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UCare announces 2018 Medicare Advantage plans

New benefits, low-price plans and easy-to-use comparison tool available to Minnesota Medicare shoppers

MINNEAPOLIS, October 16, 2017 – [UCare's](#) highly-rated [Medicare Advantage](#) plans include some new perks in 2018. In addition to the full suite of benefits – free SilverSneakers® health club memberships, travel coverage, prescription drug coverage, and dental and vision benefits – the 2018 portfolio includes:

- The Prime plan for \$5/month (including Part D prescription coverage) in 14 Twin Cities counties
- Savings on drugs at thousands of pharmacies in the preferred pharmacy network
- The new Standard plan (including Part D prescription coverage) in 41 southern Minnesota counties, available for \$73/month
- A streamlined plan comparison experience on www.ucare.org

UCare's Medicare plans earned 4.5 out of 5 star ratings in both the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and Medicare STARS program. They are recognized among the U.S. News & World Report Best Medicare Plans.



“Now, more than ever, the growing number of Minnesotans becoming eligible for Medicare deserve the peace of mind of all-in-one Medicare Advantage plans like ours,” said Ghita Worcester, UCare Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer. “We work diligently to deliver coverage that helps Minnesotans improve their health, receive high-quality care and enjoy their retirement years. We are proud of the steady growth and stability of our Medicare plans during the last 20 years.”

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For 2018, UCare Medicare plan premiums remain stable, at an average increase of only 5%, including premium reductions in a few plans. In efforts to strengthen the Medicare portfolio, UCare changed the mix of plan offerings in southern Minnesota and introduced the new Standard plan.

About UCare

UCare (www.ucare.org) is an independent, not-for-profit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 370,000 members throughout Minnesota. UCare partners with health care providers, counties and community organizations to create and deliver:

- [Medicare plans](#) with an “Excellent” NCQA rating, and a [partnership](#) with Essentia Health in northern Minnesota.
- National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) [accredited plans](#) for Minnesotans shopping on [MNSure](#).
- Plans for [adults with disabilities who have Medical Assistance](#) and who have [both Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).
- [Programs for older Minnesotans with Medical Assistance](#) or with [both Medical Assistance and Medicare](#).
- Income-based [Medicaid](#) and [MinnesotaCare](#) coverage for Minnesotans across the state.

UCare addresses health care disparities and care access issues through a broad array of community initiatives. UCare has received Top Workplaces honors from the Star Tribune for eight consecutive years since the rankings began in 2010.

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