

# SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

## *Department of Human Resources*

### **Important Notice from Seton Hall University About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Seton Hall University and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available to everyone with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans. You get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. Seton Hall University has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by our plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore, considered creditable coverage. Since your existing coverage is creditable coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

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### **Some Frequently Asked Questions About the Medicare Drug Plan**

#### **When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare, and each year from **October 15, 2017 through December 7, 2017**. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### **What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

Your current prescription drug coverage with Seton Hall University is bundled with your medical insurance, and it can only terminate for a qualified reason: a life event, separation of employment, or during open enrollment.

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current medical and prescription drug coverage with Seton Hall University will not be affected.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current coverage with Seton Hall University, be aware that the medical coverage for you and your dependents will drop. You and your dependents can re-enroll in Seton Hall University plan in the next open-enrollment period.

### **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 Seton Hall University 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 exceed 63 continuous days without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage.

### **How Can I Get More Information About the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage?**

More detailed information about the plans is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. Medicare participants receive a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare.

**NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Seton Hall University changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

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