

# ***BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO) offered by***

Boston Medical Center Health Plan, Inc.

## **Annual Notice of Changes for 2021**

You are enrolled as a member of *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)*. In 2021, there will be some changes to the plan's benefits. *This booklet tells about the changes.*

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### **What to do now**

#### **1. ASK:** Which changes apply to you

- Check the changes to our benefits and costs to see if they affect you.
    - It's important to review your coverage now to make sure it will meet your needs next year.
    - Do the changes affect the services you use?
    - Look in Sections 1.3 for information about benefit and cost changes for our plan.
  - Check the changes in the booklet to our prescription drug coverage to see if they affect you.
    - Will your drugs be covered?
    - Do any of your drugs have new restrictions, such as needing approval from us before you fill your prescription?
    - Can you keep using the same pharmacies? Are there changes to the cost of using this pharmacy?
    - Review the 2021 Drug List and look in Section 1.4 for information about changes to our drug coverage.
  - Check to see if your doctors and other providers will be in our network next year.
    - Are your doctors, including specialists you see regularly, in our network?
    - What about the hospitals or other providers you use?
    - Look in Section 2 for information about our Provider Directory.
  - Think about whether you are happy with our plan.
- #### **2. COMPARE:** Learn about other plan choices
- Check coverage and costs of plans in your area.
    - Look in Section 2 to learn more about your choices.
  - Once you narrow your choice to a preferred plan, confirm your costs and coverage on the plan's website.

### 3. **CHOOSE:** Decide whether you want to change your plan

- If you don't join another plan by December 7, 2020, you will be enrolled in *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)*.
- If you want to **change to a different plan** that may better meet your needs, you can switch plans at any time. Your new coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. Look in Section 2.1 and 2.2, to learn more about your choices.

### **Additional Resources**

- This document is available for free in Spanish.
- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-855-833-8125 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Representatives are available 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. from October 1 – March 31). Calls to these numbers are free.
- Member Services also has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers.
- This document may be available in other formats such as braille, large print, or other alternate formats. For additional information call Member Services at 1-855-833-8125.
- **Coverage under this Plan qualifies as Qualifying Health Coverage (QHC)** and satisfies the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) individual shared responsibility requirement. Please 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.

### **About *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)***

- *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)* is an HMO plan with a Medicare Advantage contract and a contract with the Massachusetts Medicaid program. Enrollment in *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)* depends on contract renewal. *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)* is a voluntary MassHealth (Medicaid) program in association with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The plan also has a written agreement with the Massachusetts Medicaid program to coordinate your Medicaid benefits.
- When this booklet says “we,” “us,” or “our,” it means *Boston Medical Center Health Plan, Inc. d/b/a Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan*. When it says “plan” or “our plan,” it means *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)*.

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## Summary of Important Costs for 2021

The table below compares the 2020 costs and 2021 costs for *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)* in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of changes.** A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org). You can also review the enclosed *Evidence of Coverage* to see if other benefit or cost changes affect you. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b>Doctor office visits</b>	Primary care visits: \$0 per visit Specialist visits: \$0 per visit	Primary care visits: \$0 per visit Specialist visits: \$0 per visit
<b>Inpatient hospital stays</b> Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.	\$0	\$0
<b>Prescription drug coverage</b> (See Section 1.4 for details.)	\$0	\$0

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## SECTION 1 Changes for Next Year

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### Section 1.1 – Changes to the Provider Network

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There are changes to our network of providers for next year. An updated Provider Directory is located on our website at [www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org). You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Provider Directory. **Please review the 2021 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.**

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors, and specialists (providers) that are part of your plan during the year. There are a number of reasons why your provider might leave your plan, but if your doctor or specialist does leave your plan you have certain rights and protections summarized below:

- Even though our network of providers may change during the year, we must furnish you with uninterrupted access to qualified doctors and specialists.
- We will make a good faith effort to provide you with at least 30 days' notice that your provider is leaving our plan so that you have time to select a new provider.
- We will assist you in selecting a new qualified provider to continue managing your health care needs.
- If you are undergoing medical treatment you have the right to request, and we will work with you to ensure, that the medically necessary treatment you are receiving is not interrupted.
- If you believe we have not furnished you with a qualified provider to replace your previous provider or that your care is not being appropriately managed, you have the right to file an appeal of our decision.
- If you find out your doctor or specialist is leaving your plan, please contact us so we can assist you in finding a new provider to manage your care.

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### Section 1.2 – Changes to the Pharmacy Network

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Amounts you pay for your prescription drugs may depend on which pharmacy you use. The Plan has a network of pharmacies. In most cases, your prescriptions are covered *only* if they are filled at one of our network pharmacies.

Our network has changed more than usual for 2021. An updated Pharmacy Directory is located on our website at [www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org). You may also call Member Services for updated provider information or to ask us to mail you a Pharmacy Directory. We strongly suggest that you review our current Pharmacy Directory to see if your pharmacy is still in our network.

## Section 1.3 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

Please note that the *Annual Notice of Changes* tells you about changes to your benefits and costs.

We are changing our coverage for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes. For details about the coverage and costs for these services, see Chapter 4, *Benefits Chart (what is covered)*, in your *2021 Evidence of Coverage*. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b><i>Supplemental Benefit: Over the Counter (OTC) Items, combined with the SSBCI Food &amp; Produce benefit</i></b>	\$100 per calendar quarter (\$400 per calendar year) with a roll-over of any unused amount toward the next calendar quarter, within the same calendar year.	\$50 per month (\$600 per calendar year) to be used for a combination of OTC items, Food and Produce, or a combination of OTC items/Food and Produce. There is a roll-over of any unused amount toward the next month(s), within the same calendar year.
<b><i>Special Supplemental Benefit for the Chronically Ill: Food and Produce, combined with the supplemental Over-The-Counter benefit</i></b>	Food and Produce was not covered.	\$50 per month to be used for a combination of Food and Produce, OTC items, or a combination of Food and Produce/OTC items. There is a roll-over of any unused amount toward the next month(s), within the same calendar year
<b><i>Supplemental Benefit: Vision Hardware</i></b>	\$150 per calendar year	\$300 per calendar year
<b><i>Supplemental Benefit: Fitness Services</i></b>	Coverage reimbursement of 50% up to a maximum of up to \$400 for enrollment in a Health Club, or fitness programs such as Yoga, Water Aerobics, Fall Prevention, and other programs/classes.	Up to \$225 per calendar year for services related to physical fitness. This can be used for any combination of the following: fitness tracker, physical fitness programs including yoga, water aerobics, memory fitness, or membership in a YMCA or a Health Club.

Cost	2020 (this year)	2021 (next year)
<b><i>Supplemental Benefit: Worldwide Emergency and Urgent Care Services</i></b>	Worldwide Emergency and Urgent Care Services outside the United States and its territories are <u>not</u> covered.	Worldwide Emergency and Urgent Care Services are covered outside the United States and its territories. Coverage is <b>NOT</b> provided for transportation to return an Enrollee to the United States or its territories.

## Section 1.4 – Changes to Prescription Drug Coverage

### Changes to Our Drug List

Our list of covered drugs is called a Formulary or “Drug List.” A copy of our Drug List is provided electronically. The Drug List provided electronically on our website includes many – *but not all* – of the drugs that we will cover next year. If you don’t see your drug on this list, it might still be covered. **You can get the complete Drug List** by calling Member Services (see the back cover) or visiting our website ([www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org)).

We made changes to our Drug List, including changes to the drugs we cover and changes to 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 see if there will be any restrictions.**

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage, you can:

- **Work with your doctor (or other prescriber) and ask the plan to make an exception** to cover the drug.
  - To learn what you must do to ask for an exception, see Chapter 8 of your *Evidence of Coverage (What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints))* or call Member Services.
- **Work with your doctor (or prescriber) to find a different drug** that we cover. You can call Member Services to ask for a list of covered drugs that treat the same medical condition.

In some situations, we are required to cover a temporary supply of a non-formulary drug in the first 90 days of the plan year or the first 90 days of membership to avoid a gap in therapy. (To learn more about when you can get a temporary supply and how to ask for one, see Chapter 5, Section 5.2 of the *Evidence of Coverage*.) During the time when you are getting a temporary supply of a drug, you should talk with your doctor 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.

If you received approval for a formulary exception this year, and the drug will still require an exception for coverage next year, we will extend your approval through 2021. You will not need to submit another request.

Most of the changes in the Drug List are new for the beginning of each year. However, during the year, we might make other changes if they are allowed.

## **SECTION 2 Deciding Which Plan to Choose**

### **Section 2.1 – If you want to stay in *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)***

**To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything.** If you do not sign up for a different plan, you will automatically be enrolled in our *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)*.

### **Section 2.2 – If you want to change plans**

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2021 follow these steps:

#### **Step 1: Learn about and compare your choices**

- You can join a different MassHealth (Medicaid) health plan or you can change back to MassHealth Standard (Medicaid),

#### **-Step 2: Change your coverage**

- **To change to a different MassHealth (Medicaid) or Senior Care Options health plan,** enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)*.

## **SECTION 3 Questions?**

### **Section 3.1 – Getting Help from *BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO)***

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-855-833-8125. (TTY only, call 711.) We are available for phone calls Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Representatives are available 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. from October 1 – March 31). Calls to these numbers are free.

### **Read your 2021 Evidence of Coverage (it has details about next year's benefits)**

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2021. For details, look in the 2021 *Evidence of Coverage* for BMC HealthNet Plan Senior Care Options (SCO). The *Evidence of Coverage* is the legal, detailed description of your plan benefits. It explains your rights and the rules you need to follow to get covered services and prescription drugs. A copy of the *Evidence of Coverage* is located on our website at [www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org). You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

### **Visit our Website**

You can also visit our website at [www.SeniorsGetMore.org](http://www.SeniorsGetMore.org). As a reminder, our website has the most up-to-date information about our provider network (Provider Directory) and our list of covered drugs (Formulary/Drug List).

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## **Section 3.2 – Getting Help from Medicaid**

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To get information from Medicaid you can call MassHealth (Medicaid) at 1-800-841-2900 or 617-573-1770. TTY users should call 1-800-497-4648. They are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.