

**Neighborhood INTEGRITY (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) offered by Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island**

***Annual Notice of Changes for 2024***

**Introduction**

You are currently enrolled as a member of Neighborhood INTEGRITY. Next year, there will be changes to the plan’s benefits, coverage, and rules. This Annual Notice of Changes tells you about the changes and where to find more information about them. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Member Handbook*, which is located on our website at [www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY](http://www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY). Key terms and their definitions appear in alphabetical order in the last chapter of the *Member Handbook*.

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## A. Disclaimers

- ❖ Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and Rhode Island Medicaid to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees.
- ❖ This is not a complete list. The benefit information is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. For more information contact the plan or read the Neighborhood INTEGRITY Member Handbook.
- ❖ Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711). Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.
- ❖ 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711)。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。
- ❖ 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問，為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務，請致電 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711)。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。
- ❖ Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711). Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.
- ❖ Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711). Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.
- ❖ Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711) sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.
- ❖ Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711). Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.
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- ❖ È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711). Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

- ❖ Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711). Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

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- ❖ យើងមានសេវាអ្នកបកប្រែផ្ទាល់មាត់ដើម្បីឆ្លើយរាល់សំណួរដែលអ្នកអាចមានអំពីគម្រោងសុខភាព និងផ្លូវរបស់យើងខ្ញុំ។ ដើម្បីទទួលបានអ្នកបកប្រែផ្ទាល់មាត់ គ្រាន់តែហៅទូរសព្ទមកយើងខ្ញុំតាមរយៈលេខ 1-844-812-6896 (TTY 711)។ អ្នកដែលនិយាយខ្មែរជួយអ្នកបាន។ នេះជាសេវាកម្មឥតគិតថ្លៃ។



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## **B. Reviewing your Medicare and Medicaid coverage for next year**

It is important to review your coverage now to make sure it will still meet your needs next year. If it does not meet your needs, you may be able to leave the plan. Refer to section E3 for more information.

If you leave our plan, you will still be in the Medicare and Medicaid programs as long as you are eligible.

- You will have a choice about how to get your Medicare benefits (refer to page 11).
- You will be enrolled in Rhode Island Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) for your Medicaid services. Your Medicaid services include most long-term services and supports (LTSS) (if you are eligible) and behavioral health care.
- You will get a new Member ID Card. You will also get information about the providers and pharmacies in our network. An up-to-date copy of the Member Handbook (Evidence of Coverage) is always available on our website at [www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY](http://www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY). You may also call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896 to ask us to mail you a Member Handbook.



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## B1. Additional resources

- You can get this Annual Notice of Changes for free in other formats, such as large print, braille, or audio. Please call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896, 8 am to 8 pm, Monday – Friday; 8 am to 12 pm on Saturday. On Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays, you may be asked to leave a message. Your call will be returned within the next business day. TTY users should call 711. The call is free.
- You can ask to get this document and future materials in your preferred language and/or alternate format by calling Member Services. This is called a “standing request”. Member Services will document your standing request in your member record so that you can receive materials now and in the future in your preferred language and/or format. You can change or delete your standing request at any time by calling Member Services.

## B2. Information about Neighborhood INTEGRITY

- Neighborhood INTEGRITY (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and Rhode Island Medicaid to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees.
- Coverage under Neighborhood INTEGRITY is qualifying health coverage called “minimum essential coverage.” It satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at [www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families](http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act/Individuals-and-Families) for more information on the individual shared responsibility requirement.
- Neighborhood INTEGRITY is offered by Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. When this *Annual Notice of Changes* says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island. When it says “the plan” or “our plan,” it means Neighborhood INTEGRITY.

## B3. Important things to do

- **Check if there are any changes to our benefits that may affect you.**
  - Are there any changes that affect the services you use?
  - It is important to review benefit changes to make sure they will work for you next year.
  - Look in sections D1 for information about benefit changes for our plan.



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- **Check if there are any changes to our prescription drug coverage that may affect you.**
  - Will your drugs be covered? Are they in a different tier? Can you continue to use the same pharmacies?
  - It is important to review the changes to make sure our drug coverage will work for you next year.
  - Look in section D2 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
- **Check if your providers and pharmacies will be in our network next year.**
  - Are your providers, including your specialists, in our network? What about your pharmacy? What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
  - Look in section C for information about our *Provider and Pharmacy Directory*.
- **Think about your overall costs in the plan.**
  - How do the total costs compare to other coverage options?
- **Think about whether you are happy with our plan.**

**If you decide to stay with Neighborhood INTEGRITY:**

If you want to stay with us next year, it's easy – you don't need to do anything. If you don't make a change, you will automatically stay enrolled in our plan.

**If you decide to leave Neighborhood INTEGRITY:**

If you decide other coverage will better meet your needs, you may be able to leave our plan (refer to section E3 for more information). If you leave our plan, your new coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. Look in section E3, page 12 to learn more about your choices.



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## C. Changes to the network providers and pharmacies

We have not made any changes to our network of providers and pharmacies for next year.

However, it is important that you know that we may make changes to our network during the year. If your provider does leave the plan, you have certain rights and protections. For more information, refer to Chapter 3 of your *Member Handbook*.

## D. Changes to benefits for next year

### D1. Changes to benefits for health care services

We are changing our coverage for certain health care services next year. The following table describes these changes.

	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Healthy Food and Nutrition Benefit</b>	<p><i>Healthy Food and Nutrition Benefit is covered.</i></p> <p><i>The plan will provide a healthy food and savings card up to a maximum of \$25 per month.</i></p>	<p><i>Healthy Food and Nutrition Benefit is covered.</i></p> <p><i>The plan will provide a healthy food and savings card up to a maximum of \$35 per month.</i></p>
<b>Routine Dental Care</b>	<p><i>Routine Dental Care is <b>not</b> covered.</i></p>	<p><i>Routine Dental Care is covered.*</i></p> <p><i>The plan will cover preventive dental services up to a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per year. Covered services may include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Two cleanings per year</i></li> <li>• <i>One routine oral exam and one fluoride treatment per year</i></li> <li>• <i>Dental X-rays</i></li> <li>• <i>Fillings and denture repairs as needed</i></li> </ul> <p><i>*Other limitations may apply.</i></p>



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	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<b>Special Medical Equipment/Minor Assistive Devices</b>	<p><i>Authorization is required.</i></p> <p><i>The Plan will pay for special medical equipment and supplies to make it easier for you to do daily activities, such as eating and bathing.</i></p>	<p><i>Authorization may be required for some equipment and devices.</i></p> <p><i>The Plan will pay for special medical equipment and supplies to make it easier for you to do daily activities, such as eating and bathing.</i></p>

## D2. Changes to prescription drug coverage

### Changes to our Drug List

An updated List of Covered Drugs is located on our website at [www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY](http://www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY). You may also call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896 for updated drug information or to ask us to mail you a List of Covered Drugs.

We made changes to our Drug List, which could include removing or adding drugs, changing the restrictions that apply to our coverage for certain drugs.

Review the Drug List to **make sure your drugs will be covered next year** and to find out if there will be any restrictions.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, we encourage you to:

- Work with your provider (or other prescriber) to find a different drug that we cover.
  - You can call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896 to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same condition.
  - This list can help your provider find a covered drug that might work for you.
- Work with your provider (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception to cover the drug.
  - You can ask for an exception before next year and we will give you an answer within 72 hours after we get your request (or your prescriber’s supporting statement).
  - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, refer to Chapter 9 of the *2024 Member Handbook* or call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896.



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- If you need help asking for an exception, you can contact Member Services. Refer to Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of the *Member Handbook* to learn more about how to contact your care manager.
- Ask the plan to cover a temporary supply of the drug.
  - In some situations, we will cover a **temporary** supply of the drug during the first 90 days of the calendar year.
  - This temporary supply will be for up to a:
    - 30-day supply if you do not live in a long-term care facility,
    - 31-day supply if you do live in a long-term care facility, and
    - 90-day supply for Medicaid covered drugs.
  - (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, refer to Chapter 5 of your *Member Handbook*.)
  - When you get a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your provider to decide what to do when your temporary supply runs out. You can either switch to a different drug covered by the plan or ask the plan to make an exception for you and cover your current drug.
  - Formulary exceptions will still be covered next year through the date on your approval letter. A new formulary exception request will need to be submitted to continue receiving the drug or product after that date.



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### Changes to prescription drug costs

There are no changes to the amount you pay for prescription drugs in 2024. Read below for more information about your prescription drug coverage.

The table below shows your costs for drugs in each of our 3 drug tiers.

	2023 (this year)	2024 (next year)
<p><b>Drugs in Tier 1</b> (Generic Drugs)</p> <p>Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier 1 that is filled at a network pharmacy</p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is <b>\$0 per prescription.</b></p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is <b>\$0 per prescription.</b></p>
<p><b>Drugs in Tier 2</b> (Brand Drugs)</p> <p>Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier 2 that is filled at a network pharmacy</p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is <b>\$0 per prescription.</b></p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is <b>\$0 per prescription.</b></p>
<p><b>Drugs in Tier 3</b> (Non-Medicare Prescription and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drugs)</p> <p>Cost for a one-month supply of a drug in Tier 3 that is filled at a network pharmacy</p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is <b>\$0 per prescription.</b></p>	<p>Your copay for a one-month (30-day) supply is <b>\$0 per prescription.</b></p>

## E. How to choose a plan

### E1. How to stay in our plan

We hope to keep you as a Member next year.

You do not have to do anything to stay in your health plan. If you do not change to a Medicare Advantage Plan, change to Original Medicare, enroll in a Medicare Part D plan, or disenroll from Neighborhood INTEGRITY and enroll in Rhode Island Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) for your Medicaid benefits, you will automatically stay enrolled as a Member of our plan for 2024.



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## E2. How to change plans

You can end your membership at any time during the year by disenrolling from Neighborhood INTEGRITY and enrolling in another Medicare Advantage Plan, moving to Original Medicare, or enrolling in a Medicare Part D plan and enrolling in Rhode Island Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) for your Medicaid benefits.

## E3. Leaving Neighborhood INTEGRITY

As long as you're still eligible for Medicare and Rhode Island Medicaid, you can leave Neighborhood INTEGRITY and keep getting your Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

You will get your Medicaid benefits directly from doctors and other providers. This is called Rhode Island Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS).


There are three ways you can get your Medicare benefits:

<p><b>1. You can change to:</b></p> <p><b>A Medicare health plan, such as a Medicare Advantage plan or a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)</b></p>	<p><b>Here is what to do:</b></p> <p>Call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048 to enroll in the new Medicare-only health plan.</p> <p>If you need help or more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call the Rhode Island SHIP at 1-888-884-8721 or The POINT at 1-401-462-4444. TTY users should call 711. They will refer you to a State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor.</li></ul> <p>You will automatically be disenrolled from Neighborhood INTEGRITY when your new plan's coverage begins.</p>
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## F. How to get help

### F1. Getting help from Neighborhood INTEGRITY

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896 (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls 8 am to 8 pm, Monday – Friday; 8 am to 12 pm on Saturday. On Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays, you may be asked to leave a message. Your call will be returned within the next business day.

#### **Your 2024 Member Handbook**

The *2024 Member Handbook* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It has details about next year's benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs.

The 2024 Member Handbook will be available by October 15. An up-to-date copy of the *2024 Member Handbook* is available on our website at [www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY](http://www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY). You may also call Member Services at 1-844-812-6896 to ask us to mail you a *2024 Member Handbook*.

#### **Our website**

You can also visit our website at [www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY](http://www.nhpri.org/INTEGRITY). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider and pharmacy network (*Provider and Pharmacy Directory*) and our Drug List (*List of Covered Drugs*).

### F2. Getting help from the state enrollment broker

You can call the Medicare-Medicaid Plan Enrollment Line at 1-844-602-3469, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. TTY users should call 711.

### F3. Getting help from the RIPIN Healthcare Advocate

The RIPIN Healthcare Advocate is an ombudsman program that can help you if you are having a problem with Neighborhood INTEGRITY. The ombudsman's services are free.

- The RIPIN Healthcare Advocate is an ombudsman program that works as an advocate on your behalf. They can answer questions if you have a problem or complaint and can help you understand what to do.
- The RIPIN Healthcare Advocate makes sure you have information related to your rights and protections and how you can get your concerns resolved.
- The RIPIN Healthcare Advocate is not connected with us or with any insurance company or health plan. The phone number for the RIPIN Healthcare Advocate is 1-855-747-3224 (TTY 711).



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#### **F4. Getting help from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and the Medicare-Medicaid Enrollment Supports (MME) Program**

You can also call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) to speak with a SHIP counselor about Medicare. In Rhode Island, the SHIP is provided by the Office of Healthy Aging (OHA). The SHIP has trained counselors in every state, and services are free. To speak with a SHIP counselor, call 1-888-884-8721 (TTY 711).

The Medicare-Medicaid Enrollment Supports Program (MME) gives free one-on-one health insurance counseling to people with Medicare and Medicaid. In Rhode Island, the MME is provided by The POINT. To speak with an MME counselor, call 1-401-462-4444 (TTY 711) or call 2-1-1.

For more information, refer to Chapter 2 of your *Member Handbook*.

#### **F5. Getting help from Medicare**

To get information directly from Medicare you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

##### **Medicare's Website**

You can visit the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)). If you choose to disenroll from your Medicare-Medicaid Plan and enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, the Medicare website has information about costs, coverage, and quality ratings to help you compare Medicare Advantage plans. You can find information about Medicare Advantage plans available in your area by using the Medicare Plan Finder on the Medicare website. (To view the information about plans, refer to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and click on "Find plans.")

##### ***Medicare & You 2024***

You can read the *Medicare & You 2024* handbook. Every year in the fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare.

If you don't have a copy of this booklet, you can get it at the Medicare website ([www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf](http://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf)) or 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.

#### **F6. Getting help from Rhode Island Medicaid**

For questions about the help you get from Medicaid, call Rhode Island Medicaid at the DHS Call Center at 1-855-697-4347.



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## **F7. Getting help from Rhode Island's Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)**

In Rhode Island, the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) is called KEPRO. The QIO is a group of doctors and other health care professionals who are paid by the federal government. These experts are not part of our plan. They are paid by Medicare to check on and help improve the quality of care for people with Medicare. KEPRO will provide an independent review of whether it is medically appropriate for us to end coverage for your services. Call 1-888-319-8452 (TTY 1-855-843-4776) 9 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday; 11 am to 3 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

## **F8. Other Resources**

The **Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging** helps provide information to Rhode Island seniors, families, and caregivers. Some programs and services include but are not limited to, case management, hearing assistance, legal assistances, Rhode Island Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), and reporting elderly abuse. Call 1-401-462-3000 (TTY 1-401-462-0740) 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday – Friday.

The **Disability Rights Rhode Island (DRRI)** is an independent nonprofit law office that is designated as Rhode Island's Federal Protection and Advocacy System. They help provide free legal assistance to individuals with disabilities. Call 1-401-831-3150 (TTY 1-401-831-5335) 9 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday.

**Crossroads Rhode Island** offers information on affordable housing for families and individuals, education and employment services in addition to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week emergency services. Call 1-401-521-2255 (TTY 711) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The **United Way of Rhode Island** provides free and confidential information about assistance with human services needs such as housing, food, and childcare. Call 211 (TTY 711) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or 1-401-444-0600 (TTY 711) Monday - Friday 8am - 4:30pm.



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