

Ascension Complete

New Member Kit 2023

Get the most out of your new health plan! Learn how to use your 2023 Medicare Advantage plan to make it work for you!

Welcome!

Thank you for choosing Ascension Complete for your Medicare needs.

With your choice comes coverage for inpatient hospital care, primary and specialist physician visits, prescription drugs, and much more.

Review this New Member Kit so you can get the most from your Medicare Advantage plan. To keep things simple, this kit is divided into three sections:

- 1 Things to do
 - Check out this section to learn how to schedule appointments with your primary care physician and get preventive care services.
- 2 Things to know

This section is where you'll learn to find important health plan documents. You'll also discover quick tips for getting the most from your new plan.

3 Things to learn

Find helpful definitions of words and phrases used in this kit. Learn how we protect your privacy, and more!

Take a few moments to go through your New Member Kit. If you still have questions or can't find what you're looking for, give us a call. We're here to help.

1-833-431-1356 (TTY: 711)

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Things to do

Save time, save money, and get more from your benefits.

Take a few minutes to:

- ☐ **Sign up** for convenient prescription delivery by mail
- ☐ **Learn** about your care options

Prescription benefits

Get your prescription drugs in the way that works for you

The prescription drugs your doctor recommends can play a vital role in improving and maintaining your health. When your doctor gives you a new prescription, make sure to talk to them about generic options. Generic drugs offer the same health benefits as brand name drugs and will often save you money at the pharmacy.

Use a Retail Pharmacy

We have a large network of retail pharmacies that you can find on our website. You can also call Member Services for help finding a participating pharmacy near you. Retail pharmacies offer the ability to walk in with a prescription and get a supply of your medication right away, or refills on an ongoing basis.

Use a Preferred Pharmacy

Many of our plans offer additional savings when you go to preferred pharmacies within our network. When you use preferred pharmacies, you will often pay less for many of your medications than you would at a standard pharmacy. Check your Evidence of Coverage (EOC) to see if your plan offers preferred pharmacy copays.

Use Mail-Order Delivery

Some medications are prescribed for long-term (or chronic) conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or high cholesterol. Many of these are available through our convenient mail-order service that delivers a 90-day supply of medication directly to you. When you call have a list of the medications you currently take available, your ID card, and contact information for your Primary Care Physician (PCP).

CVS† Caremark®

†Other Pharmacies/Physicians/Providers are available in our network.

Phone: **1-888-624-1139 (TTY: 711)**

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Website: Caremark.com

Save time with Mail Order Prescriptions

Our home-delivery** service through CVS† Caremark® lets you have up to a 90-day supply of your medications mailed safely to your door. You save time, and in many cases, you save money too. CVS Caremark can even automatically refill and renew your home-delivery prescriptions at no extra cost.



Convenience

Your medications are delivered right to you, saving you trips to the pharmacy and travel time. Plus, standard shipping is always free! CVS Caremark will even contact your doctor to ask for a 90-day prescription. CVS Caremark also offers SimpleDose™ for those who take multiple medications and doses throughout the day. Please visit: https://www.cvs.com/simpledose.



Savings

\$0 copay for select medications* filled at CVS Caremark. That means you don't pay anything for those medications!



Get started today!

Call our mail order provider CVS Caremark toll-free at **1-866-808-7471 (TTY: 711)**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Or visit **Caremark.com**.

*For our Medicare Advantage members with Part D coverage (MAPD), this applies to Tier 1 (preferred generic) and Tier 2 (generic) medications.

To learn more, please refer to the plan's Evidence of Coverage and approved drug list (Formulary). Members may call the number on the back of their member ID card.

**Home delivery, also known as mail order service.

†Other pharmacies are available in our network.

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Consider all of your options *before* going to the emergency room



Go to the ER if you're experiencing a life-threatening injury or illness.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)

Your PCP is your main physician. Call the office to schedule a visit if you don't need immediate medical care.

Nurse Advice Line

Medical professionals can answer your health questions.

Please refer to the phone number on the back of your health plan member ID card.

Telehealth

Use Telehealth for easy access to in-network providers for nonemergency health issues. Get medical advice, a diagnosis or a prescription from home.

To use Telehealth, download the **Teladoc** mobile app available in the App Store or Google Play store. You can also schedule Telehealth appointments online at **Teladoc.com/AscensionComplete.**

In-Network Urgent Care Center

Go to a nearby urgent care center if your illness or injury isn't life-threatening and your PCP's office is closed. **In-network urgent care centers offer a lower cost share and faster service!**

Note: For all health visits, calls, and videos, please have a list of the current medications you are taking.

Things to know

Take a few minutes to learn about your new Medicare plan.

This is where you can find out about:

- Quick tips
- Self-service tools
- Your Extra Benefits

Get started with these quick tips

Keep Your Member ID Card

Your member ID card will arrive separately from this New Member Kit. Keep it in your wallet so you have it handy for all your healthcare services.

Confirm Your PCP

Check your member ID card to confirm if a provider is printed, as your preferred Primary Care Physician. If an incorrect PCP name is listed, please call Member Services toll-free at the number on the back of your ID card to change your PCP.

Prior Authorization

Some services must be authorized by the plan before you have the service. Your in-network PCP or specialist will contact the plan for authorization. It is always a good idea to check with your doctor to make sure the authorization is on file before the date of your service. For PPO and POS plans, out-of-network providers might not request prior authorization, but you can always ask the provider to contact the plan for a pre-service determination to make sure your service will be covered.

Use the Network to Keep Your Costs Low

Our provider network includes doctors, specialists, hospitals, and other providers. Remember: Network providers can help you save money. View the network at **www.AscensionComplete.com.**

Learn about your plan benefits

Go to **AscensionComplete.com** to get more information about your benefits. Online you can find the:

Evidence of Coverage

Your member handbook with all the details about your plan.

Summary of Benefits

An at-a-glance look at your benefits.

Comprehensive Formulary

This is a list of Part D drugs that are covered by your plan. The formulary is posted online at **AscensionComplete.com/formulary** and is updated throughout the year.

Use our easy self-service tools

Use these tools any time day or night to order ID cards, change your PCP, find a provider or pharmacy, pay your premium, order member materials, or view your benefits and copays. Features may vary by plan.



Website

Set up your online member account. Visit **Member.AscensionComplete.com** to create an account and log in to the secure member portal for access to all this and more:

- Order member materials
- Change your PCP
- Pay your premium, if you have one
- View copayments for your PCP, specialist, and hospital visits
- View claims
- Print your member ID card
- Communicate securely with Member Services in a secure environment



Automated Phone System

Call the automated phone system at **1-833-431-1356** (TTY: **711**) to:

- Check enrollment eligibility status
- Request an ID card
- Request transportation
- Reach the Nurse Advice Line
- File an appeal
- File a complaint
- Change your PCP
- Speak to someone regarding your Flex Card benefits

- Leave a voicemail
- Speak to a live agent
- Get your OTC benefit started
- Speak to someone regarding dental benefits
- Speak to someone regarding vision benefits

Things to learn

It's all right here when you need it.

Use this section to find important information like:

- A glossary of important words and phrases
- Your rights
- How we protect your privacy

Glossary

Here's a list of terms you'll likely see or hear as you get settled in with your new plan.

Basic Medicare

Basic Medicare covers doctor visits, treatment in a hospital, skilled nursing facility or hospice, lab tests, surgery, some home healthcare, and durable medical equipment. You usually have to pay a monthly premium for Part B coverage. You also have to meet yearly deductibles.

Care Manager

A coach who can help you reach your health goals.

Coinsurance

The cost shared by you and your insurance plan. Coinsurance is usually a percentage of the total amount due.

Copayment

The fixed amount you pay each time for certain services, like a doctor visit or prescription drugs.

Cost-sharing

What you have to pay when you get services or drugs. Cost-sharing includes copayments and coinsurance.

Covered Drugs

This refers to all the prescription drugs covered by our plan.

Covered Services

This refers to the healthcare, longterm services and supports, supplies, prescription and over-the-counter drugs, and equipment covered by our plan.

Deductible

The amount you must pay each year for healthcare or prescriptions before your Medicare plan begins to cover some costs.

Emergency Care

Services given by trained emergency service providers to treat a medical emergency.

Evidence of Coverage (EOC)

This document explains what your health plan covers, how it works, and how much you will pay for services.

Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

This shows you the costs of your healthcare services and how much you owe. (For Part D prescription drugs, it shows how much you paid.) It is provided to you for your records. **Please note, it is not a bill.**

Formulary (List of Drugs)

A list of prescription drugs covered by your health plan. The drug list is divided into tiers to help you see how much, if anything, you have to pay.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

A law in the United States that requires those in the healthcare field to protect your personal health information.

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) plans

In an HMO plan, you have to choose a primary care physician in our network. If you need a specialist, the PCP will choose one who is also in our network.

Health Maintenance Organizations Point of Service (HMO POS) plans

HMO POS plan members choose a primary care physician either in or out of our network. But you should remember that going outside of our network means you likely will pay more for that service. If a specialist is needed, the PCP will choose one who is also in our network.

In-Network Provider

A doctor or pharmacy in our network.

Low-Income Subsidy (LIS)

A program that subsidizes prescription drug costs for those who qualify. Also known as *Extra Help*.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket Costs (MOOP)

The most you will have to pay on deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance for covered services before your health plan pays 100% of the costs of covered benefits.

Mental Health Treatment

Treatment for a person with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being.

Out-of-Network Provider

A doctor or pharmacy not included in our network. If you use an out-of-network provider for your healthcare services, you will likely pay more.

Out-of-Pocket Costs

This is what you actually pay for your healthcare services.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drugs

Medications a consumer can get without a prescription.

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans

PPO plans are similar to HMO plans, but with great flexibility. In a PPO plan, you don't need to choose a PCP and you don't need a referral to see a specialist.

Premium

The amount you pay each month to receive your Medicare Advantage coverage.

Prescription Drug Plan (PDP)

Prescription medication coverage, usually included in most Medicare Advantage plans.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)

Your PCP is your main healthcare professional. They make sure you get the care you need.

Prior Authorization

Approval in advance to get services or certain drugs that require authorization or may not be on our formulary.

Some medical services and drugs are covered only if your doctor gets prior authorization from our plan.

Special Needs Plan (SNP)

A special type of Medicare Advantage Plan that provides more focused healthcare for specific groups of people, like those who have both Medicare and Medicaid, who live in a nursing home or who have certain chronic medical conditions.

Specialist

A doctor who provides healthcare for a specific disease or part of the body.

Substance Abuse

Dependence on an addictive substance, especially alcohol or drugs.

Urgent Care

A facility that provides a quick diagnosis or treatment of a non-life-threatening illness, injury or other medical condition when you are unable to see your PCP. Always check to make sure an urgent care facility is in-network.

Other Resources

Your Evidence of Coverage and Summary of Benefits are great places to learn about your plan benefits and details on how your coverage works.

Your Rights

You have the power to choose who will help you with important healthcare decisions.

Power of Attorney

Naming a power of attorney lets you choose someone, like a family member, to make important decisions on your behalf. If you want that person to be able to make health-related decisions, you must designate them as your Healthcare Power of Attorney.

Durable Power of Attorney

A durable healthcare power of attorney also lets you choose someone to make important healthcare decisions on your behalf. However, a durable healthcare power of attorney **remains valid even if you cannot make those decisions on your own.**

Appointment of Representative

An appointed representative is given special permission to ask for a health coverage decision or make an appeal for you.

Advance Directives

An advance directive is a written statement of your wishes for medical treatment – often including a living will – to ensure your wishes are carried out if you cannot communicate them to a doctor.

Ascension Complete Notice of Privacy Practices

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. *Please review it carefully.*

Effective 03.01.2021

For help to translate or understand this, please call Member Services using the contact information at the end of this notice. Hearing impaired **TTY (711)**.

Si desea obtener ayuda para traducir o comprender este documento, llame a Servicios para Miembros al número que se encuentra al final de este aviso. Las personas con discapacidad auditiva pueden llamar al **TTY (711)**.

Covered Entity's Duties:

Ascension Complete is a Covered Entity as defined and regulated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Ascension Complete is required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information (PHI), provide you with this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices related to your PHI, abide by the terms of the Notice that is currently in affect and notify you in the event of a breach of your unsecured PHI.

This Notice describes how we may use and disclose your PHI. It also describes your rights to access, amend and manage your PHI and how to exercise those rights. All other uses and disclosures of your PHI not described in this Notice will be made only with your written authorization.

Ascension Complete reserves the right to change this Notice. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed Notice effective for your PHI we already have as well as any of your PHI we receive in the future. Ascension Complete will promptly revise and distribute this Notice whenever there is a material change to the following:

- The Uses or Disclosures
- Your rights
- Our legal duties
- Other privacy practices stated in the notice.

We will make any revised Notices available on our website or through a separate mailing.

Internal Protections of Oral, Written and Electronic PHI:

Ascension Complete protects your PHI. We have privacy and security processes to help.

These are some of the ways we protect your PHI.

- We train our staff to follow our privacy and security processes.
- We require our business associates to follow privacy and security processes.
- We keep our offices secure.
- We talk about your PHI only for a business reason with people who need to know.
- We keep your PHI secure when we send it or store it electronically.
- We use technology to keep the wrong people from accessing your PHI.

Permissible Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI:

The following is a list of how we may use or disclose your PHI without your permission or authorization:

- **Treatment** We may use or disclose your PHI to a physician or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you, to coordinate your treatment among providers, or to assist us in making prior authorization decisions related to your benefits.
- **Payment** We may use and disclose your PHI to make benefit payments for the healthcare services provided to you. We may disclose your PHI to another health plan, to a healthcare provider, or other entity subject to the federal Privacy Rules for their payment purposes. Payment activities may include:
 - processing claims
 - determining eligibility or coverage for claims
 - issuing premium billings
 - reviewing services for medical necessity
 - performing utilization review of claims
- **Healthcare Operations** We may use and disclose your PHI to perform our healthcare operations. These activities may include:
 - providing customer services
 - responding to complaints and appeals
 - providing case management and care coordination
 - conducting medical review of claims and other quality assessment
 - improvement activities

In our healthcare operations, we may disclose PHI to business associates. We will have written agreements to protect the privacy of your PHI with these associates. We may disclose your PHI to another entity that is subject to the federal Privacy Rules. The entity must also have a relationship with you for its healthcare operations. This includes the following:

- quality assessment and improvement activities
- reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals
- case management and care coordination
- detecting or preventing healthcare fraud and abuse.
- **Group Health Plan/Plan Sponsor Disclosures** We may disclose your protected health information to a sponsor of the group health plan, such as an employer or other entity that is providing a healthcare program to you, if the sponsor has agreed to certain restrictions on how it will use or disclose the protected health information (such as agreeing not to use the protected health information for employment-related actions or decisions).

Other Permitted or Required Disclosures of Your PHI:

- **Fundraising Activities** We may use or disclose your PHI for fundraising activities, such as raising money for a charitable foundation or similar entity to help finance their activities. If we do contact you for fundraising activities, we will give you the opportunity to opt-out, or stop, receiving such communications in the future.
- *Underwriting Purposes* We may use or disclose your PHI for underwriting purposes, such as to make a determination about a coverage application or request. If we do use or disclose your PHI for underwriting purposes, we are prohibited from using or disclosing your PHI that is genetic information in the underwriting process.
- Appointment Reminders/Treatment Alternatives We may use and disclose your PHI to remind you of an appointment for treatment and medical care with us or to provide you with information regarding treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services, such as information on how to stop smoking or lose weight.
- As Required by Law If federal, state, and/or local law requires a use or disclosure of your PHI, we may use or disclose your PHI information to the extent that the use or disclosure complies with such law and is limited to the requirements of such law. If two or more laws or regulations governing the same use or disclosure conflict, we will comply with the more restrictive laws or regulations.
- **Public Health Activities** We may disclose your PHI to a public health authority for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability. We may disclose your PHI to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure the quality, safety or effectiveness of products or services under the jurisdiction of the FDA.

- Victims of Abuse and Neglect We may disclose your PHI to a local, state, or federal government authority, including social services or a protective services agency authorized by law to receive such reports if we have a reasonable belief of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.
 Judicial and Administrative Proceedings We may disclose your PHI in judicial and administrative proceedings. We may also disclose it in response to the following:
 - an order of a court warrar
 - administrative tribunaldiscovery request
 - subpoena similar legal request.
 - summons
- Law Enforcement We may disclose your relevant PHI to law enforcement when required to do so. For example, in response to a:
 - court order
 summons issued by a judicial officer
 - court-ordered warrantgrand jury subpoena
 - subpoena

We may also disclose your relevant PHI to identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person.

- Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors We may disclose your PHI to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary, for example, to determine a cause of death. We may also disclose your PHI to funeral directors, as necessary, to carry out their duties.
- *Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation* We may disclose your PHI to organ procurement organizations. We may also disclose your PHI to those who work in procurement, banking or transplantation of:
 - cadaveric organs eye tissues
- Threats to Health and Safety We may use or disclose your PHI if we believe, in good faith, that the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public.
- **Specialized Government Functions** If you are a member of U.S. Armed Forces, we may disclose your PHI as required by military command authorities. We may also disclose your PHI:
 - to authorized federal officials for national security
 - to intelligence agencies

- the Department of State for medical suitability determinations
- for protective services of the President or other authorized persons
- **Workers' Compensation** We may disclose your PHI to comply with laws relating to workers' compensation or other similar programs, established by law, that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault.

- Emergency Situations We may disclose your PHI in an emergency situation, or if you are incapacitated or not present, to a family member, close personal friend, authorized disaster relief agency, or any other person previously identified by you. We will use professional judgment and experience to determine if the disclosure is in your best interests. If the disclosure is in your best interest, we will only disclose the PHI that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your care.
- Inmates If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release your PHI to the correctional institution or law enforcement official, where such information is necessary for the institution to provide you with healthcare; to protect your health or safety; or the health or safety of others; or for the safety and security of the correctional institution.
- **Research** Under certain circumstances, we may disclose your PHI to researchers when their clinical research study has been approved and where certain safeguards are in place to ensure the privacy and protection of your PHI.

Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI That Require Your Written Authorization

We are required to obtain your written authorization to use or disclose your PHI, with limited exceptions, for the following reasons:

- **Sale of PHI** We will request your written authorization before we make any disclosure that is deemed a sale of your PHI, meaning that we are receiving compensation for disclosing the PHI in this manner.
- *Marketing* We will request your written authorization to use or disclose your PHI for marketing purposes with limited exceptions, such as when we have face-to-face marketing communications with you or when we provide promotional gifts of nominal value.
- **Psychotherapy Notes** We will request your written authorization to use or disclose any of your psychotherapy notes that we may have on file with limited exception, such as for certain treatment, payment or healthcare operation functions.

Individuals Rights

The following are your rights concerning your PHI. If you would like to use any of the following rights, please contact us using the information at the end of this Notice.

• Right to Request Restrictions - You have the right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your PHI for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, as well as disclosures to persons involved in your care or payment of your care, such as family members or close friends. Your request should state the restrictions you are requesting and state to whom the restriction applies. We are not required to agree to this request. If we agree, we will comply with your restriction request unless the information is needed to provide you with emergency treatment. However,

we will restrict the use or disclosure of PHI for payment or healthcare operations to a health plan when you have paid for the service or item out of pocket in full.

- Right to Request Confidential Communications You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your PHI by alternative means or to alternative locations. This right only applies if the information could endanger you if it is not communicated by the alternative means or to the alternative location you want. You do not have to explain the reason for your request, but you must state that the information could endanger you if the communication means or location is not changed. We must accommodate your request if it is reasonable and specifies the alternative means or location where your PHI should be delivered.
- Right to Access and Receive a Copy of your PHI You have the right, with limited exceptions, to look at or get copies of your PHI contained in a designated record set. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practicably do so. You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your PHI. If we deny your request, we will provide you a written explanation and will tell you if the reasons for the denial can be reviewed and how to ask for such a review or if the denial cannot be reviewed.
- Right to Amend your PHI You have the right to request that we amend, or change, your PHI if you believe it contains incorrect information. Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny your request for certain reasons, for example if we did not create the information you want amended and the creator of the PHI is able to perform the amendment. If we deny your request, we will provide you a written explanation. You may respond with a statement that you disagree with our decision and we will attach your statement to the PHI you request that we amend. If we accept your request to amend the information, we will make reasonable efforts to inform others, including people you name, of the amendment and to include the changes in any future disclosures of that information.
- Right to Receive an Accounting of Disclosures You have the right to receive a list of instances within the last 6 years period in which we or our business associates disclosed your PHI. This does not apply to disclosure for purposes of treatment, payment, healthcare operations, or disclosures you authorized and certain other activities. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests. We will provide you with more information on our fees at the time of your request.
- **Right to File a Complaint** If you feel your privacy rights have been violated or that we have violated our own privacy practices, you can file a complaint with us in writing or by phone using the contact information at the end of this Notice.

You can also file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or calling **1-800-368-1019**, **(TTY: 1-866-788-4989)** or visiting **www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/**.

WE WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST YOU FOR FILING A COMPLAINT.

• *Right to Receive a Copy of this Notice* - You may request a copy of our Notice at any time by using the contact information list at the end of the Notice. If you receive this Notice on our website or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are also entitled to request a paper copy of the Notice.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this Notice, our privacy practices related to your PHI or how to exercise your rights you can contact us in writing or by phone using the contact information listed below.

Ascension Complete Attn: Privacy Officer PO Box 10420 Van Nuys, CA 91410

	D-SNP plans	All other plans
Alabama	833-542-1677	833-623-0771
Florida	833-542-1676	833-603-2971
Illinois	N/A	833-293-5966
Indiana	833-542-1679	833-525-0824
Kansas	N/A	833-816-6623
Michigan	833-542-1678	833-431-1356
Tennessee	N/A	833-906-2876
Texas	N/A	833-705-1358
Toll Free TTY	711	711

Ascension Complete is contracted with Medicare for HMO and PPO plans. Our D-SNP plans have a contract with the state Medicaid program. Enrollment in Ascension Complete depends on contract renewal.

Please contact your plan for details.

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