CU Health Plan — Medicare, provided by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, is available to Medicare-eligible retirees and their spouses/dependents. An employee’s spouse, common-law spouse, civil union partner, domestic partner, children under the age of 27, and qualifying disabled children over age 27 of the employee or of the spouse/partner who are biological, legally adopted or for whom there are parental responsibility documents issued by a court. You cannot participate in this plan if you are not enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. This is not a Medicare supplement or MediGap plan.

Medicare Parts A and B is your primary coverage for any claim. CU Health Plan — Medicare pays secondary for services covered by Medicare. The plan will not cover services that Medicare does not pay. CU Health Plan — Medicare will pay up to the allowable amount set by Medicare Parts A and B for that specific service. Most medical services or supplies not covered under Medicare are not covered benefits under this plan.

Plan details

- CU Health Plan - Medicare Benefits Coverage Summary (7 pages)
- CU Health Plan - Medicare Benefits Booklet (72 pages)
- Anthem Preventative Care Guidelines

Find a doctor or a pharmacy

- Find a doctor
- Call Anthem at 1-800-735-6072
- Learn about prescription coverage and see FAQs
- Call CVS Caremark at 1-888-964-0121

Over/Under Plan

CU Health Plan — Medicare/High Deductible is available only to covered CU retirees and their spouses/dependents when at least one member is eligible for Medicare and at least one member is non-Medicare eligible. The partner who is not Medicare-eligible must enroll in CU Health Plan - High Deductible to keep their CU medical coverage. Please review details of both the Medicare and High Deductible Plans if you are a considering this option.

You cannot pair the University of Colorado's Health Savings Account (HSA) with a High-Deductible Health Plan, which can be used to pay for qualified health care expenses now or in the future. An HSA is a savings account that you own. The funds in an HSA carry forward year after year, even if you change employers or retire.
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### Features and Considerations

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Office Visit (Primary/Specialist/Specialist
A physician specialist focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a provider who has more training in a specific area of health care.

[15]

20% coinsurance

The portion of expenses that you have to pay for certain covered services, calculated as a percentage. For example, if the coinsurance rate is 20%, then you are responsible for paying 20% of the bill, and the insurance company will pay 80%. [14] after deductible

Deductible

An amount that you are required to pay before the plan will begin to reimburse for covered services. [11] - Coverage for Medicare-approved charges not reimbursed by Medicare

Diagnostic tests/imaging


Emergency Care

A medical or behavioral health condition that must be treated at the emergency department of a hospital due to an illness, injury, symptom or condition severe enough to risk serious danger to your health (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of her unborn child) if you didn’t get medical attention. See where and when to get care. [16]/urgent care

Urgent Care

Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require emergency room care. [17]
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