

# **Annual Notice of Changes 2023**

Ochsner Health Plan Premier (HMO) H9763-003-001

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Member Services at 1-833-674-2112 (TTY users should call 711) 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week from October 1st to March 31st and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 1st to September 30th or at <u>www.ochsnerhealthplan.com</u>.

# Ochsner Health Plan Premier (HMO) offered by Ochsner Health Plan, Inc.

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You are currently enrolled as a member of Ochsner Health Plan Premier. Next year, there will be changes to the plan's costs and benefits. *Please see page 5 for a Summary of Important Costs, including Premium.* 

This document tells about the changes to your plan. To get more information about costs, benefits, or rules please review the *Evidence of Coverage*, which is located on our website at www.ochsnerhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services to ask us to mail you an *Evidence of Coverage*.

• You have from October 15 until December 7 to make changes to your Medicare coverage for next year.

#### 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.
  - Review the changes to Medical care costs (doctor, hospital)
  - Review the changes to our drug coverage, including authorization requirements and costs
  - Think about how much you will spend on premiums, deductibles, and cost sharing
- □ Check the changes in the 2023 Drug List to make sure the drugs you currently take are still covered.
- □ Check to see if your primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and other providers, including pharmacies will be in our network next year.
- ☐ 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. Use the Medicare Plan Finder at <u>www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</u> website or review the list in the back of your *Medicare & You 2023* handbook.

□ 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, 2022, you will stay in Ochsner Health Plan Premier.
  - To change to a **different plan**, you can switch plans between October 15 and December 7. Your new coverage will start on **January 1, 2023.** This will end your enrollment with Ochsner Health Plan Premier.
  - If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can switch plans or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Please contact our Member Services number at 1-833-674-2112 for additional information. (TTY users should call 711.) Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week from October 1st to March 31st and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 1st to September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- This document is available in alternate formats (braille, large print, etc.) upon request. Please contact Member Services for more information. (Phone numbers are printed on the back cover of this booklet).
- 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 for more information.

#### **About Ochsner Health Plan Premier**

- Ochsner Health Plan is a Medicare Advantage HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in the plan depends on contract renewal.
- When this document says "we," "us," or "our," it means Ochsner Health Plan, Inc. When it says "plan" or "our plan," it means Ochsner Health Plan Premier.

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# Summary of Important Costs for 2023

The table below compares the 2022 costs and 2023 costs for Ochsner Health Plan Premier in several important areas. **Please note this is only a summary of costs**.

| Cost  | 2022 (this year)  | 2023 (next year)  |
|---|---|---|
| Monthly plan premium*   | \$0   | \$0   |
| * Your premium may be higher<br>than this amount. See Section 1.1<br>for details.   |   |   |
| Maximum out-of-pocket amount<br>This is the <u>most</u> you will pay<br>out-of-pocket for your covered Part<br>A and Part B services.<br>(See Section 1.2 for details.) | \$3500  | \$3500  |
| Doctor office visits  | <b>Primary care visits:</b><br>\$0 copayment per visit              | <b>Primary care visits:</b><br>\$0 copayment per visit              |
|   | <b>Specialist visits:</b><br>\$20 copayment per visit               | <b>Specialist visits:</b><br>\$20 copayment per visit               |
| Inpatient hospital stays  | For each Medicare-<br>covered inpatient stay,<br>your copayment is: | For each Medicare-<br>covered inpatient stay,<br>your copayment is: |
|   | Days 1-10: \$65<br>copayment per day                                | Days 1-10: \$65<br>copayment per day                                |
|   | Days 11-90: \$0<br>copayment per day                                | Days 11-90: \$0<br>copayment per day                                |

| Cost   | <b>2022</b> (this year)  | 2023 (next year)   |
|--|--|--|
| Part D prescription drug<br>coverage<br>(See Section 1.5 for details.) | <ul> <li>Deductible: Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.</li> <li>Copayment during the Initial Coverage Stage:</li> <li>Drug Tier 1: \$0 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 2<sup>1</sup>: \$10 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 3: \$45 copayment</li> <li>Select Insulin Drugs<sup>2</sup>: \$35 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 4: \$100 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 5<sup>3</sup>: 33% of the total cost</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Deductible: Because we have no deductible, this payment stage does not apply to you.</li> <li>Copayment during the Initial Coverage Stage:</li> <li>Drug Tier 1: \$0 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 2<sup>1</sup>: \$10 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 3: \$45 copayment</li> <li>Select Insulin Drugs<sup>2</sup>: \$35 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 4: \$100 copayment</li> <li>Drug Tier 5<sup>3</sup>: 33% of the total cost</li> </ul> |
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<sup>1</sup> Tier includes enhanced drug coverage

<sup>2</sup> You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each Select Insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on. To find out which drugs are Select Insulins, review the most recent Drug List we provided electronically. You can identify Select Insulins by "SI" on the Drug List. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call our Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-910-1837, TTY users should call 711. Hours are 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

<sup>3</sup> Limited up to a 30-day supply.

### **SECTION 1** Changes to Benefit and Cost for Next Year

# Section 1.1 – Changes to the Monthly Premium

| Cost  | 2022 (this year) | 2023 (next year)                                       |
|---|------------------|--|
| Monthly premium<br>(You must also continue to pay your<br>Medicare Part B premium.) | \$0              | There is no change for<br>the upcoming benefit<br>year |
|   |                  | \$0  |
| Part B premium reduction  | Up to \$30       | Up to \$30   |

- Your monthly plan premium will be *more* if you are required to pay a lifetime Part D late enrollment penalty for going without other drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare drug coverage (also referred to as "creditable coverage") for 63 days or more.
- If you have a higher income, you may have to pay an additional amount each month directly to the government for your Medicare prescription drug coverage.

# Section 1.2 – Changes to Your Maximum Out-of-Pocket Amount

Medicare requires all health plans to limit how much you pay "out-of-pocket" for the year. This limit is called the "maximum out-of-pocket amount." Once you reach this amount, you generally pay nothing for covered Part A and Part B services for the rest of the year.

| Cost  | 2022 (this year) | 2023 (next year)  |
|---|------------------|---|
| Maximum out-of-pocket amount<br>Your costs for covered medical  | \$3500           | There are no changes for the upcoming benefit year.   |
| services (such as copays) count<br>toward your maximum out-of-<br>pocket amount. Your costs for<br>prescription drugs do not count<br>toward your maximum out-of-<br>pocket amount. |                  | \$3500<br>Once you have paid \$3500<br>out-of-pocket for covered<br>Part A and Part B services,<br>you will pay nothing for<br>your covered Part A and<br>Part B services for the rest<br>of the calendar year. |

# Section 1.3 – Changes to the Provider and Pharmacy Networks

Updated directories are located on our website at www.ochsnerhealthplan.com. You may also call Member Services for updated provider and/or pharmacy information or to ask us to mail you a *directory*.

There are changes to our network of providers for next year. Please review the 2023 Provider Directory to see if your providers (primary care provider, specialists, hospitals, etc.) are in our network.

There are changes to our network of pharmacies for next year. Please review the 2023 Pharmacy Directory to see which pharmacies are in our network.

It is important that you know that we may make changes to the hospitals, doctors and specialists (providers) and pharmacies that are part of your plan during the year. If a mid-year change in our providers affects you, please contact Member Services so we may assist.

# Section 1.4 – Changes to Benefits and Costs for Medical Services

We are making changes to costs and benefits for certain medical services next year. The information below describes these changes.

| Cost  | 2022 (this year)  | 2023 (next year)  |
|---|---|---|
| Chiropractic Services   | You pay a \$10 copayment<br>for each Medicare-covered<br>visit.   | You pay a \$20 copayment<br>for each Medicare-covered<br>visit.   |
| Diabetic Services and Supplies  | You pay 0% of the total<br>cost for Medicare-covered<br>Diabetic Therapeutic<br>Shoes or Inserts.   | You pay 20% of the total<br>cost for Medicare-covered<br>Diabetic Therapeutic<br>Shoes or Inserts.  |
|   | There is no restriction or<br>limitation on manufacturer<br>or brand for Diabetic<br>Testing Supplies (i.e.,<br>continuous glucose<br>monitors, glucometers,<br>blood glucose strips, etc.) | Diabetic Testing Supplies<br>(i.e., continuous glucose<br>monitors, glucometers,<br>blood glucose strips, etc.)<br>are limited to the<br>manufacturers and brands<br>provided by in-network<br>DME (Durable Medical<br>Equipment) providers or<br>those covered by Ochsner<br>Health Plan through<br>participating pharmacies.<br>All other manufacturers<br>and brands of diabetic<br>testing supplies are not<br>covered. |
| Hearing Services  | Medicare Covered<br>Services:   | Medicare Covered<br>Services:   |
|   | You pay a \$10 copayment<br>for each Medicare-covered<br>routine exam.  | You pay a \$20 copayment<br>for each Medicare-covered<br>routine exam.  |
| Outpatient Diagnostic Tests<br>and Therapeutic Services and<br>Supplies | You pay a \$10 copayment<br>for each Medicare-covered<br>X-ray.   | You pay a \$20 copayment<br>for each Medicare-covered<br>X-ray.   |
| OTC (over-the-counter) Benefit  | \$75 allowance every<br>calendar quarter for<br>specific over-the-counter<br>drugs and other health-<br>related products.   | \$85 allowance every<br>calendar quarter for<br>specific over-the-counter<br>drugs and other health-<br>related products.   |

| Cost                                 | 2022 (this year)                 | 2023 (next year)              |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Post Discharge Home Meal<br>Delivery | No prior authorization required. | Prior authorization required. |

# Section 1.5 – Changes to Part D 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 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.ochsnerhealthplan.com).

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.** 

We have made changes to the list of insulin drugs that will be covered as Select Insulins at a lower cost-sharing. To find out which drugs are Select Insulins, review the most recent Drug List we provided electronically. You can identify Select Insulins by "SI" on the Drug List. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call our Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-910-1837, TTY users should call 711, 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

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 that are allowed by Medicare rules. For instance, we can immediately remove drugs considered unsafe by the FDA or withdrawn from the market by a product manufacturer. We update our online Drug List to provide the most up to date list of drugs.

If you are affected by a change in drug coverage at the beginning of the year or during the year, please review Chapter 9 of your Evidence of Coverage and talk to your doctor to find out your options, such as asking for a temporary supply, applying for an exception and/or working to find a new drug. You can also contact Member Services for more information.

#### **Changes to Prescription Drug Costs**

**Note:** If you are in a program that helps pay for your drugs ("Extra Help"), **the information about costs for Part D prescription drugs may not apply to you.** We have included a separate insert, called the "Evidence of Coverage Rider for People Who Get Extra Help Paying for Prescription Drugs" (also called the "Low Income Subsidy Rider" or the "LIS Rider"), which

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tells you about your drug costs. If you receive "Extra Help" and didn't receive this insert with this packet, please call Member Services and ask for the "LIS Rider."

There are four "drug payment stages."

The information below shows the changes to the first two stages – the Yearly Deductible Stage and the Initial Coverage Stage. (Most members do not reach the other two stages – the Coverage Gap Stage or the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.)

#### Changes to the Deductible Stage

| Stage                               | 2022 (this year)  | 2023 (next year)  |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Stage 1: Yearly Deductible<br>Stage | Because we have no<br>deductible, this payment<br>stage does not apply to<br>you. | Because we have no<br>deductible, this payment<br>stage does not apply to<br>you. |

### Changes to Your Cost Sharing in the Initial Coverage Stage

Please see the following chart for the changes from 2022 to 2023.

| Stage   | 2022 (this year)   | 2023 (next year)   |
|---|--|--|
| Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage<br>During this stage, the plan pays<br>its share of the cost of your drugs<br>and you pay your share of the | Your cost for a one-month<br>supply filled at a network<br>pharmacy with standard<br>cost sharing: | Your cost for a one-month<br>supply filled at a network<br>pharmacy with standard<br>cost sharing: |
| cost.   | Tier 1 - Preferred<br>Generic Drugs:   | Tier 1 - Preferred Generic<br>Drugs:   |
|   | You pay: \$0 per prescription.   | You pay: \$0 per prescription.   |
|   | <b>Tier 2 - Generic Drugs<sup>1</sup>:</b><br>You pay: \$10 per<br>prescription.                   | <b>Tier 2 - Generic Drugs<sup>1</sup>:</b><br>You pay: \$10 per<br>prescription.                   |
|   | <b>Tier 3 - Preferred Brand</b><br><b>Drugs:</b><br>You pay: \$45 per<br>prescription.             | <b>Tier 3 - Preferred Brand</b><br><b>Drugs:</b><br>You pay: \$45 per<br>prescription.             |
|   | Select Insulin Drugs <sup>2</sup> :<br>You pay: \$35 for Select<br>Insulins.                       | Select Insulin Drugs <sup>2</sup> :<br>You pay: \$35 for Select<br>Insulins.                       |
|   | Tier 4 - Non-Preferred<br>Drugs:   | Tier 4 - Non-Preferred<br>Drugs:   |
|   | You pay: \$100 per prescription.   | You pay: \$100 per prescription.   |
|   | <b>Tier 5 - Specialty</b><br><b>Drugs<sup>3</sup>:</b><br>You pay: 33% of the total                | <b>Tier 5 - Specialty</b><br><b>Drugs<sup>3</sup>:</b><br>You pay: 33% of the total                |
|   | cost.  | cost.  |

| Stage  | <b>2022</b> (this year)  | 2023 (next year)  |
|--|--|---|
| Stage 2: Initial Coverage Stage<br>(continued)<br>The costs in this row are for a<br>one-month (30-day) supply when<br>you fill your prescription at a<br>network pharmacy that provides<br>standard cost sharing. For<br>information about the costs for a<br>long-term supply; or for mail-<br>order prescriptions, look in<br>Chapter 6, Section 5 of your<br><i>Evidence of Coverage</i> .<br>We changed the tier for some of<br>the drugs on our Drug List. To<br>see if your drugs will be in a<br>different tier, look them up on the<br>Drug List. | Once your total drug costs<br>have reached \$4,430, you<br>will move to the next<br>stage (the Coverage Gap<br>Stage). | Once your total drug costs<br>have reached \$4,660, you<br>will move to the next stage<br>(the Coverage Gap Stage). |

<sup>1</sup> Tier includes enhanced drug coverage

<sup>2</sup> You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each Select Insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on. To find out which drugs are Select Insulins, review the most recent Drug List we provided electronically. You can identify Select Insulins by "SI" on the Drug List. If you have questions about the Drug List, you can also call our Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-910-1837, TTY users should call 711. Hours are 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

<sup>3</sup> Limited up to a 30-day supply.

**Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines** - Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Call our Pharmacy Help Desk for more information. 1-800-910-1837, TTY users should call 711. Hours are 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

**Important Message About What You Pay for Select Insulin -** You won't pay more than \$35 for a one-month supply of each Select Insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on.

Getting Help from Medicare - If you chose this plan because you were looking for Select Insulin coverage at \$35 a month or less, it is important to know that you may have other options available to you for 2023 at even lower costs because of changes to the Medicare Part D program. Contact Medicare, at 1-800- MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for help comparing your options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Additional Resources to Help – Please contact our Pharmacy Help Desk 1-800-910-1837, TTY users should call 711. Hours are24 hours a day/365 days a year.

# **SECTION 2** Administrative Changes

The plan benefit package (PBP) ID has changed in order to reflect the segments of the 2023 Ochsner Health Plan – Premier (HMO) plan.

| Description                          | 2022 (this year) | 2023 (next year) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Plan benefit package (PBP) ID change | 001              | 003-001          |

# **SECTION 3** Deciding Which Plan to Choose

# Section 3.1 – If you want to stay in Ochsner Health Plan Premier

**To stay in our plan you don't need to do anything.** If you do not sign up for a different plan or change to Original Medicare by December 7, you will automatically be enrolled in our Ochsner Health Plan Premier.

# Section 3.2 – If you want to change plans

We hope to keep you as a member next year but if you want to change for 2023 follow these steps:

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

- You can join a different Medicare health plan,
- *OR*-- You can change to Original Medicare. If you change to Original Medicare, you will need to decide whether to join a Medicare drug plan. If you do not enroll in a Medicare drug plan, please see Section 1.1 regarding a potential Part D late enrollment penalty.

To learn more about Original Medicare and the different types of Medicare plans, use the Medicare Plan Finder (<u>www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</u>), read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook, call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see Section 5), or call Medicare (see Section 7.2).

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

- To change to a different Medicare health plan, enroll in the new plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Ochsner Health Plan Premier.
- To change to Original Medicare with a prescription drug plan, enroll in the new drug plan. You will automatically be disenrolled from Ochsner Health Plan Premier.
- To change to Original Medicare without a prescription drug plan, you must either:

- Send us a written request to disenroll. Contact Member Services if you need more information on how to do so.
- $\circ$  or Contact **Medicare**, at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and ask to be disenrolled. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

# **SECTION 4** Deadline for Changing Plans

If you want to change to a different plan or to Original Medicare for next year, you can do it from **October 15 until December 7.** The change will take effect on January 1, 2023.

### Are there other times of the year to make a change?

In certain situations, changes are also allowed at other times of the year. Examples include people with Medicaid, those who get "Extra Help" paying for their drugs, those who have or are leaving employer coverage, and those who move out of the service area.

If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan for January 1, 2023, and don't like your plan choice, you can switch to another Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) between January 1 and March 31, 2023.

If you recently moved into, currently live in, or just moved out of an institution (like a skilled nursing facility or long-term care hospital), you can change your Medicare coverage **at any time**. You can change to any other Medicare health plan (either with or without Medicare prescription drug coverage) or switch to Original Medicare (either with or without a separate Medicare prescription drug plan) at any time.

# **SECTION 5** Programs That Offer Free Counseling about Medicare

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is an independent government program with trained counselors in every state. In Louisiana, the SHIP is called Senior Health Insurance Information Program.

It is a state program that gets money from the Federal government to give **free** local health insurance counseling to people with Medicare. Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program counselors can help you with your Medicare questions or problems. They can help you understand your Medicare plan choices and answer questions about switching plans. You can call the Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program at 1-800-259-5300. You can learn more about the Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program by visiting their website (<u>https://www.ldi.la.gov/consumers/senior-health-shiip</u>).

# **SECTION 6** Programs That Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

You may qualify for help paying for prescription drugs. Below we list different kinds of help:

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- **"Extra Help" from Medicare.** People with limited incomes may qualify for "Extra Help" to pay for their prescription drug costs. If you qualify, Medicare could pay up to 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles, and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not have a coverage gap or late enrollment penalty. To see if you qualify, call:
  - 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048, 24 hours a day/7 days a week;
  - The Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 between 8 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday for a representative. Automated messages are available 24 hours a day. TTY users should call, 1-800-325-0778; or
  - Your State Medicaid Office (applications).
- Help from your state's pharmaceutical assistance program. Louisiana has a program called Louisiana SenioRx that helps people pay for prescription drugs based on their financial need, age, or medical condition. To learn more about the program, check with your State Health Insurance Assistance Program.
- **Prescription Cost-sharing Assistance for Persons with HIV/AIDS.** The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that ADAP-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving HIV medications. Individuals must meet certain criteria, including proof of State residence and HIV status, low income as defined by the State, and uninsured/under-insured status. Medicare Part D prescription drugs that are also covered by ADAP qualify for prescription cost-sharing assistance through the Louisiana Health Access Program. For information on eligibility criteria, covered drugs, or how to enroll in the program, please call Louisiana Health Access Program, 504-568-7474 or by email lahap@la.gov.

# **SECTION 7 Questions?**

# Section 7.1 – Getting Help from Ochsner Health Plan Premier

Questions? We're here to help. Please call Member Services at 1-833-674-2112. (TTY only, call 711). We are available for phone calls 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week from October 1st to March 31st and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 1st to September 30th. Calls to these numbers are free.

# Read your *2023 Evidence of Coverage* (it has details about next year's benefits and costs)

This *Annual Notice of Changes* gives you a summary of changes in your benefits and costs for 2023. For details, look in the *2023 Evidence of Coverage* for Ochsner Health Plan Premier. 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.ochsnerhealthplan.com. 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.ochsnerhealthplan.com. 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).

# Section 7.2 – Getting Help from Medicare

To get information directly from Medicare:

#### Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

You can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

#### Visit the Medicare Website

Visit the Medicare website (<u>www.medicare.gov</u>). It has information about cost, coverage, and quality Star Ratings to help you compare Medicare health plans in your area. To view the information about plans, go to <u>www.medicare.gov/plan-compare</u>.

#### Read Medicare & You 2023

Read the *Medicare & You 2023* handbook. Every fall, this booklet is mailed to people with Medicare. It has a summary of Medicare benefits, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare. If you don't have a copy of this document, you can get it at the Medicare website (<u>https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-medicare-and-you.pdf</u>) or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.