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# You Cannot Rely On Medicare Alone

hen it comes to Medicare, it is important that you know both sides of the story, and understand the advantages and disadvantages of relying solely on Medicare to provide for your healthcare needs.

Though Medicare covers many healthcare costs, there are many medical services that Medicare does not cover. If you understand how Medicare works, you will find out that there are healthcare costs that Medicare either does not pay in full or does not pay at all. If you want services not covered by Medicare, you must pay all the bills.

## What Medicare pays... and does not pay.

## Medicare has two parts:

Medicare Part

(Hospitalization) covers some of the costs associated with hospitalization and some costs associated with skilled nursing following hospitalization. While Medicare provides some basic coverage for both hospitalization and skilled nursing, there are gaps—gaps that Medicare does not cover.





(Medical Expenses) covers some of the cost related to physician services, outpatient care, tests and supplies.

## What Are The Basic Benefits?

Basic benefits are the core of coverage which include limited coverage for extended hospital stays, the reasonable cost of three pints of blood and coverage (generally 20% of the Medicare-approved amount) for physician services after the \$131 deductible is met.

## UniCare Network of Hospitals.

UniCare Medicare SELECT plans offer a network of hospitals conveniently located throughout the state to help you with all of your healthcare needs. There is a good chance that your hospital is already a member of our network.

### In-Network Vs. Out-of-Network Services.

When UniCare SELECT plan members receive services from a network hospital participants in the UniCare network, this is referred to as "In-Network." When UniCare SELECT plan members receive services from any other hospital that does not participate in the UniCare network, this is referred to as "Out-of-Network." Please note that there are financial and other advantages in making use of In-Network services available to UniCare SELECT plan members through the UniCare network. But remember, the decision to use or not use In-Network services is up to you, so you are not locked in.

#### **Provider Directories.**

When you sign up for a UniCare Medicare SELECT plan, you will receive a directory listing the network hospitals in your area. If for some reason you do not receive your directory, you may call your agent or your dedicated customer service unit at **1-800-508-9355** and request a listing for your area.

# But You Can Rely On UniCare.

# UniCare Medicare supplement insurance provides you with the protection you need to fill the gaps that Medicare does not cover.

- UniCare Medicare Supplement Plans Are Affordable.
  - Compare our rates with other plans offered in your state and you will see why **UniCare** has quickly become one of the fastest growing health plans nationwide. We offer comprehensive coverage and fast, attentive customer service with affordable rates.
- Freedom To Choose The Doctor, Specialist And Hospital Of Your Choice.
- "Free Look" 30-Day Right To Examine.
- Automatic Checking Account Deductions (bank draft).
- Coverage Is Guaranteed Renewable From Year To Year.

UniCare	Standard Plans				High Deductible Options		
Offers A Choice Of Plans At Affordable Premiums.	Standard Plan A	Standard Plan B	Standard Plan C	Standard Plan D	Standard Plan F	SELECT Plan C	SELECT Plan F
Basic Benefits	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skilled Nursing Coinsurance			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Part A Deductible <sup>1</sup>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Part B Deductible			✓		✓	✓	$\checkmark^2$
Part B Excess (100%)					✓	✓	✓
At-home Recovery				✓			
Foreign Travel Emergency			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
All the Benefits of Standard Plan F (after meeting annual deductible amounts)						✓	✓
Lower Premiums						<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$
Office Visits with a \$5 copayment <sup>2</sup>							V
Vision Care Benefits							<b>√</b>
Chiropractic Services <sup>3</sup>							✓

- I For UniCare SELECT plan members, the Medicare Part A deductible is covered only when you use a network hospital.
- 2 With the PrimeChoice Preferred plan, coverage for the Part B deductible is not subject to the calendar year deductible.
- 3 Medicare-covered services.

## Our Plans... Your CHOICES

#### Guaranteed Issue.

Acceptance of your application is guaranteed if you are 65 or older and apply within six months of your initial enrollment in Part B of Medicare. You must already be enrolled in both Parts A and B of Medicare to apply for these plans. Acceptance for this coverage is also guaranteed if you are transferring from certain UniCare non-Medicare supplement plans. There is no waiting period for preexisting conditions.

## UniCare Medicare Supplements Are Guaranteed Renewable.

After the first one month's payment, the term of this coverage is for two months if you have chosen bimonthly coverage or monthly if you have chosen monthly checking account deduction. You also have the option to pay premium on a quarterly or annual basis. Your policy renews automatically, subject to the right of UniCare to change rates. We will not cancel your coverage, unless:

- We discover any concealment of material facts upon enrollment.
- You do not pay your premiums. Your coverage will end automatically without notice from us.
- You cease to be covered under both Parts A and B of Medicare.
- You enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan.

## **Changes To Medicare In The Future.**

UniCare will send an annual notice to you 30 days prior to the effective date of Medicare changes, which will describe these changes and the changes in your Medicare supplement coverage. UniCare may also change premiums due to changes in Medicare.

#### Problems.

We are certain that you will be completely satisfied with your UniCare plan, but if you should ever have a complaint or problem, please follow the Insured Grievance Procedure: Contact UniCare.

You can call us at 1-800-508-WELL.

You can write to us at P.O. Box 9090 Oxnard, CA 93031-9090

Your grievance will be reviewed and you will receive a response within 30 days.

After you receive your policy, please feel free to contact your UniCare Authorized Agent or call us toll-free at 1-800-508-WELL.

### How UniCare Bills.

If you enroll between the 1st and 14th of the month, your coverage will be effective on the 15th of the month. The first premium bill you will receive will be for one-and-a-half months. Thereafter, UniCare will bill you every two months.

If your application is received between the 15th and 31st of the month, your coverage will begin on the 1st day of the following month. UniCare will bill you bimonthly.

Your coverage is effective the 1st or 15th of the month after approval.

If you are replacing another Medicare supplement policy, your coverage will be effective the date that your other plan ends.

UniCare reserves the right to reject your application. If your application is rejected, you will be notified in writing and any payment will be refunded.

#### Questions.

You can write to us at UniCare P.O. Box 9090 Oxnard, CA 93031-9090

Please review the enclosed Outline of Coverage for information regarding the UniCare Medicare supplement plan benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions. Please refer to the plan policy for complete information.

## How The PrimeChoice<sup>SM</sup> Plan Works...

# And How It Can Save YOU Money!

With Medicare alone, your out-of-pocket costs can mount quickly. For example, (when using Medicare-approved providers for Medicare-approved amounts):

## Part A-Hospitalization Expenses\*\*

	Medicare Covers	You Pay
ı to 60 days	All but \$992	\$992*
61 to 90 days	All but \$248 per day	\$248 per day, which can escalate to \$7,440
91* day and after	All but \$496 per day	\$496 per day, which can escalate to \$29,760
After a minimum confinement of three days in a Medicare-approved skilled nursing facility	All approved costs for first 20 days; days 21 - 100 all approved costs after per-day copayment	Days 21 - 100 \$124 per day, which can escalate to \$9,920

## Part B - Medical Expenses \*\*

	Medicare Covers	You Pay
Doctors' services, inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services	\$0	\$131 deductible (once a year)
and supplies, physical, occupational and speech therapy, diagnostic tests and durable medical equipment	80% of remainder of Medicare- approved amounts	generally 20% of all costs associated with physicians services (Part B)

<sup>\*</sup> Per benefit period. A benefit period ends after 60 consecutive days of no hospital or skilled nursing facility care. There can be multiple benefit periods in a year.

Note: Applicants must be enrolled in both Parts A and B of Medicare to enroll in a Medicare supplement plan.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Refer to the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare for complete coverage details.

## Welcome to UniCare

## Rest easy with UniCare's Medicare supplement insurance plans.

UniCare Life & Health Insurance Company (UniCare), with an "A-" (Excellent) rating from A.M. Best,\* an "A+" rating from Standard & Poor's and an "AA-" rating from Fitch, Inc., is committed to customer service and to reducing health costs without sacrificing quality or choice of physicians. UniCare offers a broad array of health plans for individuals, families, small businesses, large businesses, dental and Medicare supplements. UniCare is part of the WellPoint, Inc. family of companies, a Fortune 500 company serving the healthcare needs of more than 34 million medical members and 30 million specialty members nationwide. The WellPoint, Inc. companies are a culmination of nearly 70 years in the healthcare business.

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