



Open Enrollment for WPAUMC Medicare Plans WPAUMC Retirees and Spouses October 1 through November 13, 2020

September 2020

Dear WPAUMC Medicare Member:

Open enrollment for the 2021 benefit year will begin October 1, 2020 and end November 13, 2020.

The Western PA Conference Board of Pensions is pleased to continue offering Medicare Plans with various choices for your individual healthcare needs. These plans include options from Highmark, UPMC for Life and AARP (United Healthcare).

The chart on the reverse side of this page contains the monthly rates for 2021 coverage. The price displayed is your cost after the subsidy has been applied. If you are one of the few who are not eligible for the subsidy, please add \$126 to your monthly cost.

We did not enclose summary of benefits grids in an effort to save resources and church dollars. These grids are available at www.wpaumc.org/retireehealthcare. You can also request grids by contacting us (see below) and we will be happy to print and mail or email the information to you.

If you are considering switching plans and wish to obtain an enrollment kit that includes the plan booklet and enrollment application, please notify our office to have the kits mailed or emailed to you. **If you are happy with your plan, no action is needed. Please keep in mind you will be billed the new rate in December 2020 for January 2021 coverage.**

As a reminder, in July 2019 UPMC agreed to a 10- year contract with Highmark offering full in-network access to Highmark members in their traditional PPO and EPO products. This means Highmark **Freedom Blue PPO plans** will continue to have access to UPMC doctors and facilities. You are able to utilize UPMC facilities and doctors under the Highmark FB plans and your claims are processed as in-network. However, UPMC will continue to be out of network for Highmark Community Blue HMO plan.

Important notes for open enrollment:

- To request an enrollment kit or benefit grids for any plan, please email or call the benefits office at Kathleen.Lasky@wpaumc.org, Alexis.Soohey@wpaumc.org or 724-776-2300.
- **If you wish to change plans for 2021:** you must inform us of your final selection in order to have your bill adjusted. You can do this via email or phone. You must also complete & submit the enrollment application by using the addressed envelopes provided in the enrollment kits.
- **If you are satisfied with your current 2020 plan and wish to continue in 2021:** no action is needed. If we do not hear from you, you will continue on your current 2020 plan into 2021, with the new rate.
- Open enrollment ends November 13, 2020. Please allow sufficient time for processing.

2021 Conference-sponsored Medicare Advantage Plans	Cost per member, per month*
Highmark Freedom Blue Premium (High)	\$ 217.00
Highmark Freedom Blue Standard (Low)	\$ 153.00
Highmark Community Blue HMO	\$ 70.00
UPMC for Life PPO Standard (High)	\$ 287.00
UPMC for Life PPO Basic (Low)	\$ 214.00
UPMC for Life HMO	\$ 89.00
*If you are not eligible for the conference subsidy of \$126/ month please add \$126 to the above rates for your monthly cost.	

AARP Supplemental Plans	\$ VARIES
Cost is unique to the participant; based on plan selections, zip code, age and other factors.	<i>Please request kit if interested</i>

Please review the plan options carefully. In addition to reviewing the medical benefits, we also encourage you to note items such as wellness (Silver Sneakers), Traveler Concierge, Assist America, and other benefits such as Home Safety Assessments, Blues on Call, and Resources for Life. For those of you who travel frequently or spend time out of state please carefully consider the out of state coverage for each plan. Please contact us or the health plan directly for more information.

Reminder: MetLife Dental will continue to be your dental provider regardless of your plan selection; UPMC, Highmark or AARP. Your MetLife Dental plan is the PDP-Plus Network for Retirees. For dental plan summary grids, as well as all other Medicare plan information, please visit www.wpaumc.org/retireehealthcare.

Paperless billing: You can opt to receive your monthly healthcare bill from the conference center via email. We can also help you set up automatic monthly payments from your bank account. Please call or email Kristin Poerschke at 724-776-2300 X 261 or kristin.poerschke@wpaumc.org for more information or to sign up for these services.

Please keep updated on retiree benefits by visiting www.wpaumc.org/retireehealthcare regularly. We look forward to assisting you with your 2021 open enrollment needs.

With Grace and Peace,



Kathleen Lasky, Conference Benefits Officer

Questions? Please contact your Benefits Team:

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