



## 2022 Enrollment Request Form

### Use this form to enroll in an Essence Healthcare plan

#### Who can use this form?

People with Medicare who want to join a Medicare Advantage Plan.

#### To join a plan, you must:

- Be a United States citizen or be lawfully present in the U.S.
- Live in the plan's service area

**Important:** To join a Medicare Advantage Plan, you must also have both:

- Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance)
- Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)

#### When do I use this form?

You can join a plan:

- Between October 15-December 7 each year (for coverage starting January 1)
- Within 3 months of first getting Medicare
- In certain situations where you're allowed to join or switch plans

Visit Medicare.gov to learn more about when you can sign up for a plan.

#### What do I need to complete this form?

- Your Medicare Number (the number on your red, white, and blue Medicare Card)
- Your permanent address and phone number

**Note:** You must complete all items in Section 1. The items in Section 2 are optional – you can't be denied coverage because you don't fill them out.

#### Reminders:

- If you want to join a plan during fall open enrollment (October 15 – December 7), the plan must get your completed form by December 7.
- Your plan will send you a monthly invoice for the plan's premium and any applicable Late Enrollment Penalty and/or OSB. You can choose to sign up to have your premium payments deducted from your monthly Social Security (or Railroad Retirement Board) benefit.

#### What happens next?

Send your completed and signed form to:

Essence Healthcare

P.O. Box 12487

St. Louis, MO 63132

Once they process your request to join, they'll contact you.

#### How do I get help with this form?

Call Essence Healthcare at 855-200-0109. TTY users can call 711.

Or, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

**En español:** Llame a Essence Healthcare al 855-200-0109 (TTY:711) o a Medicare gratis al 1-800-633-4227 y oprima el 2 para asistencia en español y un representante estará disponible para asistirle.



Please contact Essence Healthcare (HMO) Sales at 855-200-0109 if you need assistance completing this form.  
TTY users call the national relay service toll free at 711.

**Section 1 - All fields on this page are required (unless marked optional)**

**Select the plan you want to join:**

- Essence Advantage *Platinum* (HMO) 001 – (Santa Clara County) \$89 per month
- Essence Advantage *Gold* (HMO) 002 – (Santa Clara County) \$39 per month
- Essence Advantage *Platinum* (HMO) 004 – (Alameda and San Mateo Counties) \$89 per month
- Essence Advantage *Gold* (HMO) 007 – (Alameda and San Mateo Counties) \$59 per month

**Optional Supplemental Benefits:** Dental and Vision

You can add optional supplemental benefits (dental and vision services) for an additional premium per month. The monthly premium for your optional supplemental benefits will be in addition to your monthly plan premium and/or Late Enrollment Penalty.

- Yes  No Dental (DHMO) and Vision \$20 per month
- Yes  No Dental (PPO) and Vision \$38 per month

FIRST Name:	LAST Name:	Middle Initial (Optional):
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Birth Date: ( ___ / ___ / _____ ) ( M M / D D / Y Y Y Y )	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Phone Number (select primary phone number): <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile: (        ) <input type="checkbox"/> Home: (        )
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Permanent Residence street address (Don't enter a PO Box):	County (Optional):
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City:	State:	Zip Code:
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Mailing Address, if different from your permanent address (PO Box allowed):  
Street Address

City:	State:	Zip Code:
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E-mail address (Optional):

**Your Medicare Information**

**Medicare Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer these important questions:**

Will you have other prescription drug coverage (like VA, TRICARE) in addition to Essence Healthcare?  
 Yes  No

If "yes," please list your other coverage and your identification (ID) number(s) for this coverage.

Name of other coverage: \_\_\_\_\_ Member number for this coverage: \_\_\_\_\_ Group number for this coverage: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Read and Sign Below:**

- I must keep both Hospital (Part A) and Medical (Part B) to stay in Essence Healthcare.
- By joining this Medicare Advantage plan, I acknowledge that Essence Healthcare will share my information with Medicare, who may use it to track my enrollment, and with other plans to make payments, and for other purposes allowed by Federal Law that authorize the collection of this information (see Privacy Act Statement below).
- Your response to this form is voluntary. However, failure to respond may affect enrollment in the plan.
- The information on this enrollment form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally provide false information on this form, I will be disenrolled from the plan.
- I understand that people with Medicare are generally not covered under Medicare while out of the country, except for limited coverage near the U.S. border.
- I understand that when my Essence Healthcare coverage begins, I must get all of my medical and prescription drug benefits from Essence Healthcare. Benefits and services provided by Essence Healthcare and contained in my Essence Healthcare "Evidence of Coverage" document (also known as a member contract or subscriber agreement) will be covered. Neither Medicare nor Essence Healthcare will pay for benefits or services that are not covered. I will read the Evidence of Coverage document from Essence Healthcare when I get it to know which rules I must follow to get coverage with this Medicare Advantage plan.
- Once I am a member of Essence Healthcare, I understand that I have the right to appeal plan decisions about payment or services if I disagree.
- I understand that enrollment in Essence Healthcare will automatically disenroll me from any other Medicare health plan and/or prescription drug plan.
- I understand that my signature (or the signature of the person legally authorized to act on my behalf) on this application means that I have read and understand the contents of this application. If signed by an authorized representative (as described above), this signature certifies that:
  - 1) This person is authorized under State law to complete this enrollment, and
  - 2) Documentation of this authority is available upon request by Medicare.

Optional Supplemental Benefits Conditions of Enrollment: If you checked "Yes" to add the optional supplemental benefits on page 1, please read the information below. By completing this enrollment application:

- I agree to adding the optional supplemental benefits, which includes dental and vision, for the monthly premium amount identified above in my selection. This amount is in addition to my Medicare premium, Essence Healthcare plan premiums, and any applicable Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) that may apply.
- I understand the optional supplemental benefits are only available to members enrolled in an Essence Healthcare plan and that disenrollment from an Essence Healthcare plan will result in automatic disenrollment from the optional supplemental benefits.
- If I am enrolling in the Dental (DHMO) and Vision optional supplemental benefit, I understand that I must get covered care from in-network providers, except for emergency or urgently needed services. If I receive services from an out-of-network provider, I will be responsible for all costs associated with those services.
- If I am enrolling in the Dental (PPO) and Vision optional supplemental benefit, I understand that for vision services, I must get covered care from in-network providers; if I receive vision services from an out-of-network provider, I will be responsible for all costs associated with those services. I understand that for dental services, I may get covered care from out-of-network providers; if I receive dental services from an out-of-network provider, I may be responsible for a higher cost-share. Except in emergency or urgent situations, non-contracted providers may deny care.
- I understand that if I disenroll from the optional supplemental benefits, I won't be eligible to enroll again until the next Essence Healthcare valid optional supplemental benefits enrollment period.
- I understand that if I fail to pay the monthly premium for the optional supplemental benefits, I will lose the optional supplemental benefits but will remain enrolled in Essence Healthcare.

<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Today's Date:</b>
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If you are the authorized representative, sign above and fill out these fields:

Name:	Relationship to Enrollee:	Phone Number:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:

**Section 2 - All fields on this section are optional**

**Answering these questions is your choice. You can't be denied coverage because you don't fill them out.**

**Select one if you want us to send you information in a language other than English.**

- Spanish    Korean    Chinese    Tagalog    Vietnamese

**Select one if you want us to send you information in an accessible format.**

- Braille    Large Print

Please contact Essence Healthcare at 855-200-0109 if you need information in an accessible format or language other than what's listed above. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week. You may receive a messaging service on weekends from April 1 through September 30 and holidays. TTY users can call 711.

**List your primary care physician (PCP), clinic or health center:**

Primary Care Physician (PCP):

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name)                      (Last Name)

PCP # from Provider Directory:

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Is this your current physician?

- Yes    No



**PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**



**If you currently have health coverage from an employer or union, joining Essence Healthcare could affect your employer or union health benefits. You could lose your employer or union health coverage if you join Essence Healthcare.** Read the communications your employer or union sends you. If you have questions, visit their website or contact the office listed in their communications. If there isn't any information on whom to contact, your benefits administrator or the office that answers questions about your coverage can help.

**Paying your plan premiums**

Whether you are enrolled in a premium or non-premium plan, you may pay your plan premium and any applicable Late Enrollment Penalty and/or OSB that you have or may owe **by automatic deduction from your Social Security (SSA) or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check.** You may also choose to pay Online with Credit card or Debit card, or check via mail each month.

**If you have to pay a Part-D Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (Part D-IRMAA), you must pay this extra amount in addition to your plan premium.** The amount is usually taken out of your Social Security Benefit, or you may get a bill from Medicare (or the RRB). DON'T pay Essence Healthcare the Part D-IRMAA.

People with limited incomes may qualify for Extra Help to pay for their prescription drug costs. If eligible, Medicare could pay for 75% or more of your drug costs, including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and co-insurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not be subject to the coverage gap or a late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible for these savings and don't even know it. For more information about this Extra Help, contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778. You can also apply for Extra Help online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp).

If you qualify for Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug coverage costs, Medicare will pay all or part of your plan premium. If Medicare pays only a portion of this premium, we will bill you for the amount that Medicare doesn't cover.

**If you do not select one of the payment options below, you will receive a monthly invoice.**

**Please select a premium payment option:**

- Automatic deduction from your monthly Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check.

I get monthly benefits from: \_\_\_ Social Security \_\_\_ RRB

It can take up to 90 days to receive SSA/RRB withhold acceptance. SSA/RRB will begin deducting on the date of acceptance. Members will receive an invoice for any months prior to the withhold acceptance date by SSA/RRB, which will be their responsibility to pay. In limited circumstances, Medicare may not allow for the SSA/RRB deduction option and may instruct the plan to directly bill the member. If this occurs, you will be notified in writing.

- Direct Pay

You will receive a monthly invoice containing payment instructions.

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects information from Medicare plans to track beneficiary enrollment in Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans, improve care, and for the payment of Medicare benefits. Sections 1851 and 1860D-1 of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR §§ 422.50 and 422.60 authorize the collection of this information. CMS may use, disclose and exchange enrollment data from Medicare beneficiaries as specified in the System of Records Notice (SORN) "Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MARx)", System No. 09-70-0588. Your response to this form is voluntary. However, failure to respond may affect enrollment in the plan.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY****Confirmation #** (Quick Entry or Phone Enroll):**Application Log #:****Plan ID #:****Effective Date of Coverage:****Election Periods:** **ICEP (I)** **IEP (E)** **2<sup>nd</sup> IEP (F)** **AEP (A)** **OEP (M)** **OEPI (T)****Special Election Periods:** (Must check all that apply)**SEP (S)**

- SPAP (38)
- Loss of SNP (35)
- Retro Entitlement (32)
- Involuntary Loss/Cred. Coverage (22)
- Contract/Plan Non-Renewal (12)
- Contract Violations
- Contract Term – Immediate (11)
- Contract Term – MAO (12)
- Contract Term – CMS (11)
- CMS Sanction (23)
- FEMA/Disaster (01)
- Plan Placed in Receivership (39)
- CMS Identified Consistent Poor Performing Plan (40)
- Accessible Format Delay (21)
- Inv. Dis. – Loss of Part B (25)
- PACE Transition (27)
- Cost Plan Non-Renewal (28)
- Drop Medigap in Trial Period (29)
- Additional Part D IEP Eligibility (31)
- Part B General Enrollment (34)
- Lawfully Present (37)
- COVID-19 Disaster (02)

**SEP (V)**

- Permanent Move

**SEP (W)**

- Gain or Loss of Employer Coverage

**SEP (L) Allowed once per Quarter**

- Dual Eligible/Has Medicaid
- Has Non-Dual with LIS

**SEP (U)**

- Gain/Loss/Change in Dual Eligible Status
- Gain/Loss/Change of Medicaid
- Gain/Loss/Change in Non-Dual LIS

**Producer Name:****Producer NPN:****Application Receipt Date:****Please return completed application to:**

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