

**2023 NYS Medicare Part D Benchmark¹ Prescription Drug Plans (PDP), with Changes from 2022
THREE Plans with FREE PREMIUMS for People with FULL Extra Help**

	COMPANY	Plan Name	Change from 2022 to 2023	2023 Premium without Extra Help	Tel.	Members 2022
1	CIGNA	Cigna Secure RX	Remains benchmark	\$39.00	(800) 735-1459	126,639
2	Aetna (formerly SilverScript)	SilverScript Choice (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$40.70	(866) 552-6106	187,762
3	WellCare	WellCare Classic (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$36.50	(866) 765-4390	72,621
2022 Benchmark Plans That are No Longer Benchmark Plans in 2023						
1	Humana	Humana Basic Rx Plan (PDP)	No longer a benchmark plan. 2023 Premium (basic) is \$38.90. Those with Extra Help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who were <i>assigned</i> to this plan (“Non-choosers”) receive BLUE Notice No. 11209 in October that they will be randomly reassigned to a benchmark plan unless they choose another plan or choose to stay and pay the \$3.50 premium above the “benchmark” (unless they have EPIC which should pay it). In December they receive 2nd notice.² If they <i>CHOSE</i> the plan, they get a TAN Chooser Notice #11267 saying they will be charged the \$3.50 premium unless they change plans, but won’t be reassigned if they don’t. 			60,461
2022 Plan that is CLOSING in 2023 – Was not a Benchmark Plan³						
1	CIGNA	Cigna Essential Rx (PDP)	This plan is closing. Those with Extra Help will receive Reassignment notice for Plan Terminations in October- BLUE notice No. 11208 - that they will be RANDOMLY reassigned for 2023 if they do not select a plan. In December they receive a 2 nd notice. ²			4,465

¹ **2023 Benchmark Premium = \$38.90** - Benchmark plans are BASIC plans with premiums below the benchmark premium – and are free for people with Full Extra Help. There are “enhanced plans” with premiums below the benchmark but premium for Extra Help members may not be \$0. See complete PDP plan list. Anyone with Extra Help is randomly assigned to benchmark plans if they don’t select any plan. It is ALWAYS better to CHOOSE the best plan based on your drugs than be randomly assigned.

² December – 2nd [BLUE notice No. 11496](#) (for those whose plan closed) or [11475](#) (for those whose premium increased) – Sent to those with Extra Help listing which drugs they took from Jan – Aug 2022 are covered by new randomly assigned plan. May change plans 12/8/22 – 2/28/23 with SEP for closing plans, or until 12/31/22 for those whose premium went up. Also have Extra Help SEP once in Q1 in 2023.

³ **Members of closing plans who do NOT have Extra Help** also receive notice from the plan in Oct. and CMS in November (Notice [# 11438](#)) stating that plan is closing and that they need to pick a different plan for 2023, but they are **not reassigned to a plan** if they do not pick one. If they do not choose a new plan to start Jan. 1, 2023, they receive a CMS Non-Renewal Action [Notice No. 11452](#) in January reminding them that they have a Special Enrollment Period ending February 28, 2023 to join a plan.

All CMS Consumer notices at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/LimitedIncomeandResources/Downloads/Consumer-Mailings.pdf>