

## 2026 NYS Benchmark Stand-Alone Prescription Drug Plans – \$-0- Premium for those with Extra Help<sup>1</sup>

	COMPANY	Plan Name	Change from 2025 to 2026	2026 Premium without Extra Help	Tel.	Members 2025 <sup>2</sup>
1	CIGNA	HealthSpring Assurance RX (PDP) S5617-013	Remains benchmark – \$0 Premium w/ Extra Help  Name Changed from Cigna Healthcare Assurance RX (PDP)	\$35.70	1-800-222-6700	130,906
2	WellCare	WellCare Classic (PDP) S4802-077	Remains benchmark - \$0 Premium w/ Extra Help	\$45.70	1-888-550-5252	143,480
Basic 2026 Plan that is <b><u>NO</u></b> longer a Benchmark Plan in 2026						
	Aetna	SilverScript Choice (PDP) S5601-006	<b>2026 Premium for those with Extra Help will be \$57.20. For everyone else premium is \$116.00.</b> Those who are in this plan in 2025 with Extra Help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Who were <i>assigned</i> to this plan (“Non-choosers”) receive <a href="#">BLUE Notice No. 11209</a> in November saying they will be randomly reassigned to one of the 2 benchmark plans unless they choose another plan or stay and pay the \$57.20 premium above the “benchmark” (unless they have EPIC which should pay it). In December they receive 2<sup>nd</sup> notice.<sup>3</sup></li><li>If they <i>CHOSE</i> the plan, they get a <a href="#">TAN Chooser Notice #11267</a> saying they will be charged the \$57.20 premium unless they change plans, but won’t be reassigned if they don’t.</li></ul>			112,580
2025 Plans Closing (were not “benchmark” plans but people with Extra Help may have been enrolled)						
	Cigna	Cigna Extra Rx (PDP) S5617-248	<b>Members of closing plans who have Extra Help</b> will receive Reassignment notice for Plan Terminations in November - <a href="#">BLUE notice No. 11208</a> - that they will be RANDOMLY reassigned to one of the two Benchmark plans above for 2026 unless they enroll in a new plan on their own  In November they receive a 2 <sup>nd</sup> notice <a href="#">BLUE notice No. 11496</a> - Informs people who get Extra Help and were affected by reassignment which of the Part D drugs they took in 2024 will be covered by their new 2025 Medicare drug plan.			6,872
	Wellcare	Wellcare Medicare Rx Value Plus S4802-206				11,556

<sup>1</sup> **2026 Benchmark Premium = \$58.82** - Benchmark plans are BASIC plans with premiums below the “benchmark” – and are free for people with Full Extra Help. Extra Help subsidizes the BASIC plan premium up to the benchmark. ...

<sup>2</sup> See <https://q1medicare.com/PartD-2026MedicarePartD-PlanStatistics.php?crit=ny#National>

	Plan Name	Benefit Type	Monthly Drug Premium (2026)	Premium with Full Extra Help (2026)	Annual Drug Deductible	Notes	2025 Premium	Premium Comparison (2026 – 2025)
1.	HealthSpring Assurance Rx (Plan ID S5617-013)	Basic	\$ 35.70	\$ 0	\$ 615	BENCHMARK Plan Plan Name Change from 2025 Name – Cigna Health Assurance Rx	\$ 48.90	↓ \$ 13.20
2.	Wellcare Classic (Plan ID S4802-077)	Basic	\$ 45.70	\$ 0	\$ 615	BENCHMARK Plan	\$ 55.30	↓ \$ 9.60
3.	Wellcare Value Script (Plan ID S4802-138)	Enhanced	\$ 42.40	\$ 20.90	\$ 615		\$ 38.70	↑ \$ 3.70
4.	HealthSpring Extra Rx (Plan ID S5617-353)	Enhanced	\$ 91.60	\$ 32.80	\$ 615	Plan Name Changed from 2025 Name – Cigna Healthcare Saver Rx	\$ 41.60	↑ \$50.00
5.	Silverscript Choice (Plan ID S5601-006)	Basic	\$ 116.00	\$ 57.20	\$ 615	NO LONGER BENCHMARK Plan	\$66.00	↑ \$50.00
6.	AARP Medicare Rx Saver from UHC (Plan ID S5921-379)	Basic	\$ 105.80	\$ 47.00	\$ 615		\$ 128.10	↓ \$ 22.30
7.	Humana Basic Rx (Plan ID S5884-216)	Basic	\$ 140.90	\$ 82.10	\$ 615	Plan ID Changed from S5552-004	\$ 120.60	↑ \$20.30
8.	Humana Value Rx (Plan ID S5884-218)	Enhanced	\$ 158.90	\$ 100.10	\$ 601	Plan ID Changed from S5552-006	\$108.90	↑ \$50.00
9.	AARP Medicare Rx Preferred by UHC (Plan ID S5921-382)	Enhanced	\$ 163.70	\$ 104.90	\$ 130		\$113.70	↑ \$50.00
10.	Humana Premier Rx Plan (Plan ID S5884-216)	Enhanced	\$ 173.60	\$ 114.80	\$ 0	Plan ID Changed from S5552-005	\$ 170.40	↑ \$ 3.20