



Inter Valley Health Plan

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Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO) offered by Inter Valley Health Plan

Annual Notice of Changes for 2019

You are currently enrolled as a member of Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO). Next year, there will be some changes to the Plan's costs and benefits. This booklet tells about the *changes*.

- **You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.**
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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.
 - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
 - Do the changes affect the services you use?
 - Look in Section 1.5 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
- Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
 - Will your drugs be covered?
 - Are your drugs in a different tier, with different cost-sharing?
 - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
 - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
 - Review the 2019 Drug List and look in Section 1.6 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
 - Your drug costs may have risen since last year. Talk to your doctor about lower cost alternatives that may be available for you; this may save you in annual out-of-pocket costs throughout the year. To get additional information on drug prices visit <https://go.medicare.gov/drugprices>. These dashboards highlight which manufacturers have been increasing their prices and also show other year-to-year

drug price information. Keep in mind that your plan benefits will determine exactly how much your own drug costs may change.

Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.

- Are your doctors in our network?
- What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
- Look in Section 1.3 for information about our Provider/Pharmacy Directory.

Think about your overall health care costs.

- How much will you spend out-of-pocket for the services and prescription drugs you use regularly?
- How much will you spend on your premium and deductibles?
- How do your total Plan costs compare to other Medicare coverage options?

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 personalized search feature on the Medicare Plan Finder at <https://www.medicare.gov> website. Click “Find health & drug plans.”
- Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook.
- Look in Section 2.2 to learn more about your choices.

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 want to **keep** Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO), you don’t need to do anything. You will stay in Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO).
- To change to a **different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7.

4. **ENROLL:** To change plans, join a plan between **October 15** and **December 7, 2018**

- If you **don’t join by December 7, 2018**, you will stay in Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO).
- If you **join by December 7, 2018**, your new coverage will start on January 1, 2019.

Additional Resources

- This document is available for free in Spanish.

Please contact our Member Care Team number at 1-800-251-8191 for additional information. (TTY/TDD users should call 711). Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We

are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.

- This information is available in alternate formats such as large print. Please call our Member Care Team at 1-800-251-8191 (TTY/TDD users should call 711) if you need plan information in another format.
- **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 <https://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families> for more information.

About Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO)

- Inter Valley Health Plan is a not-for-profit HMO with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Inter Valley Health Plan depends on contract renewal.
- When this booklet says "we," "us," or "our," it means *Inter Valley Health Plan*. When it says "Plan" or "our Plan," it means *Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO)*.

Summary of Important Costs for 2019

The table below compares the 2018 and 2019 costs for Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO) in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes. It is important to read the rest of this *Annual Notice of Changes*** and review the enclosed *Evidence of Coverage* to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Monthly premium</p> <p>* Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.</p>	\$0	\$0
<p>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</p> <p>This is the <u>most</u> you will pay out-of-pocket for your covered Part A and Part B services. (See Section 1.2 for details.)</p>	\$2,000	\$2,000
<p>Doctor office visits</p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$0 per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$0 per visit</p>	<p>Primary care visits: \$0 per visit</p> <p>Specialist visits: \$0 per visit</p>
<p>Inpatient hospital stays</p> <p>Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.</p>	<p>\$0 for each Medicare-covered hospital stay except Riverside Hospital which is a \$300 copayment.</p> <p>You pay \$0 for each Medicare-covered inpatient hospital stay (except if the inpatient hospital stay is at Riverside Community Hospital).</p> <p>You pay \$300 for each Medicare-covered inpatient hospital stay at Riverside Community Hospital. This copayment will apply with no exceptions.</p>	<p>\$0 for each Medicare-covered hospital stay except Riverside Hospital which is a \$300 copayment.</p> <p>You pay \$0 for each Medicare-covered inpatient hospital stay (except if the inpatient hospital stay is at Riverside Community Hospital).</p> <p>You pay \$300 for each Medicare-covered inpatient hospital stay at Riverside Community Hospital. This copayment will apply with no exceptions.</p>

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<p>Part D prescription drug coverage (See Section 1.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Copays during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: \$5 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 2: \$12 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 3: \$47 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 4: 25% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 6: \$0 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy 	<p>Copays during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Tier 1: \$5 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 2: \$12 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 3: \$47 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 4: 25% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy • Drug Tier 6: \$0 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy

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- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.
- Your monthly premium will be *less* if you are receiving “Extra Help” with your prescription drug costs.

Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

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There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider/Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at www.ivhp.com. You may also call our Member Care Team for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider/Pharmacy Directory. **Please review the 2019 Provider/Pharmacy Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

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Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your 2019 Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Ambulance	\$195 Copay for each Medicare-covered transport	\$195 Copay for each Medicare-covered ground transport There is no change to your cost sharing for Medicare-covered ground transport services. \$1,000 copay for each Medicare-covered air ambulance transport.
Emergency Care	\$100 copay for Medicare-covered emergency room visits. \$100 copay for worldwide coverage for services needed to evaluate or stabilize an urgent/emergency medical condition	\$120 copay for Medicare-covered emergency room visits. \$120 copay for worldwide coverage for services needed to evaluate or stabilize an urgent/emergency medical condition

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Hearing Services (Routine/Non-Medicare covered)</p>	<p>\$0 copay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Hearing Exam • Fitting/Evaluation <p>Hearing Aids:</p> <p>An Allowance up to \$250 that can be used towards the purchase of hearing aids every 36 months.</p>	<p>\$0 copay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Hearing Exam <p>Hearing Aids:</p> <p>\$699 copay per aid for TruHearing Advanced Aids or a \$999 copay per aid for TruHearing Premium Aids.</p> <p>Up to two TruHearing Branded hearing aids every year (one per ear per year)</p> <p>Benefit is limited to TruHearing Advanced and Premium hearing aids, which come in various styles and colors. You must see a TruHearing Provider to use this benefit. Call (866) 201-9938 to schedule an appointment (TTY/TDD users should call 711).</p> <p>Hearing Aid Purchase includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 provider visits within first year of hearing aid purchase • 45-day trial period • 3-year extended warranty • 48 batteries per aid <p>Hearing Aid Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair of hearing aids due to abuse or misuse • Replacement of lost or broken hearing aids • Ear molds • Hearing aid accessories • Additional provider visits • Extra batteries beyond the 48 provided with the purchase of a hearing aid • Hearing aids that are not TruHearing branded hearing aids • Costs associated with loss and damage warranty claims

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Help with Chronic Conditions	Not Covered	<p>If you are admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cerebrovascular Accident (also known as a stroke) with paralysis • Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) • Exacerbation of Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) <p>Upon discharge, you may qualify for the following benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-home Support Services - You pay \$0 for up to 20 hours each calendar year and must be used in 4 hour increments - Home-Delivered Meals - You pay \$0 for up to 10 meals each calendar year (up to 5 days/ 2 meals each day) <p>In-Home Support Services consist of light housekeeping and grooming needs. Services provided morning, mid-day and early evening. Overnight Care is not covered.</p> <p>Certain dietary restrictions and special requests may not be accommodated with home-delivered meals. Please discuss your restrictions and requests with your Physician/discharge Planner when making arrangements for home-delivered meals.</p> <p>In-Home Support Services and Home-Delivered Meals must be requested by your physician or discharge planner within 72 hours of your discharge from an inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility stay.</p>

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Nursing Hotline	Not Covered	<p>\$0 copay for nursing hotline</p> <p>Telephonic coaching and nurse advice from trained clinicians available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nursing Hotline provides real time health care assessments to help members determine the level of care needed at the moment. Nurses provide consultation, answers to health questions and symptom management to help members make appropriate decisions about their care and treatment.</p> <p>Members can access the nursing hotline by calling (888) 463-9220. TTY/TDD users should call 711.</p>
Transportation (Routine/Non-Medicare covered)	Not Covered	<p>\$0 Copay</p> <p>There is no copay for up to 6 one-way trip(s) to plan-approved locations every calendar year.</p> <p>Transportation should be scheduled 24 hours prior to scheduled appointment.</p> <p>Transportation services must be requested by calling (844) 813-5845; calls to this number are free. TTY/TDD users should call 711.</p>

Section 1.6 – 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 in this envelope.

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.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug. **We encourage current members** to ask for an exception before next year.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call our Pharmacy Care Team at 1-800-523-3142 (TTY/TDD users call 711). Please contact our Member Care Team number at 1-800-251-8191 for additional information. (TTY/TDD users should call 711). Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call our Pharmacy Care Team at 1-800-523-3142 (TTY/TDD users call 711) to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition. Please contact our Member Care Team number at 1-800-251-8191 for additional information. (TTY/TDD users should call 711). Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the Evidence of Coverage.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

If you are a current member and a drug you are taking will be removed from the formulary or restricted in some way for next year, we will allow you to request a formulary exception in advance for next year. We will tell you about any change in the coverage for your drug for the following year. You can then ask us to make an exception and cover the drug in the way you would like it to be covered for the following year. We will give you an answer to your request for an exception before the change takes effect.

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.

Starting in 2019, before we make changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice when you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice of those changes 30, rather than 60, days before they take place. Or we will give you a 30-day rather than a 60-day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. We will provide this notice before, for instance, replacing a brand name drug on the Drug List with a generic drug or making changes based on FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines recognized by Medicare.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about the changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

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 will send 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 haven’t received this insert by October 1, 2018, please call our Member Care Team and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for our Pharmacy Care Team are in Section 6.1 of this booklet.

There are four “drug payment stages.” How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year 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. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 5 and 6, in the enclosed *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	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

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

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

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Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your 2019 Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Ambulance	\$195 Copay for each Medicare-covered transport	\$195 Copay for each Medicare-covered ground transport There is no change to your cost sharing for Medicare-covered ground transport services. \$1,000 copay for each Medicare-covered air ambulance transport.
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Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Help with Chronic Conditions	Not Covered	<p>If you are admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cerebrovascular Accident (also known as a stroke) with paralysis • Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) • Exacerbation of Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) <p>Upon discharge, you may qualify for the following benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-home Support Services - You pay \$0 for up to 20 hours each calendar year and must be used in 4 hour increments - Home-Delivered Meals - You pay \$0 for up to 10 meals each calendar year (up to 5 days/ 2 meals each day) <p>In-Home Support Services consist of light housekeeping and grooming needs. Services provided morning, mid-day and early evening. Overnight Care is not covered.</p> <p>Certain dietary restrictions and special requests may not be accommodated with home-delivered meals. Please discuss your restrictions and requests with your Physician/discharge Planner when making arrangements for home-delivered meals.</p> <p>In-Home Support Services and Home-Delivered Meals must be requested by your physician or discharge planner within 72 hours of your discharge from an inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility stay.</p>

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Nursing Hotline	Not Covered	<p>\$0 copay for nursing hotline</p> <p>Telephonic coaching and nurse advice from trained clinicians available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nursing Hotline provides real time health care assessments to help members determine the level of care needed at the moment. Nurses provide consultation, answers to health questions and symptom management to help members make appropriate decisions about their care and treatment.</p> <p>Members can access the nursing hotline by calling (888) 463-9220. TTY/TDD users should call 711.</p>
Transportation (Routine/Non-Medicare covered)	Not Covered	<p>\$0 Copay</p> <p>There is no copay for up to 6 one-way trip(s) to plan-approved locations every calendar year.</p> <p>Transportation should be scheduled 24 hours prior to scheduled appointment.</p> <p>Transportation services must be requested by calling (844) 813-5845; calls to this number are free. TTY/TDD users should call 711.</p>

Section 1.6 – 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 in this envelope.

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.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug. **We encourage current members** to ask for an exception before next year.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call our Pharmacy Care Team at 1-800-523-3142 (TTY/TDD users call 711). Please contact our Member Care Team number at 1-800-251-8191 for additional information. (TTY/TDD users should call 711). Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.
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In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the Evidence of Coverage.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

If you are a current member and a drug you are taking will be removed from the formulary or restricted in some way for next year, we will allow you to request a formulary exception in advance for next year. We will tell you about any change in the coverage for your drug for the following year. You can then ask us to make an exception and cover the drug in the way you would like it to be covered for the following year. We will give you an answer to your request for an exception before the change takes effect.

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.

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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 will send 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 haven’t received this insert by October 1, 2018, please call our Member Care Team and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for our Pharmacy Care Team are in Section 6.1 of this booklet.

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Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)*, in your 2019 Evidence of Coverage.

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Ambulance	\$195 Copay for each Medicare-covered transport	\$195 Copay for each Medicare-covered ground transport There is no change to your cost sharing for Medicare-covered ground transport services. \$1,000 copay for each Medicare-covered air ambulance transport.
Emergency Care	\$100 copay for Medicare-covered emergency room visits. \$100 copay for worldwide coverage for services needed to evaluate or stabilize an urgent/emergency medical condition	\$120 copay for Medicare-covered emergency room visits. \$120 copay for worldwide coverage for services needed to evaluate or stabilize an urgent/emergency medical condition

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Hearing Services (Routine/Non-Medicare covered)</p>	<p>\$0 copay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Hearing Exam • Fitting/Evaluation <p>Hearing Aids:</p> <p>An Allowance up to \$250 that can be used towards the purchase of hearing aids every 36 months.</p>	<p>\$0 copay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Hearing Exam <p>Hearing Aids:</p> <p>\$699 copay per aid for TruHearing Advanced Aids or a \$999 copay per aid for TruHearing Premium Aids.</p> <p>Up to two TruHearing Branded hearing aids every year (one per ear per year)</p> <p>Benefit is limited to TruHearing Advanced and Premium hearing aids, which come in various styles and colors. You must see a TruHearing Provider to use this benefit. Call (866) 201-9938 to schedule an appointment (TTY/TDD users should call 711).</p> <p>Hearing Aid Purchase includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 provider visits within first year of hearing aid purchase • 45-day trial period • 3-year extended warranty • 48 batteries per aid <p>Hearing Aid Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair of hearing aids due to abuse or misuse • Replacement of lost or broken hearing aids • Ear molds • Hearing aid accessories • Additional provider visits • Extra batteries beyond the 48 provided with the purchase of a hearing aid • Hearing aids that are not TruHearing branded hearing aids • Costs associated with loss and damage warranty claims

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Help with Chronic Conditions	Not Covered	<p>If you are admitted to the hospital with a diagnosis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cerebrovascular Accident (also known as a stroke) with paralysis • Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) • Exacerbation of Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) <p>Upon discharge, you may qualify for the following benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-home Support Services - You pay \$0 for up to 20 hours each calendar year and must be used in 4 hour increments - Home-Delivered Meals - You pay \$0 for up to 10 meals each calendar year (up to 5 days/ 2 meals each day) <p>In-Home Support Services consist of light housekeeping and grooming needs. Services provided morning, mid-day and early evening. Overnight Care is not covered.</p> <p>Certain dietary restrictions and special requests may not be accommodated with home-delivered meals. Please discuss your restrictions and requests with your Physician/discharge Planner when making arrangements for home-delivered meals.</p> <p>In-Home Support Services and Home-Delivered Meals must be requested by your physician or discharge planner within 72 hours of your discharge from an inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility stay.</p>

Cost	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Nursing Hotline	Not Covered	<p>\$0 copay for nursing hotline</p> <p>Telephonic coaching and nurse advice from trained clinicians available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nursing Hotline provides real time health care assessments to help members determine the level of care needed at the moment. Nurses provide consultation, answers to health questions and symptom management to help members make appropriate decisions about their care and treatment.</p> <p>Members can access the nursing hotline by calling (888) 463-9220. TTY/TDD users should call 711.</p>
Transportation (Routine/Non-Medicare covered)	Not Covered	<p>\$0 Copay</p> <p>There is no copay for up to 6 one-way trip(s) to plan-approved locations every calendar year.</p> <p>Transportation should be scheduled 24 hours prior to scheduled appointment.</p> <p>Transportation services must be requested by calling (844) 813-5845; calls to this number are free. TTY/TDD users should call 711.</p>

Section 1.6 – 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 in this envelope.

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.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug. **We encourage current members** to ask for an exception before next year.
 - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 9 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call our Pharmacy Care Team at 1-800-523-3142 (TTY/TDD users call 711). Please contact our Member Care Team number at 1-800-251-8191 for additional information. (TTY/TDD users should call 711). Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call our Pharmacy Care Team at 1-800-523-3142 (TTY/TDD users call 711) to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition. Please contact our Member Care Team number at 1-800-251-8191 for additional information. (TTY/TDD users should call 711). Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the Evidence of Coverage.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.

If you are a current member and a drug you are taking will be removed from the formulary or restricted in some way for next year, we will allow you to request a formulary exception in advance for next year. We will tell you about any change in the coverage for your drug for the following year. You can then ask us to make an exception and cover the drug in the way you would like it to be covered for the following year. We will give you an answer to your request for an exception before the change takes effect.

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.

Starting in 2019, before we make changes during the year to our Drug List that require us to provide you with advance notice when you are taking a drug, we will provide you with notice of those changes 30, rather than 60, days before they take place. Or we will give you a 30-day rather than a 60-day, refill of your brand name drug at a network pharmacy. We will provide this notice before, for instance, replacing a brand name drug on the Drug List with a generic drug or making changes based on FDA boxed warnings or new clinical guidelines recognized by Medicare.

When we make these changes to the Drug List during the year, you can still work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask us to make an exception to cover the drug. We will also continue to update our online Drug List as scheduled and provide other required information to reflect drug changes. (To learn more about the changes we may make to the Drug List, see Chapter 5, Section 6 of the Evidence of Coverage.)

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 will send 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 haven’t received this insert by October 1, 2018, please call our Member Care Team and ask for the “LIS Rider.” Phone numbers for our Pharmacy Care Team are in Section 6.1 of this booklet.

There are four “drug payment stages.” How much you pay for a Part D drug depends on which drug payment stage you are in. (You can look in Chapter 6, Section 2 of your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information about the stages.)

The information below shows the changes for next year 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. To get information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 5 and 6, in the enclosed *Evidence of Coverage*.)

Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	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

To learn how copayments and coinsurance work, look at Chapter 6, Section 1.2, *Types of out-of-pocket costs you may pay for covered drugs* in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Stage	2018 (this year)	2019 (next year)
<p>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage</p> <p>During this stage, the Plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and you pay your share of the cost. The costs in this row are for a one-month (30-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 prescriptions, look in Chapter 6, Section 4 of your <i>Evidence of Coverage</i>.</p> <p>We changed the tier for some of the drugs on our Drug List. To see if your drugs will be in a different tier, look them up on the Drug List.</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p>Preferred Generic Drugs: You pay \$5 per prescription</p> <p>Generic Drugs: You pay \$12 per prescription</p> <p>Preferred Brand Drugs: You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p>Non-Preferred Drugs: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Specialty Tier: You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <p>Select Care Drugs: You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,750, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost-sharing:</p> <p>Preferred Generic Drugs: You pay \$5 per prescription</p> <p>Generic Drugs: You pay \$12 per prescription</p> <p>Preferred Brand Drugs: You pay \$47 per prescription.</p> <p>Non-Preferred Drugs: You pay 25% of the total cost.</p> <p>Specialty Tier: You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <p>Select Care Drugs: You pay \$0 per prescription.</p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$3,820, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>

Changes to the Coverage Gap and Catastrophic Coverage Stages

The other two drug coverage stages – the Coverage Gap Stage and the Catastrophic Coverage Stage – are for people with high drug costs. **Most members do not reach the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.** For information about your costs in these stages, look at Chapter 6, Sections 5 and 6, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO)

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 stay enrolled as a member of our plan for 2019.

Section 2.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2019 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, read *Medicare & You 2019*, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 4), or call Medicare (see Section 6.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to <https://www.medicare.gov> and click "Find health & drug plans." **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

As a reminder, *Inter Valley Health Plan* offers other Medicare health plans. These other plans may differ in coverage, monthly premiums, and cost-sharing amounts.

Step 2: Change your coverage

- To change **to a different Medicare health plan**, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan**, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Inter Valley Health Plan Service To Seniors (HMO).
- To **change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan**, you must either:
 - Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact our Member Care Team if you need more information on how to do this (phone numbers are in Section 6.1 of this booklet).
 - – *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/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SECTION 3 Deadline for 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, 2019.

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

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. For example, people with Medicaid (Medi-Cal), 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 may be allowed to make a change at other times of the year. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.3 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

Note: If you’re in a drug management program, you may not be able to change plans.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2019, 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, 2019. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

SECTION 4 Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a government program with trained counselors in every state. In California, the SHIP is called Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP).

HICAP is independent (not connected with any insurance company or health plan). It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. HICAP 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 HICAP at 1-800-434-0222, calls to this number are free.

You can write to HICAP at:

Los Angeles County: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), Center for Health Care Rights, 520 S. Lafayette Park Place, Suite 214, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

Riverside County: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), HICAP of Riverside County, 9121 Haven Avenue, Suite 220, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

San Bernardino County: Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP), San Bernardino County HICAP, 9121 Haven Avenue, Suite 220, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730.

Orange County: Orange Council on Aging Southern California (HICAP), 2 Executive Circle, Suite 175, Irvine, CA 92614.

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SECTION 5 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.** People with limited incomes may qualify for “Extra Help” to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible and don’t even know it. To see if you qualify, call:
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Inter Valley Health Plan complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of, or because of, race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Inter Valley Health Plan provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters, and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).

Inter Valley Health Plan provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages. If you need these services, contact Inter Valley Health Plan Member Services.

If you believe that Inter Valley Health Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance in person, by phone, mail, or fax, at:

Inter Valley Health Plan
Manager, Grievance and Appeals Department
300 S. Park Avenue, Suite 300, Pomona, CA 91769-6002
800-251-8191 Ext. 469, (TTY/TDD: 711)
FAX: 909-620-6413

If you need help filing a grievance, Inter Valley Health Plan Member Services is available to help you.

Or by filling out the "File a Grievance" form on our website at: www.ivhp.com/AppealsGrievance.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019 (TTY/TDD: 1-800-537-7697)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Inter Valley Health Plan is a not-for-profit HMO with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Inter Valley Health Plan depends on contract renewal.



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MULTI-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SERVICES

ENGLISH: ATTENTION: If you speak a language other than English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-251-8191. (TTY/TDD: 711).

SPANISH: ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-251-8191. (TTY/TDD: 711).

CHINESE TRADITIONAL: 注意：如果您使用中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-251-8191。(TTY/TDD: 711)。

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TAGALOG: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-251-8191. (TTY/TDD: 711).

KOREAN: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-251-8191 번으로 연락해 주십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711).

ARMENIAN: Ուշադրություն: Եթե խոսում եք հայերեն, ապա Ձեզ անվճար կարող են տրամադրվել լեզվական աջակցության ծառայություններ: Զանգահարե՛ք 1-800-251-8191 հեռախոսահամարով: Հեռախոսի համարն է՝ 711:

PERSIAN (FARSI): ینابز تالی هست، دینک یم وگتفگ یسراف نابز مبرگا: هجوت: 1-800-251-8191 مرامش اب. دشاب یم مہارف امش یارب ناگیار تروصب (TTY/TDD: 711).

RUSSIAN: ВНИМАНИЕ! Если вы говорите по-русски, вы можете бесплатно получить услуги перевод;а. Звоните по телефону 1-800-251-8191 (TTY/TDD: 711).

JAPANESE: 注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。お問合せ先 1-800-251-8191. (TTY/TDD: 711).

ARABIC: كل رفاوتت ةيوغلللا ةدعاسملا تامدخ نإف، ةيبرعلا ثدحتت تنك اذا: ةظوحلم (711: يصنلا فتاهلا). 1-800-251-8191 مقرب لصتا. ناجملاب

PUNJABI: ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਓ: ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ। 1-800-251-8191 ਉੱਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (TTY/TDD: 711)।

MON-KHMER, CAMBODIAN: សូមយកចិត្តទុកដាក់៖ ប្តីស្ត្រីជាអ្នកនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ ដែលស្រាវជ្រាវផ្នែកភាសា ដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃ អាចមានសំរាប់ប្តីអ្នក។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខ 1-800-251-8191 ។ (TTY/TDD: 711) ។

HMONG: LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob (Ntawv Suav - Hmoob), muaj kev pab txhais lus pub dawb rau koj. Hu rau 1-800-251-8191. (TTY/TDD: 711).

HINDI: ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लिए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। काल करें 1-800-251-8191, (TTY/TDD: 711)।

THAI: โปรดทราบ: ถ้า คุณพูดภาษาไทย คุณสามารถใช้ บริการช่วยเหลือทางภาษาได้ ฟรี โทร 1-800-251-8191 (TTY/TDD: 711).



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1-844-237-2228 - for Dental Benefits - Calls to this number are free.

or 1-909-623-6333 - Local calls to this number are free.

Pharmacy Care Team:

1-800-523-3142 – for Pharmacy Benefits – Calls to this number are free

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Contact our Member Care Team and Pharmacy Care Team October 1 to March 31: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Contact us April 1 to September 30: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: We are closed on most federal holidays. When we are closed you have an option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within 1 business day.

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