



TUFTS MEDICARE PREFERRED HMO

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO GIC

The benefit information provided is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It does not list every service that we cover, or list every limitation or exclusion. To get a complete list of services we cover, please visit www.tuftshealthplan.com/gic to view the *Evidence of Coverage*. You can also request a printed copy by calling Customer Relations at 1-855-852-1016 (TTY: 711).

Summary of Benefits July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022

You have choices about how to get your Medicare benefits

- One choice is to get your Medicare benefits through Original Medicare (fee-for-service Medicare). Original Medicare is run directly by the federal government.
- Another choice is to get your Medicare benefits by joining a Medicare health plan (such as Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO).

Tips for comparing your Medicare choices

This *Summary of Benefits* booklet gives you a summary of what Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO GIC covers and what you pay.

- If you want to compare our plan with other Medicare health plans, ask the other plans for their Summary of Benefits booklets. Or, use the Medicare Plan Finder on www.medicare.gov.
- If you want to know more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your 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**.

Things to Know About Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO GIC

Who can join?

To join Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO GIC, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, and live in our service area.

The service area for the plan described in this document includes the following counties in Massachusetts: Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester.

Which doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies can I use?

Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO GIC has 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 Directory* at our website (www.tuftshealthplan.com/gic).

This document is available in other formats such as braille and large print.

Referral circles

Your PCP works with certain plan specialists, called a “referral circle,” to provide the medical care you need. Your PCP will provide most of your care and will help arrange the rest of the covered services you get as a plan member. In most cases, you must get a referral from your PCP before you see any other health care provider. This means you will not have access to the entire Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred HMO network, except in emergency or urgent care situations, or for out-of-area renal dialysis.

What do we cover?

We cover everything that Original Medicare covers—and more.

- Our plan members get all of the benefits covered by Original Medicare. For some of these benefits, you may pay less in our plan than you would in Original Medicare. For others, you may pay more.
- Our plan members also get more than what is covered by Original Medicare. Some of the extra benefits are outlined in this booklet.

Monthly Plan Premium	
	Please contact the Group Insurance Commission for your premium amount.
Deductible	
	There is no deductible for this plan.
Maximum Out-of-Pocket Responsibility (does not include prescription drugs)	\$3,400
What You Should Know	Like all Medicare health plans, our plan protects you by having yearly limits on your out-of-pocket costs for medical and hospital care. If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, we will pay the full cost of your covered hospital and medical services for the rest of the year. Please note that you will still need to pay your monthly premiums (and cost-sharing for your Part D prescription drugs if applicable).
Inpatient and Outpatient Care and Services	
Inpatient Hospital Care	
Inpatient hospital care	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay. Prior authorization may be required.
Outpatient Hospital Care	
Outpatient hospital services	You pay nothing
Outpatient surgery (services provided at hospital outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgical centers)	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Before you receive services, you must obtain a referral from your PCP. Prior authorization may be required.
Doctor Visits	
Primary care physician	\$15 copay per visit
Specialist	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	There is no copay for an annual physical exam with your PCP. PCP cost share may apply if non-preventive services are rendered during the same office visit. Before you receive services from a specialist, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Preventive care	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.
Emergency care	\$50 copay per visit
What You Should Know	If you are admitted to the hospital within 24 hours for the same condition, you do not have to pay your share of the cost for emergency care. Your plan includes worldwide coverage for emergency care.
Urgently needed services	\$15 copay per visit

Inpatient and Outpatient Care and Services	
What You Should Know	Urgently needed care may be furnished by in-network providers or by out-of-network providers when network providers are temporarily unavailable or inaccessible. Copayment is not waived if admitted as an inpatient within 24 hours. Your plan includes worldwide coverage for urgently needed care.
Diagnostic Services/Labs/Imaging	
Diagnostic radiology services (such as MRIs, CT scans)	You pay nothing
Diagnostic tests and procedures	You pay nothing
Lab services	You pay nothing
Outpatient X-rays	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Prior authorization may be required.
Hearing Services	
Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues	\$15 copay per visit
Routine hearing exam (up to 1 every year)	\$15 copay per visit
Hearing aids	Members 22 and over - First \$500 covered in full, then 20% of the next \$1,500, plus any balance (for both ears combined). Limit of \$1,700 per member every 24 months.
What You Should Know	Before you receive a diagnostic hearing exam from a specialist, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Dental	
Limited Medicare-covered dental services	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	Limited Medicare-covered dental services do not include preventive dental services such as cleaning, routine dental exams, and dental X-rays.
Vision Services	
Routine eye exam (up to 1 every year)	\$15 copay per visit
Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye	\$15 copay per visit
Annual glaucoma screening	\$0 copay per visit
Annual eyewear benefit	Up to \$150 allowance per calendar year
What You Should Know	You must use a participating vision care provider (EyeMed Vision Care) to receive the covered Routine Eye Exam benefit. You must purchase your glasses (prescription lenses, frames, or a combination of lenses and frames) or contacts from a participating vision provider (EyeMed Vision Care) to receive the \$150 allowance. Otherwise, the benefit will be limited to \$90 per year. You need a referral from your PCP for a diagnostic eye exam.

Inpatient and Outpatient Care and Services	
Mental Health Services	
Inpatient visit	You pay nothing
Outpatient group or individual therapy visit	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	Our plan covers up to 190 days in a lifetime for inpatient mental health care in a psychiatric hospital. The inpatient hospital care limit does not apply to inpatient mental health services provided in a general hospital. Before you receive outpatient group or individual therapy visits, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	
Skilled nursing facility (SNF)	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Our plan covers up to 100 days in a SNF per benefit period. No prior hospital stay is required.
Physical Therapy	
Occupational therapy	You pay nothing
Physical therapy and speech and language therapy	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Before you receive occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech and language therapy services, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Ambulance	
Ambulance	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Prior authorization may be required for non-emergency transportation.
Transportation	
Transportation	Not covered
Medicare Part B Drugs	
Medicare Part B drugs	For Part B chemotherapy drugs: You pay nothing. Other Part B drugs: You pay nothing.
What You Should Know	Prior authorization may be required.
Prescription Drug Benefits	Your prescription drug benefits will be managed by CVS SilverScript®. If you have questions or would like information about the formulary (list of covered drugs), call the CVS SilverScript customer relations department at 1-877-876-7214 , or visit gic.silverscript.com .

Additional Benefits	
Acupuncture	
Acupuncture services	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	<p>Medicare covers up to 12 visits in 90 days for members with chronic low back pain. 8 additional visits covered for those demonstrating an improvement. No more than 20 visits administered annually.</p> <p>Before you receive services from a specialist, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.</p> <p>Additional acupuncture services are eligible for reimbursement under the annual Wellness Allowance benefit. See additional details under “Wellness Programs.”</p>
Chiropractic Care	
Manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when 1 or more of the bones of your spine move out of position)	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	Before you receive services from a specialist, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Foot Care (podiatry services)	
Foot exams and treatment if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet certain conditions	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	Before you receive services from a specialist, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Home Health Services	
Home health agency care	You pay nothing
Home infusion therapy	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	Prior authorization may be required for home infusion therapy services.
Hospice	
	Benefit provided by Medicare
What You Should Know	You may have to pay part of the costs for drugs and respite care. Hospice is covered outside of our plan. Please contact us for more details.
Medical Equipment/Supplies	
Durable medical equipment (e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen)	You pay nothing
Prosthetic devices (e.g., braces, artificial limbs, etc.)	You pay nothing

Additional Benefits	
What You Should Know	<p>Additional items covered by the plan: bathroom safety equipment for members who have a functional impairment when having the item will improve safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard raised toilet seat: 1 per member per lifetime • Standard bathroom grab bars: 2 per member per lifetime • Standard tub seat: 1 per member per lifetime • The following additional items are covered by the plan: • Gradient compression stockings or surgical stockings: up to 2 pairs every 6 months • Mastectomy sleeves for members with upper limb lymphedema: up to 2 sleeves every 6 months <p>Prior authorization may be required.</p>
Wig allowance (for hair loss due to cancer treatment)	\$350 per year
Diabetes services and supplies	You pay nothing
What You Should Know	<p>Includes diabetes monitoring supplies, diabetes self-management training, and therapeutic shoes or inserts. Copay may apply if you receive other medical services during the same office visit. Referral required for diabetes self-management training only.</p> <p>Coverage for blood glucose monitors, blood glucose tests strips, and glucose-control solutions is limited to the OneTouch products manufactured by Lifescan, Inc. Please note that there is no preferred brand for lancets.</p>
Outpatient Substance Abuse	
Group or individual therapy visit	\$15 copay per visit
What You Should Know	Before you receive services from a specialist, you must obtain a referral from your PCP.
Renal Dialysis	
	You pay nothing
Telehealth/Telemedicine Services	
	<p>Medicare-covered services plus additional telehealth services including PCP services, specialist services, and more.</p> <p>Applicable office visit cost share applies for non-opioid telehealth services. Opioid services cost share applies to opioid telehealth services rendered as part of an Opioid Treatment Program Services episode. Referral is required for some additional telehealth services.</p>
Wellness Programs	
Weight Management program	The plan provides a \$150 annual Weight Management Allowance towards program fees for weight loss programs such as WeightWatchers®, Jenny Craig®, or a hospital-based weight loss program.
Wellness Allowance	The plan provides a \$150 annual Wellness Allowance toward health club memberships, nutritional counseling, acupuncture, or fitness classes like Pilates, tai chi, or aerobics, and wellness programs, including memory fitness activities.