

January 1–December 31, 2019

# 2019 Summary of Benefits

---

Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage (HMO)  
Group Medicare plan 4

## About this Summary of Benefits

Thank you for considering Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage. You can use this **Summary of Benefits** to learn more about our plan. It includes information about:

- Benefits and costs
- Who can enroll
- Coverage rules (including referrals and prior authorizations)
- Getting care

For definitions of some of the terms used in this booklet, see the glossary at the end.

### For more details

This document is a summary. It doesn't include everything about what's covered and not covered or all the plan rules. For details, see the **Evidence of Coverage (EOC)**, which we'll send you after you enroll. If you'd like to see it before you enroll, please ask your group benefits administrator for a copy.

### Have questions?

- If you're not a member, please call **1-800-581-8252 (TTY 711)**.
- If you're a member, please call Member Services at **1-888-901-4600 (TTY 711)**.
- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week

## What's covered and what it costs

Benefits and premiums	You pay
<b>Monthly plan premium</b>	Your group will notify you if you are required to contribute to your group's premium. If you have any questions about your contribution toward your group's premium and how to pay it, please contact your group's benefits administrator.
<b>Deductible</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Your maximum out-of-pocket responsibility</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Inpatient hospital coverage</b> There's no limit to the number of medically necessary inpatient hospital days.	<b>\$100</b> copay per admittance
<b>Outpatient hospital coverage</b>	<b>\$50</b> per surgery
<b>Doctor's visits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care providers</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialists</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<b>Preventive care</b> See the <b>EOC</b> for details.	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Emergency care</b> We cover emergency care anywhere in the world.	<b>\$75</b> per Emergency Department visit
<b>Urgently needed services</b> We cover urgent care anywhere in the world.	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<b>Diagnostic services, lab, and imaging</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lab tests</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic tests and procedures (like EKG)</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X-rays</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other imaging procedures (like MRI, CT, and PET)</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b> per procedure
<b>Hearing services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exams to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine hearing exams</li> </ul>	Not covered
<b>Dental services</b> Preventive and comprehensive dental coverage	Not covered

<b>Benefits and premiums</b>	<b>You pay</b>
<b>Vision services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visits to diagnose and treat eye diseases and conditions</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine eye exams</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery</li> </ul>	<b>\$0</b> up to Medicare’s limit, but you pay any amounts beyond that limit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other eyewear</li> </ul>	Not covered
<b>Mental health services</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient group therapy</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient individual therapy</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<b>Skilled nursing facility</b> Our plan covers up to 100 days per benefit period.	Per benefit period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$0</b> per day for days 1 through 100</li> </ul>
<b>Physical therapy</b>	<b>\$15</b> per visit
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>\$0-\$150</b> per one-way trip
<b>Transportation</b>	Not covered
<b>Medicare Part B drugs</b> A limited number of Medicare Part B drugs are covered when you get them from a plan provider. See the <b>EOC</b> for details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drugs that must be administered by a health care professional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$0</b> copay</li> </ul>
<b>Outpatient Prescription Drugs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to a 30-day supply from a plan pharmacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$15</b> for generic drugs</li> <li>• <b>\$30</b> for brand-name drugs</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative care</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acupuncture</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> copay, up to 8 visits per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naturopathy care</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> copay, up to 3 visits per year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-spinal chiropractic care</li> </ul>	<b>\$15</b> copay, up to 10 visits per year
<b>Massage therapy</b> From a licensed massage therapist	<b>\$15</b> copay for 10 medically necessary visits per year. Prior authorization required.

# Who can enroll

You can sign up for this plan if:

- Must be enrolled in Kaiser Permanente through your group plan and meet your group's eligibility requirements.
- You have both Medicare Part A and Part B. (To get and keep Medicare, most people must pay Medicare premiums directly to Medicare.)
- You're a citizen or lawfully present in the United States.
- You don't have end-stage renal disease (ESRD) unless you got ESRD when you were already a member of one of our plans or you were a member of a different plan that ended.
- You live in the service area for this plan, which is Island, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Whatcom, and parts of Grays Harbor (ZIP codes 98541, 98557, 98559, 98568) and Mason (ZIP codes 98524, 98528, 98546, 98548, 98555, 98584, 98588, 98592).

# Coverage rules

We cover the services and items listed in this document and the **Evidence of Coverage**, if:

- The services or items are medically necessary.
- The services and items are considered reasonable and necessary according to Original Medicare's standards.
- You get all covered services and items from plan providers listed in our **Provider Directory** and **Pharmacy Directory**. But there are exceptions to this rule. We also cover:
  - Care from plan providers in another Kaiser Permanente Region
  - Emergency care
  - Out-of-area dialysis care
  - Out-of-area urgent care (covered inside the service area from plan providers and in rare situations from non-plan providers)
  - Referrals to non-plan providers if you got approval in advance (prior authorization) from our plan in writing

Note: You pay the same plan copays and coinsurance when you get covered care listed above from non-plan providers.

# Referrals

Your plan provider must make a referral before you can get most services or items. But a referral **isn't** needed for the following:

- Emergency services
- Flu shots, hepatitis B vaccinations, and pneumonia vaccinations given by a plan provider
- Kidney dialysis services that you get at a Medicare-certified dialysis facility when you're temporarily outside our service area
- Mental health services provided by a plan provider
- Most preventive care
- Optometry services provided by a plan provider
- Routine women's health care provided by a plan provider
- Second opinions from another plan provider except for certain specialty care
- Urgently needed services from plan providers
- Urgently needed services from non-plan providers when plan providers are temporarily unavailable or inaccessible — for example, when you're temporarily outside of our service area

## Prior authorization

Some services or items are covered only if your plan provider gets approval in advance from our plan (sometimes called prior authorization). These are some services and items that require prior authorization:

- Durable medical equipment
- Nonemergency ambulance services
- Post-stabilization care following emergency care from non-plan providers
- Prosthetic and orthotic devices
- Referrals to non-plan providers if services aren't available from plan providers
- Skilled nursing facility care
- Transplants

For details about coverage rules, including services that aren't covered (exclusions), see the **Evidence of Coverage**.

## Getting care

At most of our plan facilities, you can usually get all the covered services you need, including specialty care, pharmacy, and lab work. You aren't restricted to a particular plan facility or pharmacy, and we encourage you to use the plan facility or pharmacy that will be most convenient for you. To find our provider locations, see our **Provider Directory** or **Pharmacy Directory** at [wa-medicare.kp.org/providers](http://wa-medicare.kp.org/providers) or ask us to mail you a copy by calling Member Services at **1-888-901-4600**, 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (TTY **711**).

The formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

## Your personal doctor

Your personal doctor (also called a primary care physician) will give you primary care and will help coordinate your care, including hospital stays, referrals to specialists, and prior authorizations. Most personal doctors are in internal medicine or family practice. You may choose any available plan provider to be your personal doctor. You can change your doctor at any time and for any reason. You can choose or change your doctor by calling Member Services.

## Help managing conditions

If you have more than one ongoing health condition and need help managing your care, we can help. Our case management programs bring together nurses, social workers, and your personal doctor to help you manage your conditions. The program provides education and teaches self-care skills. If you're interested, please ask your personal doctor for more information.

# Notices

## Appeals and grievances

You can ask us to provide or pay for an item or service you think should be covered. If we say no, you can ask us to reconsider our decision. This is called an appeal. You can ask for a fast decision if you think waiting could put your health at risk. If your doctor agrees, we'll speed up our decision.

If you have a complaint that's not about coverage, you can file a grievance with us. See the **Evidence of Coverage** for details.

## Kaiser Foundation Health Plan

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington is a nonprofit corporation and a Medicare plan called Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage.

## Notice of nondiscrimination

Kaiser Permanente complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and doesn't discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Kaiser Permanente doesn't exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Kaiser Permanente:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, and other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language isn't English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Kaiser Permanente Member Services at the numbers listed below.

If you believe that Kaiser Permanente has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance by phone, mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, a Kaiser Permanente Member Services Representative is available to help you. Language assistance is provided free of charge. The Kaiser Permanente Civil Rights Coordinator will be notified of all grievances related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact Member Services at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Call toll-free 1-888-901-4600, 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (TTY 711)</li><li>○ Fax 1-888-874-1765</li><li>○ Email address <a href="mailto:csforms@ghc.org">csforms@ghc.org</a></li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write to our Civil Rights Coordinator at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington<br/>Civil Rights Coordinator, Quality GNE-D1E-07<br/>P.O. Box 9812<br/>Renton, WA 98057-9054</li></ul></li></ul> |
|---|---|

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

## Privacy

We protect your privacy. See the **Evidence of Coverage** or view our **Notice of Privacy Practices** on [kp.org/wa](http://kp.org/wa) to learn more.

Kaiser Permanente is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente depends on contract renewal. This contract is renewed annually by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). By law, our plan or CMS can choose not to renew our Medicare contract.

The benefit information provided is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. Contact the plan for more information. Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply. Benefits, premiums, and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1 of each year. You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

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](http://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**.



# Helpful definitions (glossary)

## **Benefit period**

The way our plan measures your use of skilled nursing facility services. A benefit period starts the day you go into a hospital or skilled nursing facility (SNF). The benefit period ends when you haven't gotten any inpatient hospital care or skilled care in an SNF for 60 days in a row. The benefit period isn't tied to a calendar year. There's no limit to how many benefit periods you can have or how long a benefit period can be.

## **Calendar year**

The year that starts on January 1 and ends on December 31.

## **Coinsurance**

A percentage you pay of our plan's total charges for certain services or prescription drugs. For example, a 20% coinsurance for a \$200 item means you pay \$40.

## **Copay**

The set amount you pay for covered services — for example, a \$20 copay for an office visit.

## **Evidence of Coverage**

A document that explains in detail your plan benefits and how your plan works.

## **Maximum out-of-pocket responsibility**

The most you'll pay in copays or coinsurance each calendar year for services that are subject to the maximum. If you reach the maximum, you won't have to pay any more copays or coinsurance for services subject to the maximum for the rest of the year.

## **Medically necessary**

Services, supplies, or drugs that are needed for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of your medical condition and meet accepted standards of medical practice.

## **Non-plan provider**

A provider or facility that doesn't have an agreement with Kaiser Permanente to deliver care to our members.

## **Plan**

Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage.

## **Plan provider**

A plan or network provider can be a facility, like a hospital or pharmacy, or a health care professional, like a doctor or nurse.

## **Region**

A Kaiser Foundation Health Plan organization. We have Kaiser Permanente Regions located in Northern California, Southern California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Oregon, Virginia, Washington, and Washington, D.C.

## **Retail plan pharmacy**

A plan pharmacy where you can get prescriptions. These pharmacies are usually located at plan medical offices.



**[kp.org/wa/medicare](http://kp.org/wa/medicare)**

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington  
601 Union St., Suite 3100  
Seattle, WA 98101-1374

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington  
A nonprofit corporation and Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)