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Provider Name  
Provider Address

Dear Provider,

Highmark Wholecare is proud to offer two Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP), serving those with Medicare Parts A and B, among other qualifying factors. These plans are:

- Highmark Wholecare Medicare Assured<sup>SM</sup> Diamond - for those with full medical assistance such as Full Benefit Dual Eligible (FBDE), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Plus (QMB+) or Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Plus (SLMB+)
- Highmark Wholecare Medicare Assured Ruby - for those with some level of medical assistance from the state such as Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) or Qualifying Individual (QI)

In addition to covering all of the benefits of original Medicare, Highmark Wholecare offers additional benefits to members enrolled in our D-SNP plans. Highmark Wholecare is pleased to share that we have added new benefits for Diamond members, including the \$135 monthly Healthy Food benefit allowance and the \$100 quarterly Utilities Support benefit allowance. For additional information, please refer to the attached provider resource guide outlining these exciting changes.

Providers can find a full listing of Highmark Wholecare 2023 DSNP Diamond and Ruby benefits on the provider page of our website at: <https://highmarkwholecare.com/Provider>.

Thank you! We appreciate all that you do for your patients and our members.

Your partner in health,

Highmark Wholecare

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# 2023 Highmark Wholecare Benefits

Highmark Wholecare is pleased to announce several new and exciting benefit enhancements for Medicare plan members beginning January 2023.



## **Healthy Food Benefit:** *(Diamond Members only)*

\$135 monthly allowance to purchase healthy foods and produce at participating grocery stores, from a catalog, online or through the mobile app.



## **Utility Support Benefit:** *(Diamond Members only)*

\$100 quarterly allowance to be used for plan approved utility expenses.



## **Transportation for Non-Medical Needs:** *(Diamond Members only)*

All members receive a yearly allowance of one-way transportation trips for non-emergency medically-related appointments. Diamond members have the option to use a portion of their allowance, up to 24 one-way trips, toward non-health related transportation, such as trips to the grocery store to use their Healthy Food card.



## **\$0 RX Copays:** *(Diamond and Ruby Members)*

\$0 for covered drugs in all tiers and in all phases of the Part D drug benefit.



## **Dental:**

Members are covered for preventive dental services including a yearly plan allowance for comprehensive dental services.

- **Diamond** - \$8,000 comprehensive allowance per year, includes preventive services.
- **Ruby** - \$3,500 comprehensive allowance per year.



## Vision: *(Davis Vision Network)*

Members receive an annual routine eye exam and free glasses or contact lenses.

- Or -

- **Diamond** - \$600 allowance toward the purchase of non-vendor frames or contact lenses.
- **Ruby** - \$200 allowance toward the purchase of non-vendor frames or contact lenses.



## Hearing:

Members receive an annual routine hearing exam and a hearing aid per ear.

Includes rechargeable aids.

- **Diamond** - one hearing aid per ear every year.
- **Ruby** - one hearing aid per ear every three years.



## OTC:

Members receive a quarterly allowance to purchase plan approved over-the-counter items such as vitamins, topical ointments and tobacco cessation items.

- **Diamond** - \$320 per quarter
- **Ruby** - \$140 per quarter

**Home and Bathroom Safety:** To help our members prevent the slips and falls that can lead to greater medical issues, we cover plan approved safety devices that best suit their needs.

**Nutritional Counseling:** Members are eligible to enroll in a Telephonic/Telehealth Counseling program with a Registered Dietitian (RD) to help prevent, treat and reverse illness.

**Meals Post Discharge:** Members are eligible for meals up to 30 days after being discharged from inpatient stay at a hospital/rehab/skilled nursing facility.

**24-Hour Nurse Line:** A toll-free 24-hour nurse line is available at no cost to the member. Members can receive coaching and advice from our trained clinicians.

**Personal Emergency Response System (PERS):** Members are eligible to receive one personal emergency response unit per member lifetime.

**Fitness:** Memberships at participating network fitness centers at no cost. Includes at-home fitness packs and access to virtual fitness classes.

	Highmark Wholecare Medicare Assured Diamond <sup>SM</sup> (HMO SNP)	Highmark Wholecare Medicare Assured Ruby <sup>SM</sup> (HMO SNP)
Monthly Plan Premium	\$0	\$0
Deductible	No deductible	No deductible
Maximum Out-of-Pocket Responsibility (does not include dental)	\$8,300 annually for in-network Medicare-covered services	\$6,700 annually for in-network Medicare-covered services

Please visit [HighmarkWholecare.com](https://www.HighmarkWholecare.com) for a full listing of our 2023 Medicare benefits.

Davis Vision is a separate company that administers the vision benefit(s) for Highmark Wholecare.

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