

## MEDICARE COVERAGE

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### MEMBERS WITH MEDICARE

Members enrolled in the federally administered Medicare program are referred to as dual eligible. Medicare currently consists of three parts:

- **Medicare Part A** includes coverage for inpatient hospital care, skilled nursing facility, hospice, lab tests, surgery, home health care;
- **Medicare Part B** includes coverage for doctor and other health care providers' services, outpatient care, durable medical equipment, home health care and some preventive services; and
- **Medicare Part D** is prescription drug coverage.

Medicare is the primary insurer for all dual eligible members. Medicaid may be required to pay some or all the member's Medicare premium, deductible, and coinsurance costs, depending on if the member is eligible under one of the following types of Medicare Savings Programs:

- **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB)** Medicaid will pay Part B premiums; Part A premiums (in some instances), deductibles, coinsurance and copayments (for services and items Medicare covers).
- **Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)** Medicaid will pay the Part B premium only.
- **Qualifying Individual (QI1)** Medicaid will pay Part B premium only. These individuals cannot be eligible for Medicaid.
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### SUMMARY OF POLICY UPDATES

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Section	Update
	Added clarification on premiums, deductibles and coinsurance costs