

# Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS)

## Individual Enrollment Request Form – 2019

**Be sure to complete the entire enrollment form.** Then, mail the completed form to **P.O. Box 659403 San Antonio TX, 78265-9714** or fax the completed form to **1-800-833-8554**. You can also enroll online at <https://shop.empireblue.com/medicare>. **Note:** Your agent/broker may provide different instructions.

Please contact Empire BlueCross BlueShield if you need information in another language or format (Large Print or Braille).

Please check which plan you want to enroll in.				
To add an Optional Supplemental Benefits (OSB) Package, check only one box from the options directly below the medical plan you selected.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS) \$66.00 per month				
<input type="checkbox"/> Preventive Dental Package \$14.00 per month**				
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental and Vision Package \$24.00 per month**				
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Dental and Vision Package \$38.00 per month**				
** This premium is in addition to your monthly plan premium.				
Last name		First name		MI
Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Home phone number	Alternate phone number	
Permanent residence street address (P.O. Box is not allowed.)				
City	State	ZIP code	County	
Mailing address (only if different from your permanent residence address)				
City	State	ZIP code		

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**Please provide your Medicare insurance information**

Please take out your red, white and blue Medicare card to complete this section.

- Fill out this information as it appears on your Medicare card.
- OR-
- Attach a copy of your Medicare card or your letter from Social Security or the Railroad Retirement Board.

Name (as it appears on your Medicare card):

\_\_\_\_\_

Medicare Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Entitled To: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HOSPITAL (Part A) \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL (Part B) \_\_\_\_\_

You must have Medicare Part A and Part B to join a Medicare Advantage plan.

**Paying your plan premium**

**You can pay your monthly plan premium, if you have one, (including any late enrollment penalty that you currently have or may owe, and the optional supplemental benefit plan premium, if you enrolled in that plan) by mail or electronic funds transfer (EFT) each month. You can also choose to pay your premium by automatic deduction from your Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check each month.**

**If you are assessed a Part D-Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (D-IRMAA), you will be notified by the Social Security Administration. You will be responsible for paying this extra amount in addition to your plan premium. You will either have the amount withheld from your Social Security benefit check or be billed directly by Medicare or the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). DO NOT pay Empire BlueCross BlueShield the Part D-IRMAA.**

People with limited incomes may qualify for Extra Help to pay for their prescription drug costs. If eligible, Medicare could pay for 75% or more of your drug costs including monthly prescription drug premiums, annual deductibles and coinsurance. Additionally, those who qualify will not be subject to the coverage gap or a late enrollment penalty. Many people are eligible for these savings and don't even know it. For more information about this Extra Help, contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778. You also can apply for Extra Help online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp).

If you qualify for Extra Help with your Medicare prescription drug coverage costs, Medicare will pay all or part of your plan premium. If Medicare pays only a portion of this premium, we will bill you for the amount that Medicare doesn't cover.

If you don't select a payment option, you will get a bill each month.

**Please choose one of the options below:**

- Monthly Bill:** Send me a bill each month
- Automatic Bank Account Deduction:** Electronic funds transfer (EFT) from my bank account each month. (Depending on when you apply, more than one month's amount might be deducted for your *first* payment.) Please complete steps 1 and 2 below:

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1) Account Type  **Checking:** Must enclose a **VOIDED check.**  **Savings:** Must enclose letter from financial institution with account information.

2) Please complete the following information for your account  
Account holder name \_\_\_\_\_ Account number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank routing number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Bank name \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*This is the first 9 digits printed on the lower left corner of your check.)

I authorize the bank above to deduct my monthly premiums  
 **Automatic deduction from your monthly Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check.**

I get monthly benefits from:  Social Security  RRB

(The Social Security/Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) deduction may take two or more months to begin after Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) approves the deduction. In most cases, if Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) accepts your request for automatic deduction, the first deduction from your Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefit check will include all premiums due from your enrollment effective date up to the point withholding begins. If Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) delays or does not approve your request for automatic deduction, we will send you a paper bill for your monthly premiums.)

**Please read and answer these important questions:**

1. **Do you have end-stage renal disease (ESRD)?**  Yes  No

If you have had a successful kidney transplant and/or you don't need regular dialysis any more, please attach a note or records from your doctor showing you have had a successful kidney transplant or you don't need dialysis, otherwise we may need to contact you to obtain additional information.

2. **Some individuals may have other drug coverage, including other private insurance, TRICARE, Federal employee health benefits coverage, VA benefits, or State pharmaceutical assistance programs.**

**Will your current prescription drug coverage be ending?**  Yes  No  N/A

**Will you continue to have other prescription drug coverage?**  Yes  No  N/A

If "yes," please list your other coverage and your identification (ID) # for this coverage

**Dates Covered: Start** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ **End** \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ **Name of other coverage** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID # for this coverage** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group # for this coverage** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Are you a resident in a long-term care facility, such as a nursing home?**  Yes  No

If "yes," please provide the following information:

**Name of institution** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Are you enrolled in your State Medicaid program?**  Yes  No

If "yes," please provide your Medicaid number \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Do you or your spouse work?**  Yes  No

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6. Please choose the name of a primary care physician (PCP). If you do not choose a PCP, one will be selected for you.

PCP ID # (as shown in the Provider Directory) \_\_\_\_\_

PCP name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Primary Medical Group (PMG) name \_\_\_\_\_

PCP address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

New physician for you?  Yes  No

Please check one of the boxes below if you would prefer us to send you information in a language other than English or in an accessible format:

Spanish

Assistance for the visually impaired:

Voice-Enabled (Audio) PDF  Large Print

Please contact Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS) at **1-800-499-9554** if you need information in an accessible format or language other than what is listed above. Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through March 31, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from April 1 through September 30. TTY users should call **711**.

# STOP

Please read this important information.

If you currently have health coverage from an employer or union, joining Empire BlueCross BlueShield could affect your employer or union health benefits. You could lose your employer or union health coverage if you join Empire BlueCross BlueShield. Read the communications your employer or union sends you. If you have questions, visit their website, or contact the office listed in their communications. If there isn't any information on whom to contact, your benefits administrator or the office that answers questions about your coverage can help.

Typically, you may enroll in a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan only during the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) between October 15 and December 7 of each year or during the Open Enrollment Period (OEP) between January 1 to March 31. Beneficiaries enrolled in a MA-PD plan may use the OEP to switch to another MA-PD plan; a MA-only plan; or Original Medicare with/without a PDP. Additionally, there are exceptions – i.e., Initial Enrollment Period (IEP/ICEP) and Special Enrollment Periods (SEPs) – that may allow you to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan outside of these periods.

Please read the following statements carefully and check all of the boxes where there is a statement that applies to you. By checking any of the following boxes you are certifying that, to the best of your knowledge, you are eligible for an Enrollment Period. If we later determine that this information is incorrect, you may be disenrolled.

**NOTE: You must select at least one of the options below.**

- I am enrolling during the Annual Open Enrollment Period from October 15 to December 7. (AEP)
- I am new to Medicare. (IEP/ICEP)
- I am turning 65 and not new to Medicare. (IEP2)
- I recently moved outside of the service area for my current plan or I recently moved and this plan is a new option for me. I moved on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)

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- I have both Medicare and Medicaid (or my state helps pay for my Medicare premiums) or I get Extra Help paying for my Medicare prescription drug coverage, but I haven't had a change. (SEP)
- I recently had a change in my Medicaid (newly got Medicaid, had a change in level of Medicaid assistance, or lost Medicaid) on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I was enrolled in a plan by Medicare (or my state) and I want to choose a different plan. My enrollment in that plan started on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I was affected by a weather-related emergency or major disaster (as declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)). One of the other statements here applied to me, but I was unable to make my enrollment because of the natural disaster. (SEP)
- I recently had a change in my Extra Help paying for my Medicare prescription drug coverage (newly got Extra Help, had a change in the level of Extra Help, or lost Extra Help) on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I am moving into, live in or recently moved out of a long-term care facility (for example, a nursing home or long-term care facility). I moved/will move into/out of the facility on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I recently left a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE<sup>®</sup>) program on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I recently involuntarily lost my creditable prescription drug coverage (coverage as good as Medicare's). I lost my drug coverage on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_ . (SEP)
- I am leaving employer or union coverage on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_ . (SEP)
- I belong to a pharmacy assistance program provided by my state. (SEP)
- I recently returned to the United States after living permanently outside of the U.S. I returned to the U.S. on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- My plan is ending its contract with Medicare or Medicare is ending its contract with my plan. (SEP)
- I was enrolled in a Special Needs Plan (SNP) but I have lost the special needs qualification required to be in that plan. I was disenrolled from the SNP on (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_ . (SEP)
- I was recently released from incarceration. I was released on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I recently obtained lawful presence status in the United States. I got this status on (insert date)\_\_\_\_\_. (SEP)
- I am enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan and want to make a change during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period. (MA OEP)
- Other\* \_\_\_\_\_

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## Email Preferences



Email is the fastest, easiest way to get important information about your plan – and some fun extras, too! Please provide your email address below to sign up for our e-mail program.

**Member's email** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

By giving my email address, I agree to receive emails about my benefits, health programs and other plan services.

This includes getting digital versions of important, CMS-required plan documents such as the new member Welcome Kit, Annual Notice of Changes, and claim-specific Explanation of Benefits (EOBs).

I understand I can change my email preferences any time by logging into my member profile at **www.empireblue.com** or calling customer service.

I prefer to get my Welcome Kit, Annual Notice of Changes, and EOB in the mail instead.

### Please read and sign in the "Applicant signature" box below

#### **By completing this enrollment application, I agree to the following:**

Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS) is a Medicare Advantage plan and has a contract with the Federal government. I will need to keep my Medicare Parts A and B. I can be in only one Medicare Advantage plan at a time, and I understand that my enrollment in this plan will automatically end my enrollment in another Medicare health or prescription drug plan. It is my responsibility to inform you of any prescription drug coverage that I have or may get in the future. Enrollment in this plan is generally for the entire year. Once I enroll, I may leave this plan or make changes only at certain times of the year when an enrollment period is available (for example, October 15 – December 7 of every year), or under certain special circumstances.

Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS) serves a specific service area. If I move out of the area that Empire BlueCross BlueShield serves, I need to notify the plan so I can disenroll and find a new plan in my new area. Once I am a member of Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS), I have the right to appeal plan decisions about payment or services if I disagree. I will read the Evidence of Coverage document from Empire BlueCross BlueShield when I get it to know which rules I must follow to get coverage with this Medicare Advantage plan. I understand that people with Medicare usually aren't covered under Medicare while out of the country except for limited coverage near the U.S. border.

I understand that beginning on the date Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS) coverage begins, using services in-network can cost less than using services out-of-network, except for emergency or urgently needed services or out-of-area dialysis services. If medically necessary, Empire BlueCross BlueShield provides refunds for all covered benefits, even if I get services out of network. Services authorized by Empire BlueCross BlueShield and other services contained in my Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS) Evidence of Coverage document (also known as a member contract or subscriber agreement) will be covered. Without authorization, **NEITHER MEDICARE NOR EMPIRE BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD WILL PAY FOR THE SERVICES.**

I understand that if I am getting assistance from a sales agent, broker, or other individual employed by or contracted with Empire BlueCross BlueShield, he/she may be paid based on my enrollment in Empire MediBlue Choice (HMO-POS).

**Release of Information:** By joining this Medicare health plan, I acknowledge that Empire BlueCross BlueShield will release my information to Medicare and other plans as is necessary for treatment, payment and health care operations. I also acknowledge that Empire BlueCross BlueShield will release my information including my prescription drug event data to Medicare, who may release it for research and other purposes which follow all applicable Federal

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statutes and regulations. The information on this enrollment form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I intentionally provide false information on this form, I will be disenrolled from the plan.

I understand that my signature (or the signature of the person authorized to act on my behalf under the laws of the State where I live) on this application means that I have read and understand the contents of this application. If signed by an authorized individual (as described above), this signature certifies that 1) this person is authorized under State law to complete this enrollment and 2) documentation of this authority is available upon request from Medicare.

**Signature Required to process your application.**

<b>Applicant signature</b> X	<b>Today's date</b>
<b>Desired plan effective date*:</b>	

\*Subject to Medicare election period guidelines

<b>Authorized Representative Information Only</b>		
<b>All fields within this section must be completed if the application has been signed by an Authorized Representative and not the Applicant.</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
	<small>First Name</small>	<small>Last Name</small>
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP code</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Relationship to Enrollee</b>	

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**Applicant: Please do not complete the following sections.**  
**Agent/Broker: Please fill in ALL fields including 'Writing Agent' and 'Agency' with your assigned Encrypted ID, Code, or Tax ID based on your appointed brand, state AND product.**

Coverage effective date \_\_\_\_\_ PLAN ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

IEP/ICEP  AEP  OEP  SEP (type): \_\_\_\_\_  Not eligible

I helped the applicant fill out this application.  Yes  No

Was this an individual face-to-face appointment?  No  Yes (if yes, how was a scope of appointment (SOA) collected)?  Paper  Recorded call (voice recording ID) \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Writing Agent TIN (10 digits)/Agent Code \_\_\_\_\_

Agency TIN (10 digits) or Agency Code \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Application received date \_\_\_\_\_

Empire BlueCross BlueShield is an HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in Empire BlueCross BlueShield depends on contract renewal.

Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. (Empire) is the legal entity that has contracted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to offer the HMO plan noted above or herein. Empire is the risk-bearing entity licensed under applicable state law to offer the HMO plan(s) noted. Empire has retained the services of its related companies and the authorized agents/brokers/producers to provide administrative services and/or to make the HMO plan(s) available in this region.

Services provided by Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc. licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, los servicios de asistencia lingüística están disponibles sin costo alguno para usted. Llame al 1-800-499-9554 (TTY: 711).

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