

# 2024-2025 BENEFITS GUIDE

For benefits and rates effective JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

# MUNICIPAL

EMPLOYEES, RETIREES & SURVIVORS









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# REVIEW THIS GUIDE TO IDENTIFY WHICH BENEFITS YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR AND WHICH OPTIONS ARE BEST FOR YOU.

You may only enroll in or change your health plan during GIC's spring annual enrollment or within 60 days of a qualifying event. For information about annual enrollment and a complete list of qualifying events, visit <a href="mass.gov/gic">mass.gov/gic</a>.

The GIC encourages members to actively shop and evaluate different coverage options. Please carefully review this guide as well as detailed benefits information for each GIC benefit carrier available at <a href="mass.gov/lists/contact-gic-benefit-plans">mass.gov/lists/contact-gic-benefit-plans</a>, to make informed decisions about your coverage.

Existing members, after reviewing your options, if you wish to keep your current GIC benefits, no action is required and your benefits will remain in place at the new rates effective July 1, 2024.

#### FY2025 Health Insurance Plan News:

Effective July 1, 2024, UniCare is changing its name to Wellpoint to reflect their mission of supporting GIC members' whole health. View FAQs on UniCare's new website, **wellpointmass.com**, to learn more.

# **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**



- 1. Contact your health and other insurance plans about tier changes, network coverage, providers, drug tiers, wellness benefits, and more.
- 2. Which tier are your doctors and hospitals in? When checking provider coverage and tiers, be sure to specify the health insurance plan's full name, such as "Harvard Pilgrim Explorer" or "Harvard Pilgrim Quality," not just the health carrier name such as "Harvard Pilgrim Health Care." Your health insurance plan is the best source for this information.
- **3.** Are your doctors and hospitals in the health plan's network? If your provider is no longer available, your health insurance carrier will help you find a new one. Note: Doctors and hospitals within any health plan's network may change during the year.
- **4.** TURNING 65? Visit <u>bit.ly/gicmedicare</u> for a video to guide you through the next steps, whether you're retiring or not.

# When You Can Enroll In or Update GIC Benefits



## WITHIN 60 DAYS OF EXPERIENCING A QUALIFYING EVENT

If you have or will experience any of these qualifying events, you must notify the GIC within 60 days of the event. Failure to do so can result in financial liability to you.

- Marriage
- Address change
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Legal guardianship of a child
- Legal separation, divorce or remarriage of you or your former spouse
- Death of a covered spouse or dependent
- You have GIC COBRA coverage and become eligible for other coverage

DURING GIC'S SPRING ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

2024 Annual Enrollment dates: April 3, 2024 - May 1, 2024

As a GIC member, Annual Enrollment is your opportunity to review benefit options and better understand the upcoming plan year changes to make coverage updates for benefits effective July 1, 2024.

Reminder: Submit all changes no later than May 1, 2024.

WHEN YOU'RE A NEW HIRE
OF A PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITY

New employees have a period of 21 days to enroll in GIC benefits from their date of hire.

Please visit GIC's website for information regarding the effective date of GIC benefits as a new hire.

Note: this does not apply to employees who transfer agencies.



View a complete list of Qualifying Events bit.ly/gicqualifyingevent



Learn more about Annual Enrollment bit.ly/gicannualenrollment



Learn more at **bit.ly/gicnewhire** 



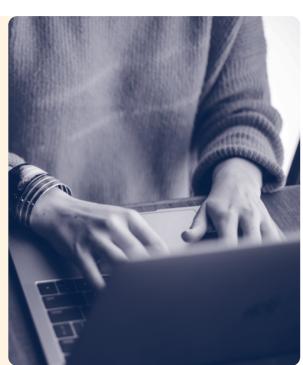
## **GIC's Member Benefits Portal**



Save time and paper by managing your benefits on MyGICLink, GIC's secure member benefits portal.

- Enroll in/update your benefits during Annual Enrollment or within 60 days of experiencing a qualifying event
- Securely update your personal information, chat with us, and more!

Register & Log in mygiclink.my.site.com



# Health Insurance Plan Rates (Monthly Full Cost)



# Effective July 1, 2024

Full cost rates include the 0.30% administrative fee.

You do not pay the full cost rate. Your share of the cost depends on your city or town cost-sharing arrangement. Contact your local benefit coordinator for information on your premiums.

| EMPLOYEE AND NON-MEDICARE RETIREE/SURVIVOR HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS |              |                        |                    |  |
|---|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS  | PLAN NETWORK | INDIVIDUAL<br>COVERAGE | FAMILY<br>COVERAGE |  |
| Harvard Pilgrim Access America                                    | National     | \$1,259.39             | \$2,809.26         |  |
| Wellpoint Total Choice INDEMNITY                                  |              | \$1,501.35             | \$3,331.72         |  |
| Wellpoint PLUS PPO-TYPE   | Broad        | \$958.62               | \$2,284.05         |  |
| Harvard Pilgrim Explorer  |              | \$1,067.87             | \$2,645.90         |  |
| Mass General Brigham Health Plan<br>Complete HMO                  |              | \$977.66               | \$2,585.42         |  |
| Harvard Pilgrim Quality   | Limited      | \$788.04               | \$2,005.81         |  |
| Wellpoint Community Choice PPO-TYPE                               |              | \$744.97               | \$1,849.09         |  |
| Health New England  | Regional     | \$778.25               | \$1,866.96         |  |

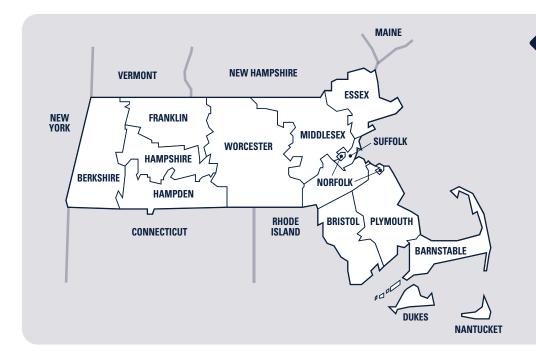
| MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS                                 |              |            |  |
|---|--------------|------------|--|
| HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS  | PLAN NETWORK | PER PERSON |  |
| <b>Tufts Medicare Preferred</b> MEDICARE ADVANTAGE              | Limited      | \$363.84   |  |
| Harvard Pilgrim Medicare Enhance<br>MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT         |              | \$436.13   |  |
| Health New England Medicare Supplement Plus MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT | National     | \$438.79   |  |
| Wellpoint Medicare Extension MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT                |              | \$444.68   |  |

# Health Insurance Plan Locator Map (Employees & Non-Medicare Retirees)



#### Where you live determines which health insurance plan you may enroll in.

Please review the map and information below to determine which plan you are eligible to enroll in. Ensure your plan's provider network includes your area of residence prior to enrollment.



**BARNSTABLE** 

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Community

#### **BERKSHIRE**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community, HNE

#### BRISTOL

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community

#### **DUKES**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete

#### **ESSEX**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community

#### **FRANKLIN**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community, HNE

#### **HAMPDEN**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community, HNE

## **HAMPSHIRE**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community, HNE

#### **MIDDLESEX**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community

## NANTUCKET

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete

#### **NORFOLK**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community

#### **PLYMOUTH**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community

#### **SUFFOLK**

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community

#### WORCESTER

Total, Explorer, Plus, Complete, Quality, Community, HNE

The **BOLD** text is a shortened version of the full plan name. These names are used to indicate which plan is available in each county.

**ACCESS** - Harvard Pilgrim Access America

**TOTAL** - Wellpoint Total Choice

**EXPLORER** - Harvard Pilgrim Explorer

**PLUS** - Wellpoint Plus

**COMPLETE** - Mass General Brigham Health Plan Complete

**QUALITY** - Harvard Pilgrim Quality

**COMMUNITY** - Wellpoint Community Choice

HNE - Health New England

#### **OUTSIDE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Wellpoint Total Choice is the only health insurance plan offered by the GIC that is available for members living outside of the US.

Harvard Pilgrim Access America is the only plan offered by the GIC that is available for members living outside of New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT).

#### **CONNECTICUT\***

Total, Explorer, Plus

#### MAINE

Total, Explorer, Plus

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Total, Explorer, Plus

#### **NEW YORK**

Access

## RHODE ISLAND

Total, Explorer, Plus

## **VERMONT**

Total, Explorer, Plus

Note: If you are a New England resident who covers dependent family member(s) who live in a state outside of New England, you may select the Total, Explorer and Plus health insurance plans – contact the plans for details regarding their national networks/out of area coverage. For all other health insurance plans, your dependents may only have emergency coverage while out of the plan's service area. You should contact the health insurance plans directly for details. Please view page 13 for health insurance plan contact information.

<sup>\*</sup> For residents of CT, members residing near the MA border may enroll in HNE (review HNE's website for provider and network information).

# Benefits-at-a-Glance (Employees & Non-Medicare Retirees)



|  | NATIONAL NETWORK                      | BROAD NETWORK                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS   | HARVARD PILGRIM<br>ACCESS AMERICA     | WELLPOINT<br>TOTAL CHOICE                           | WELLPOINT<br>PLUS  | HARVARD PILGRIM<br>EXPLORER  |
| GEOGRAPHIC ELIGIBILITY (See Health Insurance Plan Locator Map, page 5) | U.S. Outside<br>New England           | New England   | New England  | New England  |
| PLAN TYPE  | PPO                                   | INDEMNITY   | PPO-TYPE   | POS  |
| PCP Designation Required?  | No                                    | No  | No   | Yes  |
| PCP Referral to Specialist Required?                                   | No                                    | No  | No   | Yes  |
| Out-of-pocket Maximum  |                                       |   |  |  |
| Individual coverage  | \$5,000                               | \$5,000   | \$5,000  | \$5,000  |
| Family coverage  | \$10,000                              | \$10,000  | \$10,000   | \$10,000   |
| Fiscal Year Deductible Individual / Family                             | \$500 / \$1,000                       | \$500 / \$1,000                                     | \$500 / \$1,000  | \$500 / \$1,000  |
| Primary Care Provider<br>Office Visit                                  | \$20 / visit                          | \$20 / visit  | Tier 1: \$10 / visit<br>Tier 2: \$20 / visit<br>Tier 3: \$40 / visit | Tier 1: \$10 / visit<br>Tier 2: \$20 / visit<br>Tier 3: \$40 / visit |
| Preventive Services  | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay    | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay                  | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay                                   | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay                                   |
| Specialist Physician Office Visit<br>Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3          | \$45 / visit<br>(no tiering)          | \$45 / visit<br>(no tiering)                        | \$30 / \$60 / \$75<br>/ visit  | \$30 / \$60 / \$75<br>/ visit  |
| Retail Clinic and Urgent Care<br>Center                                | \$20 / visit                          | \$20 / visit  | \$20 / visit   | \$20 / visit   |
| Outpatient Behavioral Health/<br>Substance Use Disorder Care           | \$20 / visit                          | \$20 / visit  | \$10 / visit   | \$10 / visit   |
| Emergency Room Care  | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted) | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted)               | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted)                                | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted)                                |
| Inpatient Hospital Care -<br>Medical                                   | Maxi<br>Waived                        | mum one copay per per:<br>d if readmitted within 30 | son per calendar year qu<br>days in the same calend                  | arter.<br>ar year.   |
| Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3   | \$275 / admission<br>no tiering       | \$275 / admission<br>no tiering                     | \$275 / \$500 / \$1,500<br>/ admission                               | \$275 / \$500 / \$1,500<br>/ admission                               |
| Outpatient Surgery   |                                       |   |  |  |
| Eye & GI procedures at freestanding facilities in Massachusetts        | \$150                                 | \$150   | \$150  | \$150  |
| All other in Massachusetts   | \$250                                 | \$250   | \$250  | \$250  |
| High-Tech Imaging  | Maxir                                 | num one copay per day.                              | Contact the carrier for d  | etails.  |
| (e.g., MRI, CT & PET scans)  | \$100 / scan                          | \$100 / scan  | \$100 / scan   | \$100 / scan   |
| Prescription Drugs   | Presc                                 | ription Drug Deductible:                            | \$100 Individual / \$200 F   | amily  |
| Retail (up to a 30-day supply) Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3                | \$10 / \$30 / \$65                    | \$10 / \$30 / \$65                                  | \$10 / \$30 / \$65   | \$10 / \$30 / \$65   |
| Mail Order Maintenance Drugs<br>(up to a 90-day supply)                |                                       |   |  |  |
| Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3   | \$25 / \$75 / \$165                   | \$25 / \$75 / \$165                                 | \$25 / \$75 / \$165  | \$25 / \$75 / \$165  |

If you participate in a non-Medicare plan, GIC protects you from balance billing under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32A, §20.

If you receive covered, medically necessary medical care *in Massachusetts*, doctors, hospitals, and other medical providers may only collect the amount covered by your GIC plan. You are still responsible for your share of the plan's copays, deductibles, and any other eligible medical out-of-pocket costs, but *not* any excess.

Always compare bills to the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement provided by your GIC health carrier. If you are not sure your invoice is a balance bill, call your health carrier. If it is a balance bill, advise your provider that as a GIC member, you are not liable for their excess compensation. If your provider persists in efforts to collect, contact the Group Insurance Commission.

| BROAD NETWORK  | LIMITED N  | REGIONAL NETWORK                        |                                       |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| MASS GENERAL<br>BRIGHAM HEALTH<br>PLAN COMPLETE                      | HARVARD PILGRIM<br>QUALITY                                   | WELLPOINT<br>COMMUNITY CHOICE           | HEALTH NEW<br>ENGLAND                 |
| All of Mass  | Most of Mass   | Most of Mass                            | Western Mass                          |
| НМО  | НМО  | PPO-TYPE                                | НМО                                   |
| Yes  | Yes  | No                                      | Yes                                   |
| Yes  | Yes  | No                                      | No                                    |
| \$5,000<br>\$10,000  | \$5,000<br>\$10,000  | \$5,000<br>\$10,000                     | \$5,000<br>\$10,000                   |
| \$500 / \$1,000  | \$400 / \$800  | \$400 / \$800                           | \$400 / \$800                         |
| Tier 1: \$10 / visit<br>Tier 2: \$20 / visit<br>Tier 3: \$40 / visit | \$20 / visit   | \$20 / visit                            | \$20 / visit                          |
| Most covered at<br>100% - no copay                                   | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay                           | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay      | Most covered at<br>100% - no copay    |
| \$30 / \$60 / \$75<br>/ visit  | \$30 / \$60 / visit<br>(no Tier 3)                           | \$30 / \$60 / \$75<br>/ visit           | \$30 / \$60 / visit<br>(no Tier 3)    |
| \$20 / visit   | \$20 / visit   | \$20 / visit                            | \$20 / visit                          |
| \$10 / visit   | \$20 / visit   | \$20 / visit                            | \$20 / visit                          |
| \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted)                                | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted)                        | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted)   | \$100 / visit<br>(waived if admitted) |
| V  | Maximum one copay per pers<br>Vaived if readmitted within 30 |   |                                       |
| \$275 / \$500 / \$1,500<br>/ admission                               | \$275 / \$500 / admission<br>(no Tier 3)                     | \$275 / admission<br>no tiering         | \$275 / admission<br>no tiering       |
| \$150  | \$150  | \$150                                   | \$150                                 |
|  | ·  |   |                                       |
| \$250  | \$250<br>Maximum one copay per day.                          | \$250<br>Contact the carrier for detail | \$250<br>S                            |
| \$100 / scan   | \$100 / scan   | \$100 / scan                            | \$100 / scan                          |
|  | Prescription Drug Deductible:                                | , |                                       |
| \$10 / \$30 / \$65   | \$10 / \$30 / \$65   | \$10 / \$30 / \$65                      | \$10 / \$30 / \$65                    |
| \$25 / \$75 / \$165  | \$25 / \$75 / \$165  | \$25 / \$75 / \$165                     | \$25 / \$75 / \$165                   |

You pay both a copay and a deductible for some services. For details, see your plan's schedule of benefits at mass.gov/GIC.

Out-of-pocket maximums apply to medical and behavioral health benefits across all health insurance plans.

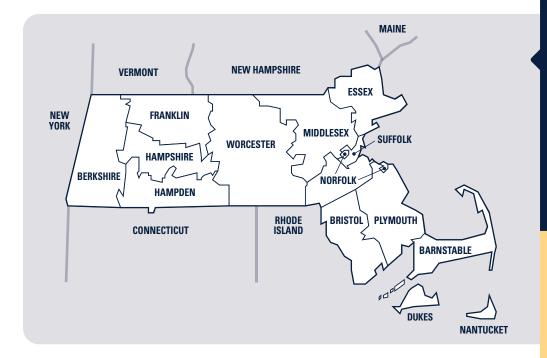
Prescription drug (Rx) benefits are included in the out-of-pocket maximums for all health insurance plans.

# **Health Insurance Plan Locator Map (Medicare)**



#### Where you live determines which health insurance plan you may enroll in.

Please review the map and information below to determine which plan you are eligible to enroll in. Ensure your plan's provider network includes your area of residence prior to enrollment.



**BARNSTABLE** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

BERKSHIRE

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**BRISTOL** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**DUKES** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**ESSEX** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**FRANKLIN** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**HAMPDEN** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**HAMPSHIRE** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**MIDDLESEX** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**NANTUCKET** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**NORFOLK** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**PLYMOUTH** 

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

**SUFFOLK** 

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WORCESTER

HPME, HNEMSP, TMP, OME

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**HPME** - Harvard Pilgrim Medicare Enhance

**HNEMSP** - Health New England Medicare Supplement Plus

**TMP** - Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred

**OME** - Wellpoint Medicare Extension

#### **OUTSIDE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Harvard Pilgrim Medicare Enhance, Health New England Medicare Supplement Plus, and Wellpoint Medicare Extension are available throughout the country.

#### CONNECTICUT

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**MAINE** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**NEW YORK** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**RHODE ISLAND** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME

**VERMONT** 

HPME, HNEMSP, OME



|   | MEDICARE<br>ADVANTAGE   | MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT                        |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| HEALTH<br>INSURANCE PLANS   | TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEDICARE PREFERRED  | HARVARD PILGRIM<br>MEDICARE<br>ENHANCE     | HEALTH<br>NEW ENGLAND<br>MEDICARE<br>SUPPLEMENT PLUS | WELLPOINT<br>MEDICARE<br>EXTENSION   |
| GEOGRAPHIC ELIGIBILITY<br>(See Health Insurance Plan<br>Locator Map, page 8)  | Most of Mass  | National                                   | National   | National   |
| PLAN TYPE   | нмо   | INDEMNITY                                  | INDEMNITY  | INDEMNITY  |
| PCP Designation Required?   | Yes   | No   | No   | No   |
| PCP Referral to<br>Specialist Required?                                       | Yes   | No   | No   | No   |
| Calendar Year Deductible  | None  | None                                       | None   | None   |
| Preventive Care Office visits according to health plan's schedule             | No Copay  | No Copay                                   | No Copay   | No Copay   |
| Physician's Office Visit (except behavioral health)                           | \$15 per visit  | \$15 per visit                             | \$15 per visit                                       | \$10 per visit   |
| Retail Clinic   | \$15 per visit  | \$15 per visit                             | \$15 per visit                                       | \$10 per visit   |
| Outpatient Behavioral<br>Health / Substance Abuse<br>Disorder Care            | \$15 per visit  | \$15 per visit                             | \$15 per visit                                       | First 4 visits: no copay;<br>visits 5 and over:<br>\$10 / visit  |
| Inpatient Hospital Care   | No Copay  | No Copay                                   | No Copay   | No Copay   |
| Hospice Care  | No Copay  | No Copay                                   | No Copay   | No Copay   |
| Diagnostic Laboratory Tests and X-Rays  | No Copay  | No Copay                                   | No Copay   | No Copay   |
| Surgery<br>Inpatient and Outpatient   | No Copay  | No Copay                                   | No Copay   | No copay in MA<br>and for out-of-state<br>providers that accept<br>Medicare; call the plan<br>for details if using<br>out-of-state providers<br>that do not accept<br>Medicare |
| Emergency Room Care (includes out-of-area)                                    | \$50 per visit<br>(waived if admitted)  | \$50 per visit<br>(waived if admitted)     | \$50 per visit<br>(waived if admitted)               | \$50 per visit<br>(waived if admitted)   |
| Hearing Aids  | First \$500 covered at<br>100%, 80% coverage of<br>the next \$1,500 intotal costs,<br>per two-year period | First \$1,700 per ear, per two-year period |  | ear period   |
| PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  |   |  |  |  |
| Retail<br>(up to a 30-day supply)<br>Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3                 | \$10 / \$30 / \$65  | \$10 / \$30 / \$65                         | \$10 / \$30 / \$65                                   | \$10 / \$30 / \$65   |
| Mail Order Maintenance Drugs (up to a 90-day supply) Tier 1 / Tier 2 / Tier 3 | \$25 / \$75 / \$165   | \$25 / \$75 / \$165                        | \$25 / \$75 / \$165                                  | \$25 / \$75 / \$165  |

Here is an overview of health insurance benefits offered through each of the GIC's Medicare plans. Benefits are subject to definitions, conditions, limitations and exclusions as spelled out in the respective health insurance plans' documents. With the exception of emergency care, out-of-network benefits are not covered through the Tufts Medicare Advantage Plan.

# **GIC Rx: Prescription Drug Benefits**



# Employees & Non-Medicare Retirees

CVS Caremark is the GIC's prescription drug benefit administrator for non-Medicare health insurance plans. Use your CVS Caremark ID card when filling prescriptions.

# **Prescription Drug Deductible**

You pay an annual prescription drug deductible of \$100/individual and \$200/family, separate from your health plan deductible. Once you have paid your prescription drug deductible, your covered prescriptions are subject to a copay.

## **Prescription Drug Copays**

All GIC health plans feature a three-tier copay structure. Contact CVS Caremark with questions about your specific medications.

- **Tier 1:** You pay the **lowest copay**. Most generic prescription drugs fall into this tier.
- **Tier 2:** You pay the **mid-level copay**. Many brandname prescription drugs fall into this tier.
- **Tier 3:** You pay the **highest copay**. This tier includes brand-name and generic prescription drugs that don't fall into Tiers 1 or 2.

Covered prescription drugs may change when CVS Caremark updates its drug formulary during the plan year.

# Avoid the Prescription Retail Refill Penalty

- If you or a family member is taking a long-term medication—such as high cholesterol or high blood pressure medicine—you will receive a communication from CVS Caremark asking you how you wish to receive your future refills—by mail or at your local CVS pharmacy. For these maintenance medications, you must fill a 90-day supply at either a CVS Retail Pharmacy, or you may utilize CVS Caremark Mail Service Pharmacy, and you will pay one mail order copay.
- All acute 30-day retail medications, or any nonmaintenance medications—such as antibiotics or painkillers—can be filled at any in-network Retail Pharmacy for one 30-day retail copay.

Make sure you take action before your third refill, otherwise you will pay the full cost of the medication.

#### **QUESTIONS?** CONTACT CVS CARFMARK



info.caremark.com/oe/gic



1.877.876.7214

# Medicare Eligible Retirees

CVS SilverScript administers the prescription drug benefit for all GIC Medicare health insurance plans. Your prescription drug benefit is called an Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP). It combines a standard Medicare Part D drug plan with additional coverage provided by the GIC.

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#### **QUESTIONS?** CONTACT CVS SILVERSCRIPT



gic.silverscript.com



1.877.876.7214

## **IMPORTANT**

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

- Do not enroll in a non-GIC Medicare Part D plan.

  All GIC Medicare plans include Medicare Part D coverage. If you enroll in another Part D plan, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will disenroll you from your GIC coverage. This means that you will lose your GIC health, behavioral health and prescription drug benefits.
- A "Notice of Creditable Coverage" is located in your plan handbook. It provides proof that you have comparable or better coverage than Medicare Part D. If you should later enroll in an individual Medicare drug plan because of changed circumstances, you must show the Notice of Creditable Coverage to the Social Security Administration to avoid paying a penalty.
- If you have extremely limited income and assets, contact the Social Security Administration to find out about subsidized Part D coverage.
- If your adjusted gross income, as reported on your federal tax return, exceeds a certain amount, Social Security will impose a monthly additional fee called IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount). Visit <u>medicare.gov</u> for more information. Social Security will notify you if this applies to you.

# Mass4YOU: Employee Assistance Program (Employees)



Mass4YOU is a free Employee Assistance Program available to all state and municipal employees and their families who are eligible for GIC benefits administered through Optum health.

GIC health insurance coverage is not required to access the many Mass4YOU work/life and other support services. Through Mass4YOU, GIC benefits-eligible employees and their families can find easy access to a comprehensive suite of *free*, confidential support available 24/7, including:

- Three in-person virtual, telephone, or in-person therapy visits per issue, per year
- 30-minute telephone or in-person legal or mediation consultation per issue per year
- Guidance from a financial advisor to help with debt, foreclosure, financial planning, and more
- Referrals for a variety of Work-Life convenience services: child care, elder care and more
- Access to Mass4YOU's 24/7 confidential substance abuse treatment helpline and a licensed clinician

No formal enrollment is required. Stay up-to-date on all Mass4YOU benefits by providing the GIC with your email at bit.ly/MyGICLinkOnlineForms.

**QUESTIONS?** 

CONTACT MASS4YOU

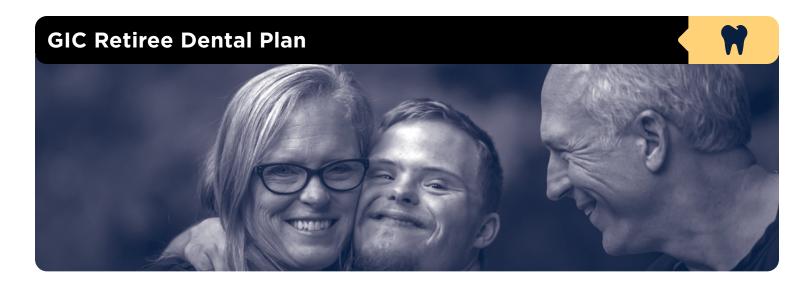


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The GIC Retiree Dental Plan is provided through MetLife.

You can get reimbursed up to \$1,250 a year for cleanings, fillings, crowns and other dental services. You pay less if you receive care from one of 370,000 participating dentists nationwide. You pay more if you receive care from a non-participating dentist.

You pay the full cost of this voluntary coverage.

# Eligibility

Retirees and survivors from the following municipalities that have elected to offer the plan are eligible:

- City of Melrose
- Town of Ashland
- Town of Bedford
- Town of Brookline
- Town of Holbrook

- Town of Marblehead
- Town of Middleborough
- Town of Millis
- Town of North Andover
- Town of Randolph

- Town of Swampscott
- Town of Weston
- Town of Westwood
- Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District

If your municipality is not listed, you are not eligible for GIC Retiree Dental benefits. Contact your municipal benefits office for additional information.

## **Enrollment**

Eligible retirees and survivors may join during Annual Enrollment, or within 60 days of a qualifying status change, such as when COBRA dental coverage ends, when you become a survivor of a GIC member, or at retirement.

If you drop GIC Retiree Dental coverage, you may never re-enroll.

|               | MONTHLY GIC PLAN RATES – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024  Includes 0.30% Administrative Fee  \$1,250 Maximum Annual Benefit per Member |
|---------------|---|
| COVERAGE TYPE | RETIREE PAYS MONTHLY  |
| Single        | \$29.36   |
| Family        | \$70.75   |

**QUESTIONS?**CONTACT METLIFE

metlife.com/gicbenefits



1.866.292.9990





# **CONTACT YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS FOR:**

- Requesting Member ID card(s) Tiered doctor & hospital lists
- Fitness and wellness programs offered

- Finding a provider
   Tele-health options that are offered

| HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN CARRIERS                                | PHONE  | WEBSITE   |  |  |
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| Mass General Brigham Health Plan                              | 1.866.567.9175   | massgeneral brigham health plan.org/<br>gic-members |  |  |
| Harvard Pilgrim Health Care                                   | 1.844.442.7324   | harvardpilgrim.org/gic                              |  |  |
| Health New England  | 1.800.842.4464   | healthnewengland.org/gic                            |  |  |
| Tufts Health Plan (Medicare Only)                             | 1.855.852.1016   | tuftshealthplan.com/gic                             |  |  |
| Wellpoint (Formerly UniCare) Non-Medicare plans Medicare plan | 1.833.663.4176<br>1.800.442.9300                       | wellpoint mass.com                                  |  |  |
| PHARMACY BENEFITS   |  |   |  |  |
| CVS Caremark  | 1.877.876.7214   | info.caremark.com/oe/gic                            |  |  |
| CVS SilverScript  | 1.877.876.7214   | gic.silverscript.com                                |  |  |
| DENTAL BENEFITS   |  |   |  |  |
| GIC Retiree MetLife Dental Plan                               | 1.866.292.9990   | metlife.com/gicbenefits                             |  |  |
| ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (NOT ADMINISTERED BY THE GIC)            |  |   |  |  |
| Social Security Administration                                | 1.800.772.1213 or your local<br>Social Security Office | <u>ssa.gov</u>                                      |  |  |
| Medicare  | 1.800.633.4227   | medicare.gov  |  |  |

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