

2024 NYS Medicare Part D Benchmark¹ Prescription Drug Plans (PDP), with Changes from 2023 TWO Plans with FREE PREMIUMS for People with FULL Extra Help

	COMPANY	Plan Name	Change from 2023 to 2024	2024 Premium without Extra Help	Tel.	Members 2023 ⁴
1	CIGNA	Cigna Secure RX (PDP)	Remains benchmark – \$0 Premium w/ Extra Help	\$45.60	1-800-222-6700	108,402
2	WellCare	WellCare Classic (PDP)	Remains benchmark - \$0 Premium w/ Extra Help	\$41.40	1-888-550-5252	124,701
2023 Benchmark Plans That are No Longer Benchmark Plans in 2024						
1	Aetna	SilverScript Choice (PDP) S5601-006	<p>No longer a benchmark plan. 2024 Premium for those with Extra Help will be \$17.38. For everyone else premium is \$66.10. Those who are in this plan in 2023 with Extra Help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who were <i>assigned</i> to this plan (“Non-choosers”) receive BLUE Reassignment Notice No. 11209 in October saying they will be randomly reassigned to one of the 2 benchmark plans unless they choose another plan or choose to stay and pay the \$17.38 premium above the “benchmark” (If they have EPIC – EPIC 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 \$17.38 premium unless they change plans, but won’t be reassigned if they don’t. 			165,282
2023 Plans that are CLOSING in 2024– They Were not Benchmark Plans so were not Free with Extra help³						
1	BlueCross BlueShield: Empire, Excellus, WNY & NEN	Blue Rx Plus (PDP)	<p>These small plans are closing. In Oct. 2023, those with Extra Help will receive Reassignment notice for Plan Terminations - BLUE notice No. 11208 - that they will be RANDOMLY reassigned to one of the two Benchmark plans above for 2024 if they do not select a plan.</p> <p>In December they receive a 2nd notice BLUE notice No. 11496.²</p>			2,006
2		Blue Rx Standard (PDP)			467	
3	Elixir Insurance	Elixir RxPlus (PDP)			7,283	
4		Elixir RxSecure (PDP)			4,179	

¹ **2024 Benchmark Premium = \$48.72** - 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. For “Enhanced plans,” the Extra Help subsidy is more complicated – the premium for Extra Help members may not be \$0 even if the premium is below the benchmark.. 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 to 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 2023 are covered by new randomly assigned plan. May change plans 12/8/23 – 2/28/24 with SEP for closing plans, or until 12/31/23 for those whose premium went up. Also have Extra Help SEP once in Q1 in 2024.

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 2024, 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, 2024, they receive a CMS Non-Renewal Action [Notice No. 11452](#) in January reminding them that they have a Special Enrollment Period ending February 28, 2024 to join a plan.

All CMS Consumer notices at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/prescription-drug-coverage/limitedincomeandresources/downloads/consumer-mailings.pdf>

⁴Source: <https://q1medicare.com/PartD-2024-2023PDPComparePartDAllPlans.php?state=NY#results>