2027
Summary of Benefits

Illinois

Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO)

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We know how important it is to have a health plan you can count on.

This is a summary of drug and health services covered by Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO) from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027.

This booklet will provide you with a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It does not list every service, limitation, or exclusion. A complete list of services can be found in the plan's Evidence of Coverage (EOC). You can find the Evidence of Coverage on our website at go.wellcare.com/Medicare. To request a copy, please call 1-844-480-0680, (TTY 711). Hours are Sunday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all time zones).

Who can join?

To join this plan, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, live in our service area, and be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United States. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium if not otherwise paid for under Illinois Medicaid or by another third party.

Please contact the plan for further details.

Plan's service areas:

Our service area includes these counties in Illinois: Adams, Alexander, Bond, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Coles, Cook, Crawford, Cumberland, De Witt, DeKalb, Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jersey, Jo Daviess, Johnson, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Lawrence, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Massac, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Perry, Piatt, Pike, Pope, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Richland, Rock Island, Saline, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, St. Clair, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Union, Vermilion, Wabash, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White, Whiteside, Will, Williamson, Winnebago, and Woodford.

About this plan & how to get care

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) are health care plans offered by an insurance provider with a network of contracted healthcare providers and facilities. HMOs generally require members to select a primary care provider (PCP) to coordinate care and if you need a specialist, the PCP will choose one who is also in our network.

Our plan gives you access to our network of skilled medical providers in your area. You can look forward to choosing a primary care provider (PCP) to work with you and coordinate your care. **Please note** that, if you go elsewhere without proper authorization, you will have to pay in full. Neither Medicare nor our plan will be responsible for the costs. The only exceptions are emergencies, urgently needed services

when the network is not available (that is, in situations when it is unreasonable or not possible to obtain services in-network), out-of-area dialysis services, and cases in which Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO) authorizes use of out-of-network providers.

Part D prescription drugs are covered. You have access to our large network of pharmacies. Some of our network pharmacies have preferred cost-sharing. You may pay less if you use these pharmacies. Our plan uses a *formulary*. Our drug plans are designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries and include a comprehensive selection of affordable generic and brand name drugs.

Which doctors, hospitals and pharmacies can I use? Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO) has a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other providers. If you use providers that are not in our network, the plan may not pay for these services.

You can save money by using our preferred mail-order pharmacy and by using providers in the plan's network. You can see our plan's provider and pharmacy directory at go.wellcare.com/2027providerdirectories. Our complete plan Formulary (list of Part D prescription drugs) is on our website at go.wellcare.com/druglist-51.

We cover the services and items in this document and the Evidence of Coverage if they are medically necessary.

If you want to know more about the coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your current "Medicare & You" handbook. View it online at medicare.gov or get a copy by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

We can send materials to you in a language other than English or in an alternate format (such as braille, audio, or large print). For more information, or to request information in an alternate format, please call us at 1-844-480-0680 (TTY users should call 711). Hours are Sunday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all time zones).

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Note: *Services with an asterisk (*) may require prior authorization.* *Services with a square (▪) means a referral may be required.*	
Monthly Plan Premium (includes both medical and drugs)	$0 You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.
Deductible	No deductible for medical. See prescription drugs section for Part D deductible.
Maximum Out-of-Pocket (MOOP) Responsibility (does not include prescription drugs)	$5,500 annually This is the most you will pay in copays and coinsurance for covered Part A and Part B services for the year.
Inpatient Hospital Coverage	For each admission, you pay: • $400 copay per day for days 1 through 6 • $0 copay per day for days 7 through 90 ▪ *
Outpatient Hospital Coverage Outpatient Hospital Services	 $0 copay for skin biopsies. $500 copay for outpatient surgical services. $425 copay for non-surgical services, including outpatient palliative care. ▪ *
Outpatient Hospital Observation Services	$130 copay for outpatient observation services when you enter observation status through an emergency room. $500 copay for outpatient observation services when you enter observation status through an outpatient facility. ▪
Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services	$300 copay for each Medicare-covered visit to an ambulatory surgical center. ▪ *

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Doctor Visits Primary Care Providers	$0 copay
Specialists	$40 copay ▪ *
Preventive Care (e.g., Annual Wellness visit, Bone mass measurement, Breast cancer screening (mammogram), Cardiovascular screenings, Cervical and vaginal cancer screening, Colorectal cancer screenings, Diabetes screenings, Hepatitis B Virus Screening, Prostate cancer screenings (PSA), Vaccines (including Flu/influenza shots, Hepatitis B shots, Pneumococcal shots, COVID shots))	$0 copay
Emergency Care	$130 copay Copay is waived if you are admitted to a hospital within 24 hours.
Worldwide Emergency Coverage (outside of the United States)	$130 copay Worldwide emergency and worldwide urgently needed services are subject to a $50,000 maximum plan coverage. There is no worldwide coverage for care outside of the emergency room or emergency hospital admission. The copay is not waived if admitted to the hospital for worldwide emergency services.
Urgently Needed Services	$0 copay

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Worldwide Urgent Care Coverage (outside of the United States)	$130 copay Worldwide emergency and worldwide urgently needed services are subject to a $50,000 maximum plan coverage. The copay is not waived if admitted to the hospital for worldwide urgently needed services.
Diagnostic Services/Labs/Imaging Lab Services	$0 copay for labs related to A1C and kidney health evaluation. $50 copay for genetic testing. $15 copay for all other labs. ▪ *
Diagnostic Tests and Procedures	$0 copay for Medicare-covered diagnostic colonoscopy, spirometry testing and specified testing related services. $100 copay for all other services. ▪ *
Outpatient X-rays	$40 copay ▪ *
Diagnostic Radiology Services (e.g. MRI, CAT Scan)	$0 copay for a diagnostic mammogram. $425 copay for all other diagnostic radiology services received in an outpatient hospital setting. $175 copay for all other services received in all other locations. ▪ *
Therapeutic Radiology	20% coinsurance ▪ *
Hearing Services Hearing Exam Medicare-covered	$40 copay *

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Routine Hearing Exam	$0 copay * 1 exam(s) every year
Hearing Aids	
Hearing Aid Fitting/Evaluation(s)	$0 copay * 1 fitting(s) / evaluation(s) every year
Hearing Aid (All Types)	$0 copay *
Hearing Aid Allowance	Up to a $500 allowance per ear every year for hearing aids. Limited to 2 hearing aid(s) every year
Additional Hearing Information	**What you should know** Medicare covers diagnostic hearing and balance exams if your doctor or other health care provider orders these tests to see if you need medical treatment.
Dental Services Medicare-covered	$40 copay for each Medicare-covered service. *
Routine Diagnostic and Preventive Services	
Cleanings	$0 copay *
Dental X-Rays	$0 copay *
Oral exams	$0 copay *

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Fluoride Treatment	$0 copay *
Other Diagnostic Dental Services	$0 copay *
Other Preventive Dental Services	$0 copay *
Routine Comprehensive Services	
Restorative Services	20% coinsurance *
Endodontics	20% coinsurance *
Periodontics	20% coinsurance *
Oral/Maxillofacial Surgery	20% coinsurance *
Prosthodontics, Removable	20% coinsurance *
Adjunctive General Services	20% coinsurance *
	For more information, limitations and exclusions, please see your Evidence of Coverage. Additional dental limitations and exclusions apply.
Additional Dental Information	**What you should know:** This plan includes coverage of routine comprehensive services up to $1,000 per plan year.

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Vision Services Eye Exam Medicare-covered	$0 copay for each Medicare-covered diabetic retinopathy screening or diabetic eye exam $40 copay for all other Medicare-covered eye exams *
Routine Eye Exam (Refraction)	$0 copay * 1 exam(s) every year
Glaucoma Screening	$0 copay for each Medicare-covered service. ▪
Eyewear Medicare-covered	$0 copay
Routine Eyewear Contact Lenses/ Eyeglasses (frame and/or lenses) Eyewear Allowance	$0 copay * Up to a $100 combined allowance towards contacts and glasses (lenses and/or frames) every year.
Mental Health Services Inpatient Visit	For each admission, you pay: • $390 copay per day for days 1 through 6 • $0 copay per day for days 7 through 90 ▪ *
Outpatient Individual Therapy Visit Outpatient Group Therapy Visit	$40 copay ▪ * $40 copay ▪ *

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Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	For each benefit period, you pay: • $0 copay per day for days 1 through 20 • $221 copay per day for days 21 through 50 • $0 copay per day for days 51 through 100 ▪ *
Therapy and Rehabilitation Services Physical Therapy	$40 copay ▪ *
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services Provided by an Occupational Therapist	$40 copay ▪ *
Pulmonary Rehabilitation Services	$35 copay ▪
Ambulance Ground Ambulance	$350 copay *
Air Ambulance	$350 copay *
Transportation Services (Non-emergency medical transportation)	**Not covered**
Medicare Part B Drugs Chemotherapy Drugs and Other Part B Drugs	20% coinsurance * Certain Part B rebatable drugs may be subject to a lower coinsurance than the amount shown above.

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Insulin	$35 copay (maximum per month) *
Allergy Antigen	0% coinsurance *

Part D Prescription Drug Coverage	Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO) H5779, Plan 009, 000
Stage 1: Yearly Deductible Stage	
If a plan has a Part D drug deductible, the deductible doesn't apply to covered insulin products and most adult Part D vaccines including shingles, tetanus and travel vaccines.	
Deductible	$700 for Part D prescription drugs (this applies to drugs on Tier 2 (Preferred Brand), Tier 3 (Non-Preferred Drug), Tier 4 (Injectable Drugs), and Tier 5 (Specialty Tier)). For all other covered drugs, you will not have to pay any deductible and will start receiving coverage immediately.
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (after you pay your deductible, if applicable)	
You stay in the Initial Coverage Stage until your total out-of-pocket costs reach $2,400. You then move on to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.	
What You Pay for Vaccines: Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you, even if you have not paid your deductible.	
What You Pay for Insulin: You won't pay more than $35 for a 1-month supply, $70 for up to a 2-month supply or $105 for up to a 3-month supply of each covered insulin product regardless of the cost-sharing tier, even if you have not paid your deductible.	

Retail cost-sharing chart:

Part D Prescription Drug Coverage	Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO) H5779, Plan 009, 000	
Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (after you pay your deductible, if applicable) (Continued)		
Retail cost-sharing (30-day / 100-day supply) For more details on tier descriptions, please see the Evidence of Coverage.		
	Preferred	**Standard**
Tier 1 (Generic)	$0 / $0 copay	$10 / $30 copay
Tier 2 (Preferred Brand)	25% / 25% coinsurance	25% / 25% coinsurance
Tier 3 (Non-Preferred Drug)	50% / 50% coinsurance	50% / 50% coinsurance
Tier 4 (Injectable Drugs)	1% / 1% coinsurance	1% / 1% coinsurance
Tier 5 (Specialty Tier) Limited to 30 day supply	25% coinsurance / Not Available	25% coinsurance / Not Available
Tier 6 (Select Care Drugs)	$0 / $0 copay	$0 / $0 copay

Mail-order cost-sharing chart:

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Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage (after you pay your deductible, if applicable) (Continued)		
Mail-order cost-sharing (100-day supply)		
	Preferred	**Standard**
Tier 1 (Generic)	$0 copay	$30 copay
Tier 2 (Preferred Brand)	25% coinsurance	25% coinsurance
Tier 3 (Non-Preferred Drug)	50% coinsurance	50% coinsurance
Tier 4 (Injectable Drugs)	1% coinsurance	1% coinsurance
Tier 5 (Specialty Tier) Limited to 30 day supply	Not Available	Not Available
Tier 6 (Select Care Drugs)	$0 copay	$0 copay
Stage 3: Catastrophic Coverage Stage		
During this payment stage, the plan pays the full cost for your covered Part D drugs. You pay nothing for the rest of the calendar year.		
	You enter this stage after your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through your retail pharmacy and through mail order) reach $2,400.	

Generic drugs may be covered on tiers other than Tier 1. Please check this plan's Formulary to validate the specific tier on which your drugs are covered.

Cost-sharing may differ based on point-of-service (mail-order, retail, Long Term Care (LTC), home infusion), whether the pharmacy is in our preferred or standard network, or the day supply received. A one-month (34-day or less) prescription is not covered at mail-order.

Excluded Drugs:

Wellcare Simple Essential (HMO) includes enhanced drug coverage of certain excluded drugs, such as Tier 1 folic acid, vitamin B12, vitamin D2, generic only sildenafil and vardenafil. Generic sildenafil and vardenafil have a quantity limit of six pills every 30 days.

Because these drugs are excluded from Part D coverage under Medicare, they are not covered by Extra Help. Also, the amount you pay when you fill a prescription for these drugs does not count toward qualifying you for the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

Please see your Formulary and Evidence of Coverage for details regarding this drug coverage.

Medicare Prescription Payment Plan

The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a payment option that works with your current drug coverage, and it can help you manage your drug costs by spreading them across monthly payments that vary throughout the year (January – December).

To learn more about this payment option, please contact us at 1-833-750-9969. (TTY only, call 1-800-716-3231.) We are available for phone calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or visit go.wellcare.com/MPPP.

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Note: *Services with an asterisk (*) may require prior authorization. Services with a square (▪) means a referral may be required.*	
Chiropractic Services Medicare-covered	$15 copay ▪ *
Acupuncture Medicare-covered	$0 copay for Medicare-covered Acupuncture received in a PCP office. $15 copay for Medicare-covered Acupuncture received in a Chiropractor office. $40 copay for Medicare-covered Acupuncture received in a Specialist office. ▪ *
Podiatry Services (Foot Care) Medicare-covered	$40 copay ▪ *

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Virtual Visits	$0 copay for virtual visit services performed through your plan's virtual visit provider(s). Our plan offers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week virtual visit access to board certified doctors to help address a wide variety of health concerns/questions. Covered services include general medical, behavioral health, dermatology, and more. A virtual visit (also known as telehealth or telemedicine) is a visit with a doctor either over the phone or internet using a smart phone, tablet, or a computer. Certain types of visits may require internet and a camera-enabled device. For more information, please see your Evidence of Coverage. **What you should know:** The $0 copay above only applies when services are received from your plan's virtual visit provider(s). If you receive telemedicine services from a network provider and not your plan's virtual visit provider(s), you will pay the cost shares listed for those providers, as outlined within the Evidence of Coverage (*e.g., if you receive telehealth services from your PCP, you will pay the PCP cost share*). ▪
Social Support Platform	$0 copay Our plan provides access to an online and app-based support platform designed to support your overall well-being. The platform offers personalized therapeutic self-guided activities and programs to help manage stress, anxiety, and support your emotional and mental health. Engage in interactive activities, meditations, and games tailored to your needs. The platform also features the ability to join social communities. Available online 24/7 - you can use it whenever you choose. For more information on how to access the social support platform, please see your Evidence of Coverage.

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Home Health Agency Care	$0 copay ▪ *
Medical Equipment/Supplies Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	20% coinsurance *
Prosthetics	20% coinsurance *
Diabetic Therapeutic Shoes Or Inserts	20% coinsurance *
Blood glucose monitors (traditional finger stick blood glucose monitor)	$0 copay * For more information, limitations and exclusions, please see your Evidence of Coverage.
Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM)	$0 copay * For more information, limitations and exclusions, please see your Evidence of Coverage.
Diabetic Supplies	$0 copay * For more information, limitations and exclusions, please see your Evidence of Coverage.
Opioid Treatment Program Services	$40 copay ▪ *

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Health and Wellness Education Programs Fitness	For a detailed list of wellness education program benefits offered, please refer to the Evidence of Coverage. $0 copay **What you should know:** To help support an active and healthy lifestyle, your plan provides a fitness program that offers access to fitness locations nationwide. You may access one or more gyms within the fitness network. Members have access to in-person fitness centers, available on-demand exercise programs, and choice of Home Fitness Kit.
24-Hour Nurse Advice Line	$0 copay
Annual Routine Physical Exam	$0 copay **What you should know:** The exam includes a detailed medical/family history and recommendations for preventive screenings/care.
My Wellcare Rewards	With **My Wellcare Rewards**, you can earn up to $100 by completing eligible health activities and portal activities through your member portal. Your earned rewards will be delivered to you in the form of a My Wellcare Rewards card. Debit card restrictions may apply.

Pre-Enrollment Checklist

Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to a Customer Service representative at 1-844-480-0680 (TTY: 711). Hours are Sunday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all time zones).

Understanding the Benefits

- ☐ The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) provides a complete list of all coverage and services. It is important to review plan coverage, costs, and benefits before you enroll. Visit go.wellcare.com/Medicare or call 1-844-480-0680 (TTY: 711) to view a copy of the EOC. Hours are Sunday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all time zones).
- ☐ Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
- ☐ Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicine is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
- ☐ Review the formulary to make sure your drugs are covered.

Understanding Important Rules

- ☐ You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
- ☐ Benefits, premiums and/or copayments/co-insurance may change on January 1, 2028.
- ☐ **Effect on Current Coverage.** If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, your current Medicare Advantage healthcare coverage will end once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. If you have Tricare, your coverage may be affected once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. Please contact Tricare for more information. If you have a Medigap plan, once your Medicare Advantage coverage starts, you may want to drop your Medigap policy because you will be paying for coverage you cannot use. If you have a Marketplace plan, you will need to contact the Marketplace to cancel the plan. If you do not cancel your Marketplace plan, you may be paying for coverage you cannot use and there may be penalties on your next year's tax return.
- ☐ Except in emergency or urgent situations, we do not cover services by out-of-network providers (doctors who are not listed in the provider directory).

Wellcare is the Medicare brand for Centene Corporation, an HMO, PPO, PDP plan with a Medicare contract and is an approved Part D Sponsor. Our D-SNP plans have a contract with the state Medicaid program. Enrollment in our plans depends on contract renewal.

Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat Plan members, except in emergency situations. Please call our customer service number or see your Evidence of Coverage for more information, including the cost-sharing that applies to out-of-network services.

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Contact Us

For more information, please contact us:



By phone
Already a Member?
1-833-444-9088 (TTY: 711)
Between October 1 and March 31, representatives are available Monday–Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Between April 1 and September 30, representatives are available Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Not a Member yet?

Toll-free at 1-844-480-0680 (TTY: 711)
Your call may be answered by a licensed agent.
Sunday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (all time zones)



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