

Summary of Benefits

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE | 2027

ESSENCE ADVANTAGE® CHOICE (PPO) - ESSENCE ADVANTAGE® PREMIER PLUS (PPO)

ESSENCE HEALTHCARE®

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Essence Advantage Choice (PPO) H6200-001
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This booklet gives you a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It doesn't list every limitation, exclusion, or covered service. To get a complete list of services we cover, view the Evidence of Coverage online at EssenceHealthcare.com.

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, seven days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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This document is available in other formats such as Braille and large print. This document may be available in a non-English language. For additional information, call 1-866-947-5816 (TTY: 711) to speak with a customer service representative.

Hours of Operation

- From October 1 to March 31, you can call us seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- From April 1 to September 30, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Phone Number and Website

- If you have questions, call 1-866-947-5816 (TTY: 711) to speak with a customer service representative.
- Our website: EssenceHealthcare.com

Things to Know About Our PPO Plans

Who can join?

To join **Essence Advantage Choice** or **Essence Advantage Premier Plus,** you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, be a United States citizen or are lawfully present in the United States, and live in our service area. Our service area includes St. Louis City, the Missouri counties of Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Lincoln, Montgomery, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington, and the Illinois counties of Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair.

What's a PPO?

A PPO, or Preferred Provider Organization, is a health insurance plan that offers a network of providers but also allows you to seek care from out-of-network providers. You may pay less if you use providers that belong to the plan's network.

Which doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies can I use?

Essence Advantage Choice and **Essence Advantage Premier Plus** have a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other providers. If you use providers that aren't in our network, they must agree to treat you. Except in emergency or urgent situations, out-of-network providers may deny care. You must generally use network pharmacies to fill your prescriptions for covered Part D drugs. Some of our network pharmacies have preferred cost-sharing. You may pay less if you use these pharmacies. You can see our plans' Provider Directory on EssenceHealthcare.com or call us, and we'll send you a copy.

What do we cover?

Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers—and *more.*

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

What drugs do we cover?

We cover Part D drugs. You can see the complete plan formulary (list of Part D prescription drugs) and any restrictions on EssenceHealthcare.com or call us, and we'll send you a copy. In addition, we cover Part B drugs such as chemotherapy and some drugs administered by your provider.

How will I determine my Part D drug costs?

Our plans group each medication into one of five tiers. You'll need to use your formulary to locate what tier your drug is on to determine how much it will cost you. The amount you pay depends on the drug's tier, your deductible (if applicable), and what stage of the benefit you've reached. Later in this document, we discuss the benefit stages that occur: initial coverage and catastrophic coverage. If you have questions about the different benefit stages, please contact the plan for more information or access the Evidence of Coverage on our website.

Monthly Premium, Deductibles, and Limits on How Much You Pay for Covered Services

	Essence Advantage Choice (PPO)	Essence Advantage Premier Plus (PPO)
	Key: **INN** = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Monthly Plan Premium	**$40** Per month	**$264** Per month
	Both Plans: You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.	
Deductibles	**$260** Per calendar year You must meet your deductible before standard cost-sharing will apply. See individual categories throughout this document for more details. **The medical deductible applies to the following INN services:** Inpatient hospital coverage, outpatient hospital coverage, ambulatory surgical center, emergency care outside of the U.S., urgently needed services outside of the U.S., select diagnostic and therapeutic radiology services, select mental health services, skilled nursing facility, ambulance **The medical deductible applies to the following OON services:** Inpatient hospital coverage, outpatient hospital coverage, ambulatory surgical center, doctor visits, diagnostic and therapeutic radiology services, select hearing services, dental services, select vision services, mental health services, skilled nursing facility, physical therapy, ambulance, select Medicare Part B drugs, acupuncture, chiropractic care, diabetes supplies and shoes/inserts, durable medical equipment, foot care, home healthcare, outpatient substance abuse, outpatient rehabilitation services, prosthetic devices	This plan doesn't have medical or hospital deductibles.
Maximum Out-of-Pocket Responsibility *(does not include Part D prescription drugs)*	**Both Plans** The maximum out-of-pocket amount is the most that you pay out of pocket during the calendar year for **INN** or combined **INN** and **OON** covered hospital and medical services.	
	Your yearly limit(s) in this plan: **$9,850** for covered hospital and medical services you receive from **INN** providers **$14,800** for covered hospital and medical services you receive from **INN** and **OON** providers	Your yearly limit(s) in this plan: **$2,900** for covered hospital and medical services you receive from **INN** and **OON** providers

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Maximum Out-of-Pocket Responsibility *(continued)*	**Both Plans** If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, hospital and medical services are still covered, and we pay the full cost for the rest of the year. Please note that you'll still need to pay your monthly premiums and cost-sharing for your Part D prescription drugs.	

Covered Medical and Hospital Benefits

	Essence Advantage Choice (PPO)	Essence Advantage Premier Plus (PPO)
	Key: INN = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Inpatient Hospital Coverage	**Both Plans (INN & OON):** Our plans cover an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.	
	• Days 1–7: **$330** copay/day, per stay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** • Day 8–90: **$0** copay/day **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** • Day 91 & beyond: **$0** copay/day **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance **(OON)**	• Days 1–7: **$300** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** • Days 8–90: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** • Day 91 and beyond: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN): Prior authorization is required.	
Outpatient Hospital Coverage	**$395** Copay after deductible **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** for outpatient hospital services, including surgery	**$0** Copay for outpatient hospital services, including surgery **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN & OON): Copay is charged per surgery.	
	Both Plans (INN): Prior authorization may be required.	
Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)	**$295** Copay after deductible **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	**$0** Copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN): Prior authorization may be required.	
Doctor Visits *(primary care providers and specialists)*	Primary care physician (PCP) visit: **$0** copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Specialist visit: **$40** copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Primary care physician (PCP) visit: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Specialist visit: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN): Certain Medicare-covered services provided by a physician may require a prior authorization.	

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	Key: INN = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Preventive Care	**Both Plans (INN & OON)** You pay nothing. Our plans cover many preventive services, including: • Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening • Annual wellness visit • Bone mass measurement • Breast cancer screening (mammogram) • Cardiovascular disease risk reduction visit (therapy for cardiovascular disease) • Cardiovascular disease testing • Cervical and vaginal cancer screening • Colorectal cancer screening • Depression screening • Diabetes screening • Diabetes self-management training and diabetic services • Health and wellness education programs • HIV screening • Immunizations (pneumonia, hepatitis B, COVID-19, and influenza) • Medical nutrition therapy • Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) • Obesity screening and therapy to promote sustained weight loss • Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention • Prostate cancer screening exams • Screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse • Screening for hepatitis C virus infection • Screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) • Screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and counseling to prevent STIs • Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use) • Vision care • "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit (one-time) Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered.	
Emergency Care	**$115** Copay within the United States **$115** Copay outside of the Unites States after deductible	**$0** Copay within the United States **$0** Copay outside the United States
	Both Plans If you're admitted to the same hospital within 24 hours for the same condition, you pay **$0** for the emergency room visit. See the "Inpatient Hospital Care" section of this booklet for other costs. Emergency services are always considered in-network. We provide worldwide coverage.	

	Essence Advantage Choice (PPO)	Essence Advantage Premier Plus (PPO)
	Key: INN = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Urgently Needed Services	**$40** Copay within the United States **$115** Copay outside of the United States after deductible	**$0** Copay within the United States **$0** Copay outside of the United States
	Both Plans Urgently needed services are always considered in-network. We provide worldwide coverage.	
Diagnostic Services/Labs/ Imaging *(Costs for these services may vary based on place of service.)*	Lab services: **$0** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Diagnostic procedures and tests: **$30** copay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Diagnostic colonoscopies: **$0** copay **(INN), $0** copay after deductible **(OON)** Diagnostic radiology services (such as MRI, CT, and PET scans): **$200** copay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Diagnostic mammograms: **$0** copay **(INN), $0** copay after deductible **(OON)** Therapeutic radiology services (such as radiation treatment for cancer): **20%** coinsurance after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** X-rays: **$25** copay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Lab services: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Diagnostic procedures and tests: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Diagnostic colonoscopies: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Diagnostic radiology services (such as MRI, CT, and PET scans): **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Diagnostic mammograms: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Therapeutic radiology services (such as radiation treatment for cancer): **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** X-rays: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN): Prior authorization may be required.	
Hearing Services	Medicare-covered exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues: **$20** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Routine hearing exam: **$20** copay **(INN & OON)**	Medicare-covered exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Routine hearing exam: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN & OON) One fitting/evaluation for hearing aids every 2 calendar years: **$0** copay **$1,000** Allowance for up to 2 hearing aids every 2 calendar years (both ears combined)	
	For details on an **additional shared allowance** that can be used on hearing services and products, see the Flexible Benefits Card section on page **14.**	

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	Key: INN = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Dental Services	Medicare-covered dental services: **$40** copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Medicare-covered dental services: **$0** Copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN) Prior authorization may be required for Medicare-covered services performed by an oral surgeon.	
	For details on a **shared allowance** that can be used on dental services and products, see the Flexible Benefits Card section on page **14.**	
Vision Services	Each visit to a specialist, such as an ophthalmologist or optometrist, for Medicare-covered benefits: **$40** copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Diabetic eye exams performed by a contracted specialist: **$0** copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** 1 Pair of Medicare-covered eyeglass lenses (standard plastic single, bifocal, trifocal, or lenticular lenses) after each cataract surgery: **$0** copay **(INN),** **$0** copay after deductible **(OON)** 1 Pair of Medicare-covered eyeglass frames or contact lenses after each cataract surgery: **$0** copay **(INN),** **$0** copay after deductible **(OON)** 1 Routine eye exam every calendar year: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Eye refractions and dilation are covered as part of the exam **(INN & OON).** Our plans pay up to **$175** total for one routine eyewear item such as eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses every calendar year **(INN & OON combined).** Upgrades may be available at an additional cost out of pocket or via the Flex Card **(INN & OON).** For details on an **additional shared allowance** that can be used on vision services and eyewear, see the Flexible Benefits Card section on page **14.**	Each visit to a specialist, such as an ophthalmologist or optometrist, for Medicare-covered benefits: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Diabetic eye exams performed by a contracted specialist: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** 1 Pair of Medicare-covered eyeglass lenses (standard plastic single, bifocal, trifocal, or lenticular lenses) after each cataract surgery: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** 1 Pair of Medicare-covered eyeglass frames or contact lenses after each cataract surgery: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**

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Mental Health Services	**Both Plans** Inpatient visit: Our plans cover an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.	
	• Days 1–7: **$298** copay/day, per stay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** • Days 8–90: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** • Day 91 and beyond: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** Outpatient individual visit: **$25** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Outpatient group visit: **$20** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	• Days 1–7: **$300** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** • Days 8–90: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** • Day 91 and beyond: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** Outpatient individual visit: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Outpatient group visit: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN) Prior authorization may be required for outpatient and inpatient mental health services.	
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	**Both Plans** These plans cover up to 100 days each benefit period. No prior hospital stay is required.	
	• Days 1–20: **$0** copay/day, per stay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance/day, per stay after deductible **(OON)** • Days 21–100: **$220** copay/day, per stay after deductible **(INN), 40%** coinsurance/day, per stay after deductible **(OON)**	• Days 1–20: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)** • Days 21–100: **$0** copay/day, per stay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN) Prior authorization is required. Admission to a new or different SNF within the same benefit period may start a new stay for copay administration purposes.	
Physical Therapy	**$35** Copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	**$0** Copay **(INN & OON)**

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Ambulance	Ground ambulance services: **$270** copay after deductible **(INN & OON)** Air ambulance services: **20%** coinsurance after deductible **(INN & OON)**	Ground ambulance services: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)** Air ambulance services: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans This copay applies to each one-way trip **(INN and OON).** Prior authorization may be required for non-emergent transportation by ambulance **(INN).**	
Transportation	**Both Plans:** Not covered	
Medicare Part B Drugs	Part B drugs (other than Part B insulin): You'll pay the lesser of **20% (INN), 40%** after deductible **(OON),** or the adjusted beneficiary coinsurance amount as provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).	Part B drugs (other than Part B insulin): You'll pay the lesser of **20% (INN & OON)** or the adjusted beneficiary coinsurance amount as provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
	Both Plans Part B insulin (insulin administered through a durable medical equipment pump): You'll pay the lesser of **$35** or **20%** coinsurance **(INN & OON),** for a one-month supply. Prior authorization may be required for certain Part B drugs except insulin **(INN).** Amounts you pay for Part B drugs count toward your maximum out-of-pocket amount; they don't count toward your Part D initial coverage limit of **$2,400.**	

Part D Prescription Drug Benefits

	Essence Advantage Choice (PPO)	Essence Advantage Premier Plus (PPO)
	Key: INN = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Deductible	**Both Plans (INN & OON)** **$700** Per calendar year (applies for tiers 3–5 only) You must meet this deductible before standard cost-sharing will apply.	
Initial Coverage	**Both Plans (INN & OON)** You pay the amounts listed in the following tables until your total Part D out-of-pocket costs reach **$2,400.** You won't pay more than **$35** for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan for all cost-sharing tiers. If you reside in a long-term care facility, you pay the same as at a standard retail pharmacy. You may get drugs from an out-of-network pharmacy at the same cost as a standard retail pharmacy. Coverage is limited to certain situations if you go out of network.	

	Essence Advantage Choice (PPO)		Essence Advantage Premier Plus (PPO)	
Preferred Retail Cost-Sharing **$** = Copay **%** = Coinsurance	**30-Day**	**90-Day**	**30-Day**	**90-Day**
Tier 1 *(Preferred Generic)*	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Tier 2 *(Generic)*	**$5**	**$15**	**$5**	**$15**
Tier 3 *(Preferred Brand)*	**25%**	**25%**	**25%**	**25%**
Tier 4 *(Non-Preferred Drug)*	**25%**	**25%**	**27%**	**27%**
Tier 5* *(Specialty Drug)*	**25%**	N/A	**25%**	N/A
Standard Retail Cost-Sharing **$** = Copay **%** = Coinsurance	**30-Day**	**90-Day**	**30-Day**	**90-Day**
Tier 1 *(Preferred Generic)*	**$4**	**$12**	**$10**	**$30**
Tier 2 *(Generic)*	**$15**	**$45**	**$15**	**$45**
Tier 3 *(Preferred Brand)*	**25%**	**25%**	**25%**	**25%**
Tier 4 *(Non-Preferred Drug)*	**25%**	**25%**	**27%**	**27%**
Tier 5* *(Specialty Drug)*	**25%**	N/A	**25%**	N/A
Standard Mail-Order Cost-Sharing **$** = Copay **%** = Coinsurance	**90-Day**		**90-Day**	
Tier 1 *(Preferred Generic)*	**$0**		**$0**	
Tier 2 *(Generic)*	**$10**		**$10**	
Tier 3 *(Preferred Brand)*	**25%**		**25%**	
Tier 4 *(Non-Preferred Drug)*	**25%**		**27%**	
Tier 5* *(Specialty Drug)*	N/A		N/A	

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Out-of-Network Cost-Sharing **$** = Copay **%** = Coinsurance	**30-Day**	**30-Day**
Tier 1 *(Preferred Generic)*	**$4**	**$10**
Tier 2 *(Generic)*	**$15**	**$15**
Tier 3 *(Preferred Brand)*	**25%**	**25%**
Tier 4 *(Non-Preferred Drug)*	**25%**	**27%**
Tier 5 *(Specialty Drug)*	**25%**	**25%**
Catastrophic Coverage	**Both Plans (INN & OON):** After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach **$2,400,** you pay **$0** for all covered Part D drugs.	

Cost-sharing may change depending on the pharmacy you choose.
*The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services limits tier 5 drugs to a 30-day supply.

Other Covered Benefits

	Essence Advantage Choice (PPO)	Essence Advantage Premier Plus (PPO)
	Key: INN = in-network, **OON** = out-of-network	
Acupuncture	Medicare-covered services (chronic low back pain), up to 20 visits per calendar year: **$40** copay per visit **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Medicare-covered services (chronic low back pain), up to 20 visits per calendar year: **$0** copay per visit **(INN & OON)**
Chiropractic Care	Manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation: **$15** copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
Diabetes Supplies and Services	Diabetes monitoring supplies (including blood glucose monitors, lancets, and blood glucose test strips): **$0** copay **(INN),** **$0** copay after deductible **(OON)**	Diabetes monitoring supplies (including blood glucose monitors, lancets, and blood glucose test strips): **$0** copay
	Both Plans (INN & OON) Diabetes self-management training: **$0** copay When glucose meters and test strips are obtained at a pharmacy, coverage is limited to specific Abbott and Roche brand products.	
	Diabetic therapeutic custom-molded shoes or inserts: **20%** coinsurance **(INN),** **20%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** See Evidence of Coverage for more details.	Diabetic therapeutic custom-molded shoes or inserts: **0%** coinsurance **(INN & OON)** See Evidence of Coverage for more details.

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Diabetes Supplies and Services *(continued)*	**Both Plans (INN)** Authorization is required for some items (e.g., continuous glucose meters, insulin pumps).	
Durable Medical Equipment *(wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.)*	**20%** Coinsurance **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	**0%** Coinsurance **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN) Prior authorization may be required.	
Flexible Benefits Card	**$825** Shared annual credit for certain non-Medicare-covered dental, vision, and hearing products and services **Notes** Members will receive one debit card, supplied by WEX. For dental, vision, and hearing, the following are some examples of approved items and services (not a complete list): dental X-rays, fillings, crowns, eyewear, hearing aids, routine vision and hearing exams). There are no restrictions on how much of the allowance can be spent in each allowed category. Any unused balance expires at the end of the calendar year. Flex Card may be used with both in-network and out-of-network providers It isn't a credit card. It can't be converted to cash or used to pay plan premiums or for non-covered Flex Card services. For more information, please see the Evidence of Coverage.	Not offered
Foot Care *(podiatry services)*	**$40** Copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	**$0** Copay **(INN & OON)**
Home Healthcare	**$0** Copay **(INN),** **40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	**$0** Copay **(INN & OON)**
Hospice	**Both Plans** When you enroll in a Medicare-certified hospice program, your hospice services and your Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis are paid for by Original Medicare, not Essence Healthcare.	

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Outpatient Substance Abuse	Individual visit: **$25** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Group visit: **$20** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Individual visit: **$0** copay Group visit: **$0** copay
	Both Plans (INN): Prior authorization may be required.	
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services	Cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services: **$20** copay per day **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Occupational and speech therapy visits: **$35** copay **(INN), 40%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** A separate copayment for occupational therapy will apply if other outpatient therapy services are rendered on the same day.	Cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services: **$0** copay per day **(INN & OON)** Occupational and speech therapy visits: **$0** copay **(INN & OON)**
Over-the-Counter (OTC) Coverage	**Both Plans** Not covered	
Prosthetic Devices	Prosthetic devices: **20%** coinsurance **(INN), 20%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)** Related medical supplies: **20%** coinsurance **(INN), 20%** coinsurance after deductible **(OON)**	Prosthetic devices: **0%** coinsurance **(INN & OON)** Related medical supplies: **0%** coinsurance **(INN & OON)**
	Both Plans (INN): Prior authorization may be required.	
Virtual/ Telehealth Visits	**$0–$45** Copay **(INN)**	**$0** Copay **(INN)**
	Both Plans You'll pay the same copay for the virtual/telehealth visit as if the services were received in the provider's office. Prior authorization may be required **(INN).** Telehealth is not covered with out-of-network providers.	
Wellness Programs	**Both Plans** Health club membership/fitness classes through SilverSneakers®: **$0** copay For fitness centers that do not participate in the SilverSneakers® program but offer similar amenities, out-of-pocket expenses may be reimbursed at **50%,** subject to a **$100** max allowance per year. Reimbursement may be requested from the plan. See Evidence of Coverage for more details.	

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 1-866-947-5816 (TTY: 711).

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 EssenceHealthcare.com or call 1-866-947-5816 (TTY: 711) to view a copy of the EOC.
- [ ] Review the Provider Directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. See Understanding Important Rules for information regarding the rules for seeing providers outside of our network.
- [ ] Review the Provider 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

- [ ] In addition to your monthly plan premium, 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/coinsurance may change on January 1, 2028.
- [ ] For our HMO plans, 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).
- [ ] Our PPO plans allow you to see providers outside of our network (non-contracted providers). However, while we pay for covered services, the provider must agree to treat you. Except in an emergency or urgent situation, non-contracted providers may deny care. In addition, you may pay a higher copay for services received by non-contracted providers.
- [ ] **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.

Essence Healthcare includes HMO and PPO plans with Medicare contracts. Enrollment in Essence Healthcare depends on contract renewal. All Essence plans include Part D drug coverage. To enroll, you must have both Medicare Parts A and B and reside in the plan service area.

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. Please note that enrollment is limited to specific times of the year.

Members enrolled in an Essence Healthcare PPO plan may see out-of-network providers (non-contracted providers). 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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Our PPO service area: St. Louis City, the Missouri counties of Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Jefferson, Lincoln, Montgomery, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington, and the Illinois counties of Bond, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair