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What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current University of New England coverage will not be affected, unless you decide to drop your medical, which includes prescription drug coverage, under the University of New England Plan. If you keep your medical coverage offered under the University of New England Plan, you will continue to receive all the medical and prescription drug benefits available under the plan. If you drop the prescription drug coverage provided through the University of New England plan, coverage of your other medical benefits under the plan will also be terminated since these benefits are provided on a combined basis.

See pages 7- 9 of the CMS Disclosure of Creditable Coverage To Medicare Part D Eligible Individuals Guidance (available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage/>), which outlines the prescription drug plan provisions/options that Medicare eligible individuals may have available to them when they become eligible for Medicare Part D.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current University of New England coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may be able to get this coverage back.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with the University of New England and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the premium in the 63 continuous days before the coverage ends. If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the premium in the 63 continuous days before the coverage ends.

