Help”, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;

- The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
- Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- **Prescription Cost Sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals 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 prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost sharing assistance through the Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP) at 1-855-362-0658.

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Advantage Elite

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-877-739-1370. (TTY only call the Virginia Relay Service at 1-800-828-1120 or 711.) We are available for phone calls 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET from October 1 – March 31. From April 1 - September 30, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET. On certain holidays and weekends between April 1 through September 30, your call will be handled by our automated phone system. Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2023 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)**

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2023. For details, look in the *2023 Evidence of Coverage* for Virginia Premier Advantage Elite. The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [virginiapremier.com/members/medicare-plan-documents/](https://virginiapremier.com/members/medicare-plan-documents/). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [virginiapremier.com](https://virginiapremier.com). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

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## Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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To get information directly 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 should call 1-877-486-2048.

### **Visit the Medicare Website**

Visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area. To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

### **Read *Medicare & You 2023***

Read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook. Every fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf>) or 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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## Section 7.3 – Getting Help from Medicaid

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To get information from Medicaid you can call the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) at 1-804-786-7933. TTY users should call 711.