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Important Information About City of Abilene, TX Retiree Medical and Prescription Drug Offering

Dear Medicare-eligible Retiree and/or Dependent,

City of Abilene, TX has recently partnered with RetireeFirst to offer our Medicare-eligible members and dependents group healthcare plan offerings that include enhanced benefits and group pricing not available on the individual market. You will have the option to enroll in the Base Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug (MAPD) plan or the Buy up MAPD plan which includes Dental, Vision, and Hearing benefits.

City of Abilene's new Medicare Advantage with Prescription Drug (MAPD) Plan is provided by **Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)** effective

January 1, 2026.

Individual Participant Monthly Rate (For Base MAPD): \$506.00 PMPM

Individual Participant Monthly Rate (For Buy up MAPD): \$615.60 PMPM

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In addition to the new plans, City of Abilene, TX has also retained RetireeFirst, a retiree benefits management solutions and advocacy service provider. RetireeFirst Advocates are US-based and available to help you navigate the complex retiree healthcare landscape and troubleshoot any issues you may have with your insurance carrier, provider's office, and pharmacy.

About The New Plan Offerings

Plan Comparison Chart

Services	Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) Base Plan	Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) Buy up Plan
\$0 Medical Deductible	√	√
\$25 Copay for Emergency care, waived if admitted within 3 days	√	√
Foreign travel coverage: \$25 Copay for Emergency care, waived if admitted within 3 days	√	√
\$0 Copay for podiatry visits, 6 per year	√	√
\$0 Copay for Chiropractic visits, 35 per year	√	√
Discount for 90 Mail Order prescriptions available	√	√
Access to SilverSneakers Fitness Benefit	√	√
Access to RetireeFirst Advocates for assistance with understanding and using your benefits	√	√
Dental \$0, Preventative & Diagnostic 2x exams, 2x cleaning, 1 x-ray each year 20%, Basic 50%, Major \$0, Deductible \$1,500 Max Benefit Must use DNoA	N/A	√
Vision \$0, Routine Eye Exam - 1 per year \$250 allowance on frames, lenses and contact lenses - every 24 months Must use EyeMed	N/A	√
Hearing \$5, Routine Hearing Exam - 1 per year	N/A	√

\$3,000 Hearing Aid Allowance - both ears combined - every 36 months Must use TruHearing		
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*See enclosed FAQ for detailed plan coverage.

Important Things to Know:

- You must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to participate in the BlueCross BlueShield of TX MAPD Plan.
- Put your Medicare card in a safe place in case you need it later. You will use only your BlueCross BlueShield of TX ID card for Medical and Prescription Drugs.
- You can use any willing Medicare medical provider, regardless of whether the provider is in or out of the BlueCross BlueShield of TX network.
- No referrals are needed for Medicare covered medical services.
- You should continue to be able to use almost any retail pharmacy as BlueCross BlueShield of TX includes over 61,000 in-network pharmacies, nationwide.
- BlueCross BlueShield of TX also offers a Mail Order Pharmacy called Express Scripts for your convenience. If you would like to use the Express Scripts Mail Order Pharmacy, you will need new prescriptions.
- You do not need new prescriptions for retail pharmacies. Simply show your new ID card and your refills will be processed under the BlueCross BlueShield of TX MAPD Plan.

Mailings to Expect in the Coming Months After Enrolling:

- Termination of Coverage Letter from Current Carrier
- BlueCross BlueShield of TX Pre-enrollment Kit
- BlueCross BlueShield of TX Acknowledgment and Confirmation Letter (Confirmation of Enrollment)
- BlueCross BlueShield of TX Welcome Kit
- BlueCross BlueShield of TX ID Card
- Please keep in mind each Retiree, spouse, and/or dependent may receive the above items on different days; this is normal.

Enrollment Information

If you are interested in joining one of the City of Abilene's MAPD Plan offerings through **Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)** please complete the enclosed Enrollment Form and ACH Form (must include a voided check) and return to RetireeFirst using the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

The deadline to enroll is December 1, 2025.

For more information regarding your plan options please visit www.retireefirst.com/cityofabilene

Rate Payment ACH Options

Your **Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)** rate will be handled by RetireeFirst starting 1/1/2026. The rate will be automatically deducted from your bank account monthly via ACH on the 3rd of the effective month of coverage (or the next business day).

To process your enrollment, you must complete the enclosed ACH form, include a voided check, and return it to RetireeFirst by 12/1/2025. For your convenience, a pre-paid RetireeFirst envelope is included in this mailing.

Plan Name	2026 Rate
Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) Base Plan	\$506.00
Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) Buy up Plan	\$615.60

You're Invited

RetireeFirst will be hosting an informational Retiree event detailing the new plans and answering any questions you may have. Retirees, spouses, and/or dependents are invited to attend this in-person event:

Location	Date	Time
Basement Conference Room 555 Walnut Street Suite 101 Abilene, TX 79601	11/24/2025	10:00am CST

Please RSVP for the in-person event by 11/19/2025 to RetireeFirst at (325) 933-2594 (TTY 711) or toll free (888) 939-5709 (TTY 711) Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST.

We strongly recommend that all Medicare-eligible retirees and/or dependents attend this Retiree event to better understand your new plan offerings. Additionally, a Retiree Advocacy Webpage has been set

up for easy access to RetireeFirst plan and contact information. You can access this page at www.retireefirst.com/cityofabilene.

Enclosed in this mailing is also a Frequently Asked Questions document to answer questions you might have now. If you have questions about any information in this letter, please do not hesitate to call RetireeFirst Advocates at **(325) 933-2594 (TTY 711) or toll free (888) 939-5709 (TTY 711) Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST**. The phone lines are open!

Sincerely,

City of Abilene, TX

Disclaimer: For complete benefit details please refer to the carrier issued materials. This document includes a simplified summary of benefits and does not create any contractual rights.