

Re: 2023 MHC Small Group RX Creditable Coverage

We have completed testing for the 2023 MHC Small Group prescription drug coverage options for creditable coverage under Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. The results of our testing are summarized in the list below. The list is separated into those that we estimated to be creditable under CMS requirements under most reasonable utilization assumptions for Medicare-eligible individuals (PASS) and those that we estimated are not creditable under CMS requirements for Medicare eligible individuals (FAIL).

Plans that **PASS** creditable coverage requirements:

Connect Plans (MT)

- Connect Gold
- Connect Silver
- Connect Silver HD
- Connect Bronze HD
- Plus Gold
- Plus Gold HD
- Plus Silver
- Plus Silver HD
- Plus Bronze HD

Access Plans (MT)

- Access Gold
- Access Silver
- Access Silver HD
- Access Bronze HD

Rocky Mountain (MT)

- Rocky Mountain Gold
- Rocky Mountain Silver
- Rocky Mountain Bronze HD

Engage Plans (ID)

- Engage Gold
- Engage Silver HD
- Engage Bronze HD
- Engage Bronze Expanded

LINK Plans (ID)

- LINK Gold
- LINK Silver HD
- LINK Bronze HD
- Link Bronze Expanded

High Plains (WY)

High Plains Gold
High Plains Silver
High Plains Silver HD

Plans that **FAIL** creditable coverage requirements:

MT:

Access Bronze
Connect Bronze
Connect Bronze Expanded
Plus Bronze Expanded

ID:

Engage Gold Option 2
Engage Silver
Engage Silver Option 2
LINK Gold Option 2
LINK Silver
LINK Silver Option 2

WY:

High Plains Bronze

Background

Under the regulations at 42 CFR§423.56 of the MMA, entities that provide prescription drug coverage to Medicare eligible beneficiaries must disclose at least annually whether the entity's coverage is "creditable prescription drug coverage." In addition, entities must file a disclosure form with CMS annually regarding their plans' creditable coverage status.

Coverage is creditable if the actuarial value of the coverage equals or exceeds the actuarial value of standard prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D, as demonstrated through the use of generally accepted actuarial principles and in accordance with the CMS actuarial guidelines. In general, the actuarial equivalence test measures whether the expected amount of paid claims under the entity's prescription drug coverage is at least as great as the expected amount of paid claims under the standard Part D benefit

Creditable coverage notices are important for Medicare eligible active and retired employees that may later opt out of the entity's coverage and enroll in Part D. In order to avoid incurring late enrollment penalties upon opting out, Medicare eligible actives and retirees must provide creditable coverage notices to the Part D plan they seek to enroll in. These creditable coverage notices should cover the time period from when the employee first became eligible for Medicare to the time they opt out of the entity's plan and enroll in Part D.

***"The list of standard pharmacy benefit designs included in this packet has been reviewed by University of Utah Health Plans. Employers with pharmacy benefit plans administered by MHC may use this information as a starting point for determining whether a prescription drug plan satisfies the requirements of creditable coverage. The employer retains ultimate responsibility for determination that the plan, as implemented, provides creditable coverage. Neither MHC nor University of Utah Health Plans is responsible for any loss or liability associated with your reliance on this evaluation of the creditability of your group's prescription drug coverage."