

**2021 NYS Medicare Part D Benchmark¹ Prescription Drug Plans (PDP), with Changes from 2020
7 Plans with FREE PREMIUMS for People with FULL Extra Help**

	COMPANY	Plan Name	Change from 2020 to 2021	Premium (if do not have Extra Help/Medicaid/MSP)	Tel.
1	CIGNA	Cigna Secure RX (formerly: Cigna HealthSpring)	Remains benchmark	\$38.30	(800) 735-1459
2	Elixir (Formerly EnvisionRx)	Elixir RxSecure (formerly: EnvisionRxSecure (PDP))	Remains benchmark	\$35.80	(866) 250-2005
3	Express Scripts Medicare	Express Scripts Medicare - Value (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$33.20	(800) 758-3605
4	Humana	Humana Basic Rx Plan (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$37.10	(800) 281-6918
5	Aetna (formerly SilverScript)	SilverScript Choice (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$35.00	(866) 552-6106
6	WellCare	WellCare Classic (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$34.80	(866) 765-4390
7	WellCare	WellCare Medicare Saver Rx (PDP)	Remains benchmark	\$36.80	(877) 247-6272
2020 Benchmark Plans No Longer Offered in 2021 –					
1	MII Life Insurance, Inc.	Journey Rx Standard (PDP) 7,164 members in 2020	Oct. 2, 2020 - plans send members Notices of the plan termination for 2021. REASSIGNMENT NOTICE ² - Late October – Sent to people with LIS/Extra Help that their plan is closing and they will be RANDOMLY reassigned to new plan for 2021 if they do not select one (BLUE notice No. 11208) http://www.cms.gov/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11208.pdf (Best to choose a plan that covers drugs rather than be randomly reassigned!!!)		
2	Magellan Rx Medicare	Magellan Rx Medicare Basic (PDP) 31,176 members in 2020	December – 2 nd BLUE notice No. 11496 to those with Extra Help https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11496.pdf (lists which drugs they took from Jan – Aug 2020 are covered by new randomly assigned plan). May change plans 12/8 – 12/31/20 with SEP for closing plans, and with Extra Help SEP once in 1 st quarter of 2021.		

All benchmark plans are free for people with Full Extra Help – including those with Medicaid or Medicare Savings Program. Anyone with Extra Help is randomly assigned to benchmark plans if they don't select any plan

All CMS Consumer notices at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/LimitedIncomeandResources/Downloads/Consumer-Mailings.pdf>

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¹ **2021 Benchmark Premium \$42.27** - Benchmark plans are BASIC plans with premiums below the benchmark premium. There are “enhanced plans” with premiums below the benchmark but they cannot be benchmark plans. Only BASIC plans can be benchmark.

² Members of closing plans who do NOT have Extra Help also receive notice from the plan in Oct. and CMS in November (Notice # 11438) stating that plan is closing and that they need to pick a different plan for 2021, but they are **not reassigned to a plan** if they do not pick one. If they do not choose a new plan to start Jan. 1, 2021, they receive a CMS Non-Renewal Action Notice No. 11452 in January reminding them that they have a Special Enrollment Period ending February 28, 2021 to join a plan. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/LimitedIncomeandResources/downloads/11452.pdf>