MEDICARE: HEALTH PLAN NEEDS CHECKLIST



The Medicare plan that worked for you last year, may not address your healthcare and lifestyle needs in the coming year. As you review your Annual Notice Of Change, consider the following factors. It's a great idea to make a checklist as you go through these questions:

CHANGES IN HEALTH	
•	Has your health changed?
•	Were you newly diagnosed with a chronic condition?
•	Are you going to need to see specialists in the upcoming year?
•	Will you need surgery, like a knee or hip replacement?
•	Do you want extra coverage for hearing, dental or vision?
MEDICATIONS	
•	Does your current plan cover the prescription medications you need?
•	Were you prescribed any new medications or taken off any previous medications?
•	Is your pharmacy considered "preferred" with your current plan?
•	If you are a diabetic, does your plan participate in the CMS Part D Senior Savings Model?
PROVIDER NETWORKS	
•	Are your preferred healthcare providers and facilities in your network?
•	Is your provider list up to date?
•	Will you need to see any doctors outside of your service area in the upcoming year?
COSTS	
•	Does your plan cover out-of-network services? At what cost?
•	How much will you have to pay in premium and copays/coinsurance?
•	How much will your prescriptions cost, and will you fall into the coverage gap?
•	What is your out-of-pocket maximum?

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Does your plan participate in the Medicare Buy Back/Give Back program?

