

City of Chico Health Plan Notices

Information about your rights and options

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Medicare Part D Notice

Important Notice from the City of Chico About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the City of Chico and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The City of Chico has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered under the City of Chico plan(s), on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your City of Chico coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under City of Chico plan(s) is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your the City of Chico prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with the City of Chico and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through the City of Chico changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage ...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: January 1, 2027
Name of Entity/Sender: City of Chico
Contact-Position/Office: Human Resources & Risk Management

Address: 411 Main Street 3rd Floor, Chico, CA 95927
Phone Number: 530-597-7900

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your health plan.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

This notice explains the rights of mothers and newborns to stay in the hospital 48–96 hours after delivery.

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your health plan.

HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

This notice explains when you and/or your dependents can enroll in medical coverage outside of the annual open enrollment period.

If you decline enrollment in the City of Chico's health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in the City of Chico's health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 30 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in the City of Chico's health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

Note: If your dependent becomes eligible for a special enrollment right, you may add the dependent to your current coverage or change to another health plan.

Availability of Privacy Practices Notice

This notice explains how to access the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed.

We maintain the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for the City of Chico describing how health information about you may be used and disclosed. You may obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting –

Chelsea Phebus
411 Main Street, 3rd Floor
Chico, CA 95927
(530) 879-7901

A copy of our notices are also available on the web at chicoca.gov/Departments/Human-Resources--Risk-Management/Human-Resources/Employee-Benefits

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

This notice describes premium assistance that may be available in your state for Medicaid-eligible dependents.

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov/.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't

already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2026. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

Alabama – Medicaid

Website: myalhipp.com

Phone: (855) 692-5447

Alaska – Medicaid

The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program

Website: myakhipp.com

Phone: (866) 251-4861

Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com

Medicaid eligibility:

health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx

Arkansas – Medicaid

Website: myarhipp.com

Phone: (855) MyARHIPP (692-7447)

California – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program

website: dhcs.ca.gov/services/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-cost-avoidance

Phone: (916) 445-8322 | Fax: (916) 440-5676

Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

Colorado – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

Health First Colorado website:

healthfirstcolorado.com

Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: (800) 221-3943 (TTY: 711)

CHP+: hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus

CHP+ Customer Service: (800) 359-1991 (TTY: 711)

Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):

mycohibi.com

HIBI Customer Service: (855) 692-6442

Florida – Medicaid

Website:

flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp

Phone: (877) 357-3268

Georgia – Medicaid

GA HIPP Website: medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp

Phone: (678) 564-1162, press 1

GA CHIPRA Website:

medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra

Phone: (678) 564-1162, press 2

Illinois – Medicaid

Illinois Medicaid Premium Assistance Information

Medicaid application website: abe.illinois.gov

HIPP Hotline Number: (217) 524-8268

HIPP Email: mhfs.boc.hipp@illinois.gov

Indiana – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
All other Medicaid

Website: in.gov/medicaid

Website: in.gov/fssa/dfr

Family and Social Services Administration

Phone: (800) 403-0864

Member Services phone: (800) 457-4584

Iowa – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)

Medicaid website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid

Medicaid phone: (800) 338-8366

Hawki website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-health-link/hawki

Hawki Phone: (800) 257-8563

HIPP website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/fee-service/hipp

HIPP Phone: (888) 346-9562

Kansas – Medicaid

Website: kancare.ks.gov

Phone: (800) 792-4884

HIPP Phone: (800) 967-4660

Kentucky – Medicaid

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium
Payment Program (KI-HIPP) website:

chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx

Phone: (855) 459-6328

Email: KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov

KCHIP website: kynect.ky.gov

Phone: (877) 524-4718

Medicaid website: chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms

Louisiana – Medicaid

Louisiana Medicaid website: ldh.la.gov/healthy-louisiana

Medicaid Customer Service Line: (888) 342-6207

Louisiana Medicaid email: healthy@la.gov

Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Program
(LaHIPP) Website: ldh.la.gov/lahipp

LaHIPP phone: (877) 697-6703

LaHIPP email: La.HIPP@la.gov

LaHIPP fax: (888) 716-9787

LaHIPP mailing address: 100 Crescent Centre
Parkway, Suite 1000, Tucker, GA 30084

Maine – Medicaid

Enrollment website:

mymaineconnection.gov/benefits

Phone: (800) 442-6003 (TTY: 711)

Private Health Insurance Premium webpage:

maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms

Phone: (800) 977-6740 (TTY: 711)

Massachusetts – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: mass.gov/masshealth/pa

Phone: (800) 862-4840 (TTY: 711)

Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com

Minnesota – Medicaid

Website: mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/

Phone: (800) 657-3672

Missouri – Medicaid

Website: <https://dss.mo.gov/healthcare/apply>

Phone: (573) 751-2005

Montana – Medicaid

Website:

dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP

Phone: (800) 694-3084

Email: HSHIPPPProgram@mt.gov

Nebraska – Medicaid

Website: accessnebraska.ne.gov
Phone: (855) 632-7633
Lincoln: (402) 473-7000
Omaha: (402) 595-1178

Nevada – Medicaid

Medicaid website: dhcfp.nv.gov
Medicaid phone: (800) 992-0900

New Hampshire – Medicaid

Website: dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program
Phone: (603) 271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPPP program: (800) 852-3345, ext. 15218
Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov

New Jersey – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/individuals-families/familycare
Phone: (800) 356-1561
CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: (609) 631-2392
CHIP phone: (800) 701-0710 (TTY: 711)

New York – Medicaid

Website: health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid
Phone: (800) 541-2831

North Carolina – Medicaid

Website: medicaid.ncdhhs.gov
Phone: (919) 855-4100

North Dakota – Medicaid

Website: hhs.nd.gov/healthcare
Phone: (866) 614-6005

Oklahoma – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: insureoklahoma.org
Phone: (888) 365-3742

Oregon – Medicaid

Website: healthcare.oregon.gov
Phone: (800) 699-9075

Pennsylvania – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html
Phone: (800) 692-7462
CHIP website: dhs.pa.gov/CHIP/Pages/CHIP.aspx
CHIP phone: (800) 986-KIDS (5437)

Rhode Island – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: eohhs.ri.gov
Phone: (855) 697-4347 or (401) 462-0311 (Direct RlTe Share Line)

South Carolina – Medicaid

Website: scdhhs.gov
Phone: (888) 549-0820

South Dakota – Medicaid

Website: dss.sd.gov
Phone: (888) 828-0059

Texas – Medicaid

Website: hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program
Phone: (800) 440-0493

Utah – Medicaid and CHIP

Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) website: medicaid.utah.gov/upp
Phone: (888) 222-2542
Email: upp@utah.gov
Adult Expansion website: medicaid.utah.gov/expansion
Utah Medicaid Buyout Program website: medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program
CHIP website: chip.utah.gov

Vermont – Medicaid

Website: dvha.vermont.gov/members/medicaid/hipp-program
Phone: (800) 250-8427

Virginia – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select
Website: coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs
Medicaid/CHIP phone: (800) 432-5924

Washington – Medicaid

Website: hca.wa.gov

Phone: (800) 562-3022

West Virginia – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: bms.wv.gov

Website: mywvhipp.com

Medicaid phone: (304) 558-1700

CHIP toll-free phone: (855) MyWVHIPP (699-8447)

Wisconsin – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm

Phone: (800) 362-3002

Wyoming – Medicaid

Website:

health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/

Phone: (800) 251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2026, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor

Employee Benefits Security Administration

www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa

1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services

www.cms.hhs.gov

1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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ACA Disclaimer

This notice explains how insurance offered by the City of Chico affects your eligibility for premium subsidies through the ACA Exchange.

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 9.96% of your modified adjusted household income in 2026 (10.22% in 2027).



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