



# Inter Valley Health Plan

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## Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO) offered by Inter Valley Health Plan

### Annual Notice of Changes for 2022

You are currently enrolled as a member of Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (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 and 1.6 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 2022 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 [go.medicare.gov/drugprices](https://www.go.medicare.gov/drugprices), and click the "dashboards" link in the middle of the second Note toward the bottom of the page. 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, including specialists you see regularly, 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 [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) website.
- Review the list in the back of your Medicare & You handbook.
- Look in Section 3.2 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 don't join another Plan by December 7, 2021, you will be enrolled in Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (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, 2021**

- If you don't join another plan by **December 7, 2021**, you will be enrolled in Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO).
- If you join another plan by December 7, 2021, your new coverage will start on January 1, 2022. You will be automatically disenrolled from your current plan.

## 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 users should call 711).

Contact us October 1 - March 31, 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. We are closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Contact us April 1- September 30, 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed on federal holidays.

**Note:** When we are closed you will have the option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within one (1) business day.

- This information is available in a different format, including Large Print and Braille.
- **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 Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (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 *Desert Preferred Choice (HMO)*.

## Summary of Important Costs for 2022

The table below compares the 2021 costs and 2022 costs for *Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO)* in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [www.ivhp.com](http://www.ivhp.com). You may also call our Member Care Team to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Monthly Plan premium*</b> * Your premium may be higher or lower than this amount. See Section 1.1 for details.	\$0	\$0
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> 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.)	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: \$0 copayment per visit Specialist visits: \$0 copayment per visit	Primary care visits: \$0 copayment per visit Specialist visits: \$0 copayment per visit
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> 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.	\$0 for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.	\$0 for each Medicare-covered hospital stay.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<p><b>Part D prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.6 for details.)</p>	<p>Copays during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$0 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$12 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• <b>You pay \$20 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 3 filled at a network pharmacy</b></li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: 30% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• <b>You pay \$35 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 4 filled at a network pharmacy</b></li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• <b>You pay \$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 6 filled at a network pharmacy</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>	<p>Copays during the Initial Coverage Stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Tier 1: \$0 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• Drug Tier 2: \$12 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• Drug Tier 3: \$47 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• <b>You pay \$20 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 3 filled at a network pharmacy</b></li> <li>• Drug Tier 4: 30% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• <b>You pay \$35 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 4 filled at a network pharmacy</b></li> <li>• Drug Tier 5: 33% of the total cost per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• Drug Tier 6: \$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply filled at a network pharmacy</li> <li>• <b>You pay \$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 6 filled at a network pharmacy</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Part D prescription drug coverage (Continued)</b>	To find out which drugs are select insulins, review the most recent Drug List we sent you in the mail. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call our Pharmacy Care Team (Phone numbers for our Pharmacy Care Team are printed on the back cover of this booklet).	To find out which drugs are select insulins, review the most recent Drug List we sent you in the mail. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call our Pharmacy Care Team (Phone numbers for our Pharmacy Care Team are printed on the back cover of this booklet).

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

### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Monthly Plan premium</b> (You must also continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.)	\$0	\$0  <b>There is no change to your monthly plan premium in 2022</b>

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as “creditable coverage”) for 63 days or more.
- 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. Please see Section 7 regarding “Extra Help” from Medicare.

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

To protect you, Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay “out-of-pocket” during 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	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Maximum out-of-pocket amount</b> 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.	\$1,500 out-of-pocket limit  Once you have paid \$1,500* out-of-pocket for covered Part A and B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.	\$1,500 out-of-pocket limit  Once you have paid \$1,500* out-of-pocket for covered Part A and B services, you will pay nothing for your covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the calendar year.  <b>There is no change to your maximum out of pocket amount in 2022.</b>

\*This is based on dates of service and copays.

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## Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider Network

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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](http://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 2022 *Provider/Pharmacy Directory* to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan, but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, we must furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.

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## Section 1.4 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. Medicare drug plans have a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. An updated *Provider/Pharmacy Directory* is located on our website at [www.ivhp.com](http://www.ivhp.com). You may also call our Pharmacy Care Team for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a *Provider/Pharmacy Directory*. **Please review the 2022 *Provider/Pharmacy Directory* to see which pharmacies are in our network.**

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## Section 1.5 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

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We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information on page 10 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 *2022 Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Dental Services-Optional Enhanced Dental (Routine/Non-Medicare Covered)</b>	Optional Enhanced Dental not offered.	\$14.80 monthly premium for Optional Enhanced Dental Plan.  Optional Enhanced Dental Plan offered through Delta Dental. <b>You must sign up to participate in the Optional Enhanced Dental Plan.</b> All members receive Basic Dental Benefits at no cost.
<b>Dialysis Services</b>	\$0 copay for Medicare-covered dialysis treatment. This includes both professional (nephrologist dialysis clinic visits) and dialysis facility visits.	\$15 copay per visit for Medicare-covered dialysis treatment. This includes both professional (nephrologist dialysis clinic visits) and dialysis facility visits.

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Over-the Counter (OTC) Items</b>	Not Covered	<p>\$0 copay for covered over-the-counter (OTC) items. <b>You are covered for up to \$50 per quarter for OTC items. (Items subject to supply availability).</b></p> <p>This benefit becomes valid on the first day of each quarter; January, April, July and October. You can use this benefit to order non-prescription items such as aspirin, vitamins, and other eligible products included in the OTC mail-order catalog. Items will be shipped directly to your home.</p> <p>Quantity limits apply towards the purchase of certain items. Members are limited to one digital scale and one preferred thermometer each calendar year. Coverage of the digital scale is limited to members with Congestive Heart Failure or liver disease.</p> <p>Covered up to 1 shipment per quarter and any remaining balance does not carry over to the next quarter.</p> <p>Contact the Pharmacy Care Team to request an OTC order form.</p>

**Opioid treatment program services**

Members of our plan with opioid use disorder (OUD) can receive coverage of services to treat OUD through an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) which includes the following services:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved opioid agonist and antagonist medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications.
- Dispensing and administration of MAT medications (if applicable )

- Substance use counseling
- Individual and group therapy
- Toxicology testing
- Intake activities
- Periodic assessments

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## Section 1.6 – Changes to Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

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### 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.
- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call our Pharmacy Care Team to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a 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.

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.

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 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. Because you receive “Extra Help” and haven’t receive this insert by October 1, 2021, please call our Pharmacy Care Team and ask for the “LIS Rider.”

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 on pages 14 – 16 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 6 and 7, in the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at [www.ivhp.com](http://www.ivhp.com). You may also call our Member Care Team at 1-800-251-8191 TTY 711 to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.)

### Changes to the Deductible Stage

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (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

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	2021 (this year)	2022 (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 (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 5 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><b>Preferred Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$0 per prescription</p> <p><b>Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$12 per prescription</p> <p><b>Preferred Brand Drugs:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription</p> <p><b>You pay \$20.00 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 3: Preferred Brand Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.</b></p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Drugs:</b> You pay 30% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>You pay \$35.00 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.</b></p> <p><b>Specialty Tier:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>	<p>Your cost for a one-month supply filled at a network pharmacy with standard cost sharing:</p> <p><b>Preferred Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$0 per prescription</p> <p><b>Generic Drugs:</b> You pay \$12 per prescription</p> <p><b>Preferred Brand Drugs:</b> You pay \$47 per prescription</p> <p><b>You pay \$20.00 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 3: Preferred Brand Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.</b></p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Drugs:</b> You pay 30% of the total cost.</p> <p><b>You pay \$35.00 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.</b></p> <p><b>Specialty Tier:</b> You pay 33% of the total cost.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued</i></p>

Stage	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
<b>Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (Continued)</b>	<p><b>Select Care Drugs:</b> You pay \$11 per prescription.</p> <p><b>You pay \$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 6: Select Care Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,130, you will move to the next stage (the Coverage Gap Stage).</p>	<p><b>Select Diabetic Drugs:</b> You pay \$11 per prescription.</p> <p><b>You pay \$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 6: Select Diabetic Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Once your total drug costs have reached \$4,430, 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 6 and 7, in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO) offers additional gap coverage for Select Insulins. During the coverage gap stage, your out-of-pocket cost for Select Insulins will be:

- **\$20 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 3: Preferred Brand Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.**
- **\$35 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 4: Non-Preferred Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.**
- **\$11 per prescription for a 30-day supply of select insulins in Tier 6: Select Diabetic Drugs filled at a network pharmacy.**

## SECTION 2 Administrative Changes

### Section 2.1 – Administrative Changes

The table below compares administrative changes for next year:

Cost	2021 (this year)	2022 (next year)
Dental Services-(Routine/Non-Medicare Covered) and Optional Enhanced Dental	Preventive and Comprehensive Dental Benefits provided by Dental Health Services participating general dentists.  Copayments based upon American Dental Association (ADA) procedures.	Preventive and Comprehensive Dental Benefits provided by <b>Delta Dental</b> participating contracted dentists.  Copayments based upon American Dental Association (ADA) procedures.  Refer to Chapter 4 of the 2022 Evidence of Coverage for itemized dental copayments.  Optional Enhanced Dental Benefits available for a monthly premium of \$14.80 per month.  <b>Please contact Delta Dental Customer Service at 1-855-370-3801 (TTY users call 711)</b>  <b>Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. – 7 days a week (TTY users call 711)</b>

## SECTION 3 Deciding Which Plan to Choose

### Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (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 Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO).

### Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2022 follow these steps:

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

- You can join a different Medicare health plan timely,
- – *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. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 2.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, read the *Medicare & You 2022* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program or call Medicare (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

You can also find information about plans in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. Go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare). **Here, you can find information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings for Medicare plans.**

### 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 Desert Preferred Choice (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 Desert Preferred Choice (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 7.1 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 users should call 1-877-486-2048.

## SECTION 4 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, 2022.

### 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, 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*.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2022, 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, 2022. For more information, see Chapter 10, Section 2.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.

## SECTION 5 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 learn more about HICAP by visiting their website (<https://cahealthadvocates.org/HICAP>).

## 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.** 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:
  - 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 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778 (applications); 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 California provider for the ADAP program, The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of the AIDS (OA). For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of the AIDS (OA) at 1-844-421-7050 (TTY users should call 1-800-735-2929). You can learn more about The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of the AIDS (OA) by visiting their website [cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS](http://cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS).

## SECTION 7 Questions?

### Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO)

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Care Team at 1-800-251-8191 or Pharmacy Care Team at 800-523-3142. (TTY users should call 711).

Contact us October 1 - March 31, 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. We are closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Contact us April 1 - September 30: 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed on federal holidays.

**NOTE:** When we are closed you have the option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within one (1) business day.

Calls to these numbers are free.

#### **Read your 2022 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 2022. For details, look in the *2022 Evidence of Coverage for Inter Valley Health Plan Desert Preferred Choice (HMO)*. 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 [www.ivhp.com](http://www.ivhp.com). You may also call our Member Care Team to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

#### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [www.ivhp.com](http://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*).

### Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

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**

You can visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans. You can find information about plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, go to [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare)).

**Read *Medicare & You 2022***

You can read the *Medicare & You 2022* handbook. Every year in the 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 booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)) 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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### **Member Care Team:**

1-800-251-8191 – for Medical Benefits – Calls to this number are free

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

TTY users call 711

### **Pharmacy Care Team:**

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

TTY users call 711

Contact our Member Care Team or Pharmacy Care Team.

Contact us October 1 to March 31: 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. We are closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Contact us April 1 – September 30: 8 am to 8 pm, Monday through Friday. We are closed on federal holidays.

**NOTE:** When we are closed you have the option to leave a message. Messages received will be returned within one (1) business day.

Our Member Care Team and Pharmacy Care Team also have free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.

### **Nursing Hotline:**

1-888-463-9220 – Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

TTY users call 711